



MINUTES of the “48th District School Committee” Regular Schedule 2012 Meeting

Membership: Francis J. Fistori, Avon; Germano John Silveira, Braintree;
Vice Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., Canton; Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella, Dedham;
Secretary Robert S. Austin, Holbrook; Mr. Fess Joyce, Milton; Mr. Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood;
Mr. Richard Riman, Randolph and Mr. Charles W. Flahive, Westwood.

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

The **Warrant Subcommittee** conducted a meeting at 6:30 p.m. to inspect the invoicing and particulars relative to tonight's warrant. Chairman Richard Riman will report on its findings within the regular meeting. Including Mr. Riman, members are Mr. Robert S. Austin and Mr. Charles W. Flahive.

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School Forty-Eighth District School Committee Regular Schedule Meeting was called to order promptly at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16, 2012** at the Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School, Room 402, 800 Randolph Street, Canton, Massachusetts. Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella presided.

1. **ROLL CALL and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ***

MEMBERS PRESENT: Messrs. Connolly, Fistori, Flahive, Maguire, Pascarella, Riman and Silveira
MEMBERS ABSENT: Messrs. Austin and Joyce
OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Charles J. Gisondi, Treasurer
Ms. Rachel E. Rudin, Student Representative to the DSC, School Year 2012-13
Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director
Mr. David W. Proule, Business Manager

*On occasion, individual(s) attending the meeting do not sign the attendance sheet.

Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella announced that the District complies with the inception of the revised Open Meeting Law in effect, as of July 1, 2010. This meeting is being recorded in person by the recording secretary. All documents referred to within the meeting are in the Meeting-Record File. Meeting minutes were recorded electronically as well as by person.

2. **Visitors with Business for the Committee and Public Comment** - None.

3. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** - Chairman Pascarella moved for the approval of the following District School Committee Meeting: Tuesday, October 2, 2012. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., to approve the minutes of the District School Committee Meeting conducted on Tuesday, September 18, 2012, as presented. Motion was seconded by Member Germano John Silveira. Motion was taken to a vote, without discussion and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the District School Committee Meeting conducted on Tuesday, October 2, 2012, as presented.

4. **Communications** – The District School Committee receives regular flow of emails which provide the Committee with an accurate synopsis of what is happening within the District School. All email correspondences are archived.

- Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia reminded the Committee that Assistant Superintendent-Director/Principal Michael J. Barrett is participating at a NEASC Accreditation at the Norfolk Agricultural School in Walpole for the week.

5. **Student Representative Report** - Mr. Rachel E. Rudin was recognized by Chairman Pascarella. Ms. Rudin reported:

Breast Cancer Walk – Ms. Nicole Flynn and the Blue Hills' Girls' Soccer Team participated this past Sunday in a walk for Breast Cancer.

- **Spirit Week** – Is up and running with:
 - Monday, Pajama Day
 - Tuesday, Twin Day; Wild West
 - Wednesday; Nerd Day
 - Thursday; Spirit Day
 - Friday – Culminating with a “Pep Rally” and Dance.
- **Dance Off** – will be presented at the Pep Rally and the Canton Police Department will provide an escort for students around the school.
- **Homecoming (Friday, October 19, 2012)** Dance Tickets are available for a discount if bought before the dance. Students will be providing after event cleanups for the before-mentioned events.
- **SEMASC Conference** is October 26th at Walpole High School and three students from each grade are eligible to attend. Special “T-Shirts” are being designed to commemorate this event.
- **Seniors** are intent on providing outstanding example to lower-classmates.

National Honor Society – Still enforce: Donation Charity (Crutches for Africa). Crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, canes and other equipment are being collected to help the needy in Africa. The Neponset Valley Rotary Club is participating with the charity and has indicated that their organization will pay for shipping the collected items to Africa.

Members of the District School Committee expressed their appreciation to Ms. Rudin for her presentation of student activities.

6. **DSC Chair Report**

- **General Advisory Committee Dinner Meeting** – Chairman Pascarella reminded members that Thursday, October 25th at 5:30 p.m. in the Cafetorium is the General Advisory Committee Meeting. Chairman Pascarella requests member attendance if at all possible.

7. **Administrative Reports (as needed):**

7.1. **Treasurer: C. Gisondi** - No report at this time.

7.2 **Business Manager: D. Proule** - Business Manager David W. Proule, after recognition by Chairman Pascarella, advised the Committee that letters had been sent out to the nine district towns for establishment of a “Stabilization Fund”.

Massachusetts Law mandates permission from the towns to establish said fund. Approval must be provided through a town/municipal, duly posted, meeting. Six of the nine towns must approve in order to establish a stabilization account.

- A **tentative FY14 Budget Calendar** will be available for the perusal of the Committee at the second November meeting (11.20.12).

7.3 **Assistant Superintendent/Principal: M. Barrett** – No report.

7.4 **Superintendent/Director: J. Quaglia**, Chairman Pascarella recognized Superintendent-Director Quaglia who spoke on:

- **School Enrollment** - Mr. Quaglia reported that total school enrollment is down, although freshman enrollment is up. Administration is going to focus on finding explanations for the downward total-school enrollment.
- **FY13 Superintendent-Director Quaglia's Proposed Goals for 2012-2013** – Superintendent – Director Quaglia provided the Committee with the Goals he has established for 2012-2013 for their review and approval. Committee input was established and provided. A delay in the full-committee approval was requested by Superintendent-Director Quaglia, to provide him an opportunity to answer questions directed by Member Charles W. Flahive on “establishing benchmarks and little more specifics on where the other established goals are going.”
- **2014 Trip to Barcelona/Spain** – Speaking on behalf of Ms. Ana Peach, a trip to Barcelona/Spain information was mentioned to the Committee by Superintendent-Director Quaglia. Preliminary approval request from Trip Organizer, Ms. Ana Peach is requested. Although, Ms. Peach was not present, she is looking for a preliminary approval before a parent meeting on 10/18. Along with this, a discount would be realized with early sign up by 10/30. Ms. Peach will be attending the Tuesday, November 6th meeting to provide the Committee with additional details. Following discussion, Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to provide preliminary approval for the 2014 Trip to Barcelona/Spain. Motion was seconded by Member Germano John Silveira, taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

Voted: to provide preliminary approval for the 2014 Trip to Barcelona/Spain.

8. Unfinished Business:

8.1 **Goal Setting** - Chairman Pascarella moved to the business of the establishment and approval of the FY13 District School Committee Goals. Proposed goals are:

- **Curriculum**

Identify possible new programs, as well the cost of implementing them or suggest potential funding sources - target date March 2013. These suggestions should be based on industry demand, funding, and logistical probability.

Academic and Vocational administration, as well as the Principal will meet with the appropriate DSC subcommittee to review and discuss changes/improvements to current programs/courses, and to explore potential new offerings. To be completed by the end of December 2012.

A report by the Curriculum and Advisory Subcommittee will be developed in conjunction with the administration and completed by March/April 2013.

- **Communication**

In conjunction with the Principal and BHR Publicist, review the BHR website and recommend improvements. Explore opportunities for the use of social media to promote Blue Hills and

communicate more effectively with the BH community and general public.

Final recommendations to full DSC by January 2013.

- ***Fiscal Responsibility***

Enhance prior budget presentations and explore new ways to present information to the DSC, Town Finance Committees, and at town meetings. This would help towns to better understand our budget information, and promote better transparency to all BHR stakeholders. To be carried out in conjunction with the Finance & Administration Subcommittee. To be completed by February of 2013.

Develop Power Point presentation for use during Finance/Warrant Committee meetings

Actively promote budget presentation and school visits to members of the Finance and Warrant committees of the member towns

- ***DSC Professional Development***

All members of the DSC will participate in at least one of the following school committee development opportunities:

Annual MASC conference (November 2012)

New Member Orientation by January 2013

School Committee Self Evaluation (March 2013)

Following discussion, questions and answers, Chairman Pascarella accepted a motion from Member Kevin L. Connolly to accept the FY13 District School Committee Goals as reviewed. Motion was seconded by Member Charles W. Flahive and taken to a vote, resulting in a **UNANIMOUS**

VOTE: to accept the FY13 District School Committee Goals as reviewed.

9. **DSC Subcommittee Reports (as needed):**

- **Warrant Subcommittee** – Chairman Richard Riman reported that the warrant review did not identify any issues that needed further explanation.

10. **New Business –**

Program Participation: Member Charles Flahive stated: “I want to see a listing of the numbers of students in each Program.”

Along with that Mr. Flahive wants to see placement statistics for Blue Hills’ graduates. Mr. Quaglia replied that this is a report that Ms. Kim Poliseno is working and will supply the stats as soon as possible.

Admissions Policy: Mr. Flahive also wants a thorough review of the current High School Admissions’ Policy

11. **Discussion or Suggestions for the Good of the District, Including newsworthy educational items:**

12. **Warrant** - Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella accepted motion for the following warrant:

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., to approve **FY13, Warrant No. 6, (Vouchers 1026-1030) dated October 2, 2012 in the amount of \$953,578.85**, seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly, it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve **FY13, Warrant No. 6, (Vouchers 1026-1030) , dated October 16, 2012**
2012 in the amount of \$953,578.85.

13. **Executive session:** By **UNANIMOUS roll call vote**, the Committee voted to move into executive session as provided under executive session to discuss collective bargaining, strategies and/or possible litigation under Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) (b), 2, 3 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Laws. Open meeting discussion may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and requires executive session. Chairman Pascarella advised the audience that the Committee would leave the executive session solely for the purpose of adjournment. Member Charles W. Flahive requested executive session.

14. **Adjournment** – Following conclusion of all District School Committee's regular meeting and executive session. Chairman Pascarella accepted a motion from Member Germano John Silveira and seconded by Member Fran Fistori to close the Regular Session Meeting of the District School Committee.

It was **unanimously:**

VOTED: to adjourn the Regular Scheduled Meeting at **8:42 p.m.**

The Committee's **next meeting** will be a **Regular Schedule Meeting** conducted in the **William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room (#207A), on November 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.** unless otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved:

Respectfully submitted by:

Joseph A. Pascarella (Chairman)

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary