



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 2, 2012

The Policy Subcommittee conducted a meeting at 5 p.m. Members are Mr. Germano John Silveira (Chairman), Mr. Robert S. Austin and Mr. Fran Fistori.

The Athletic & Extracurricular Subcommittee conducted a meeting at 5:30 p.m. Members are: Charles W. Flahive, Chairman, Kevin L. Connolly and Fess Joyce.

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 2, 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. Austin, Connolly, Fistori, Flahive, Joyce, Maguire, Pascarella, Riman and Silveira
MEMBERS ABSENT: -0-
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. Michael J. Barrett, Assistant Superintendent/Principal
Mr. David W. Proule, Business Manager
Mr. Barry Spillberg, BHR Science Teacher

*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 and Field Trip Proposal** – Chairman Pascarella recognized Mr. Barry Spillberg, BHR Science Teacher. Mr. Spillberg presented a **Proposed Science Field Trip for April 2013** to Washington DC. The trip will provide students in the Science and Engineering Program an opportunity to visit outstanding exhibitions throughout Washington and incorporate information they are learning into scientific realities. Mr. Spillberg provided the District School Members with a pass out that detailed the complete itinerary of the proposed field trip, including cost factors. There was a question and answer period. Member Charles W. Flahive asked: “Is there any way we can help students with the finances for this trip?” Mr. Spillberg stated that this element would be explored. Following

completion of discussion, questions and answers, Chairman Pascarella moved the question: Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to approve the **Science Field Trip** as proposed and presented, with the condition that the participants of this field trip return to the Committee with a post-trip presentation. Motion was seconded by Member Germano John Silveira seconded the motion. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

Voted: to approve the Science Field Trip as proposed and presented, with the condition that the participants of this field trip return to the Committee with a post-trip presentation.

Members of the District School Committee expressed their thanks to Mr. Spillberg for his proposal and presentation.

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

VOTED: to approve the District School Committee Meetings conducted on Tuesday, September 18, 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.
- **MAVA – Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia** announced that he has been attending MAVA events and is attentive to the MAVA Organization. Mr. Quaglia further stated: “Recently, our illustrious Director of Academics, Jill Rossetti, was elected Co-Chair to the MAVA Academic Curriculum Coordinator’s Collaborative with Gabriella White from Nashoba Tech.” This group is made up of Director level administrators from around the state. The focus of this group is on improving curriculum, instruction, and assessment, including all of the new initiatives such as WIDA, PARCC, accountability, and the new evaluation tool for teachers and administrators. Blue Hills is hosting the first quarterly meeting on October 12 in the afternoon. We will set up three other meetings for the year. We will also present at the MAVA general meeting on November 15.
 - **MASC/MASS Annual Conference** – Superintendent-Director Quaglia stated he is planning on attending this year’s Conference scheduled for November 7th through the 10th. Member Charles W. Flahive will attend. Any other member wishing to attend should let the secretary know ASAP.
 - **FY13 State House Budget #89** – Superintendent-Director Quaglia stated that a bill was passed by legislators making the local vocational schools within a certain area responsible for the payment of tuitions for programs that are not offered at the school – but are in other schools. Mr. Quaglia stated: “This is a very dangerous piece of legislation that could raise havoc with the District and I am watching it closely.”
5. **Student Representative Report** - Mr. Rachel E. Rudin was recognized by Chairman Pascarella. Ms. Rudin reported:
- **Freshmen Class Officers** have been elected and Student Council will meet with the freshmen tomorrow

- **Spirit Week** plans are being discussed and set with a past favorite “Pajama Day” on Monday, October 15th.
 - Participating students are allowed to wear appropriate sleepwear (nothing too scant).
 - Seniors are coming together finally and are working on achieving superlatives together.

National Honor Society – Is working on a 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 report.

6. DSC Chair Report

- **General Advisory Committee Dinner Meeting** – Thursday, October 25th at 5:30 p.m. in the Cafetorium is the General Advisory Committee Meeting. Chairman Pascarella requests member attendance.
- **DSC Goals** - Chairman Pascarella requested that the Committee continue to brainstorm and bring forward their ideas for goals that they wish the DSC to accomplish cooperatively during the term of School Year 2012-13. The Tuesday, October 16, 2012 DSC Meeting will be focused on Goal Discussions. There was discussion on formulation and accomplishment of solid, smart goals. Member Fran Fistori stated that “realistic goal setting” should be established: “If you have too many unrealistic goals, things aren’t going to be accomplished. This is not a full-time job for the Committee and shouldn’t become one.”
- **MCAS Conference Voting Delegate:** Chairman Pascarella moved the question of the election of the Voting Delegate from the District at the MCAS/MASS Conference. Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to nominate and elect Member Charles W. Flahive to act as Voting Delegate at the MCAS/MASS Conference. Motion was seconded by Member Fess Joyce. Motion was taken to a **vote and it was UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to nominate and elect Member Charles W. Flahive to act as Voting Delegate at the MCAS/MASS Conference.

The Committee congratulated Member Flahive on his election as 2012 Voting Delegate. MASC will be advised of this action.

7. DSC Subcommittee Reports (as needed):

- **Athletic and Extracurricular Subcommittee** – Chairman Flahive reported on the content of the meeting conducted this evening: The primary discussion evolved around the **SkillsUSA** Program with Program Advisor Robert Foley. Mr. Foley is a relative newcomer to the leadership position and is honing his skills for improvement. Mr. Flahive stated that he has not pushed aside his intent to have the athletic fields and apparatuses brought up to a better standard and this matter will remain fresh on his mind.

- **Policy Subcommittee** – Subcommittee Chairman Germano John Silveira reported to the full Committee on the actions of the Policy Subcommittee Meeting conducted this evening. The focus of the meeting was to clear up definitive questions directed by Member Charles W. Flahive at a previous meeting. The Policy Subcommittee is completing a page-by-page review and update to the current Policy Manual.
- **Warrant Subcommittee** – Chairman Richard Riman reported that the warrant review noticed what appeared to be double charges for Construction Technology textbooks. Chairman Riman also requested an **updated “Code of Accounts”** for the Warrant Subcommittee. This item is crucial to the proper review of the warrant.

8. Unfinished Business:

8.3 **Goal Setting** - Chairman Pascarella stated that a primary focus is Goal Setting for School Year 2012-13 and intense discussions will occur at the October 16th District School Committee Meeting.

9. New Business –

10. Administrative Reports (as needed):

10.1. **Treasurer: C. Gisondi** - Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi was recognized by Chairman Pascarella. Treasurer Gisondi, also the Chairman of the Blue Hills' Non-Teachers' Retirement Board announced that the Member at Large has been accepted. He is a lawyer, familiar with retirement laws, Mr. Timothy Smyth. The Retirement Looks forward to Mr. Smith's professional input with Board business.

10.2 **Business Manager: D. Proule** - Business Manager David W. Proule, after recognition by Chairman Pascarella, advised the Committee that the Finance Department is working on **End-of-Year Report** for the presentation to the District School Committee.

- With the **Budget Season** soon presenting, a **tentative FY14 Budget Calendar** will be available for the perusal of the Committee at the second November meeting (11.20.12).

10.3 **Assistant Superintendent/Principal: M. Barrett.** Chairman Pascarella recognized Assistant Superintendent-Director Michael J. Barrett:

- **Freshmen Night** - Assistant Superintendent/Principal Michael J. Barrett stated that the recent Freshmen Night was well attended and received. Vice-Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., attended and has a son Gregory in the freshman class.
- **2014 Trip** – Mr. Barrett advised the Committee that Mrs. Ana Peach will be presenting a proposal for the consideration of the Committee. Mrs. Peach is starting “early” with this trip to allow students to start saving for this trip and will provide pre-meeting information for the review of the Committee.
- **NEAS Accreditation Review** – Mr. Barrett stated that next DSC meeting he will be absent. Mr. Barrett will be part of a NEAS Accreditation Team for Norfolk Agricultural School.

Following the conclusion of questions and answers, the Committee thanked Mr. Barrett for his professional input.

10..4 **Superintendent/Director: J. Quaglia, Chairman Pascarella recognized Superintendent-Director Quaglia who spoke on:**

- **“Open House – Tuesday, November 13, 2012 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. -** Mr. Quaglia reported that plans are underway for the largest marketing event of the year. With eighth grade enrollments dropping in all the district towns, the recruitment competition is stiff. Ms. Judy Bass is creating and enhancing the advertising tools that are being implemented to bring in 7th and 8th grade students and demonstrate the opportunities that are available with a Blue Hills’ Technical Education.
- **Wellness Center –** The Wellness Center is operating deeply in the “red” and has been for quite a long time. Thus, hours of operation will be changed significantly by January 1, 2013, after the Superintendent-Director’s careful deliberation to obliterate the losses.
- **Superintendent-Director Quaglia’s 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 will be provided at the Tuesday, October 16, 2012 meeting.

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

- **Program Presentations -** Vice Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. was recognized by Chairman Pascarella. Mr. Maguire stated that he wants to see the Vocational Program General Advisory present to the full committee, as they had done in years’ past with their reports on the programs they represent.
- **“0%” -** Chairman Pascarella recognized Member Richard Riman. Mr. Riman stated that the Town of Randolph Superintendent of Schools has received 0% for his FY13 Salary.
- **Reception –** Member Charles W. Flahive would like to see a reception for Secretary Robert S. Austin and Member Richard Riman who will attend their final DSC Meeting, as members of the Committee, Election Day, November 6, 2012. The Committee appreciates the years of service that have been provided by both Mr. Austin and Mr. Riman.

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

Upon motion of Secretary Robert S. Austin to approve **FY13, Warrant No. 5, (Vouchers 1024-1025) dated October 2, 2012 in the amount of \$133,684.05**, seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly, it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve **FY13, Warrant No. 5, (Vouchers 1024-1025) , dated October 2, 2012 18, 2012 in the amount of \$133,684.05.**

14. **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. Mr. Fess Joyce excused himself from the meeting.

15. **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 **8:37 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 October 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**, unless otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved:

Respectfully submitted by:

Robert S. Austin, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary