



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;
Mr. Robert A. McNeil, Holbrook; Mr. Fess Joyce, Milton; Mr. Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood;
Mrs. Marybeth Nearen, Randolph and Mr. Charles W. Flahive, Westwood.

Tuesday, November 20, 2012

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School Forty-Seventh District School Committee Regular Schedule Meeting was called to order promptly at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2012** at the Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School, William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room 207A, 800 Randolph Street, Canton, Massachusetts. Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella presided.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Messrs. Connolly, Fistori, Flahive, Maguire, McNeil, Mrs. Nearen and Messrs. Pascarella and Silveira

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Joyce

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Charles J. Gisoni, Treasurer

Ms. Rachel E. Rudin, Student Representative to the DSC, School Year 2012-13

Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director

Ms. Kim Poliseo, Post-Secondary Transition Coordinator

Mr. Shawn Phelan – Canton Metro-West Basketball Association

Mr. Bob Swart – Canton Metro-West Basketball Association

Chairman Pascarella welcomed newly elected members:

- Mr. Robert A. McNeil and Mrs. Marybeth Nearen.

Chairman Pascarella further congratulated re-elected committee members:

- Mr. Kevin L. Connolly, Mr. Charles W. Flahive and Mr. Festus Joyce.

*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** - Mr. Shawn Phelan and Mr. Bob Swart were recognized by Chairman Pascarella. After recognition the gentlemen identified themselves as members of the Canton Metro-West Basketball Association and the intent of their visit was to request basketball court time for this youth basketball group on Saturdays and Sundays. Rentals are approved by the Superintendent-Director and set up through Tom Cahill. Superintendent-Director Quaglia stated that he will contact Mr. Cahill tomorrow regarding this matter.
3. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** - Chairman Pascarella moved for the approval of the following District School Committee Meeting: Tuesday, November 6, 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, November 6, 2012, as presented. Motion was seconded by Member Charles W. Flahive. 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, November 20, 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.
- **MASC/MASS CONFERENCE:** Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia advised the Committee that he attended the Conference along with Member Charles W. Flahive and Vice Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. (Wednesday, November 7, 2012 through Saturday, November 10, 2012), as well as Member Marybeth E. Nearen. Mr. Quaglia stated that one of the particular impressive workshops dealt with school committees doing their business electronically.
 - **MAVA Conference** – Mr. Quaglia attended a professional development event with 200 other administrators from within the Commonwealth. Administrators accompanying Mr. Quaglia were Ms. Poliseno, Ms. Jill Rossetti, Mr. Michael J. Barrett and Mrs. Debbie Corvini. The conference provided information as well as numerous speakers from DESE.
5. **Student Representative Report** – Ms. Rachel E. Rudin was recognized by Chairman Pascarella. Ms. Rudin reported:
- **Thanksgiving Breakfast (tomorrow from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.)** will be hosted by Student Council and presented to the staff of the Blue Hills' Regional District School. Students are presenting this event as a “thank you” to the many individuals who contribute to making a Blue Hills' education. Ms. Stacy Hedges is Student Council Advisor.
 - **Thanksgiving Day Football Game** will be conducted @ Bristol Plymouth at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 22, 2012.
 - **Adopt-A-Family** – With the spirit of the season of giving upon the students, Student Council and the student body are planning for each class to “adopt a family”. (This activity is being spearheaded by Ms. Nicole Flynn).
 - **Food Drive** – The Annual Blue Hills' Food Drive will be up and running December 1st with local food banks benefiting from the Blue Hills' Community efforts.
 - **Door-Decorating Contest** – Homeroom classroom doors will be competitively decorated with the winning class enjoying a special breakfast meal in January.
 - **SkillsUSA** – Fifteen Students will be on their way to Marlboro this weekend to a SkillsUSA sponsored event. This event will introduce students to new techniques to develop leadership qualities and community service. **SkillsUSA** Advisor is Mr. Robert Foley.

- **National Honor Society – Donation Charity (Crutches for Africa).** Crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, canes and other enabling equipment are being shipped by Neponset Valley Rotary Club to Africa. Thanks to the combined efforts of the National Honor Society and the Neponset Valley Rotary Club many underprivileged individuals will have the opportunity to move from place to place as they never have before.

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

6. One Year Follow-up Survey Results - Chairman Pascarella recognized Ms. Kim Polisen, Post- Secondary Transition Coordinator. Ms. Polisen addressed the Committee and provided a report on the Positive Placement of graduates of Blue Hills paralleling a report that is mandated by the DESE and Perkins Grant. This impressive report that Kim compiled from May to October illustrated the successes of the Blue Hills graduates with post graduate studies, military and jobs. Ms. Polisen harvested this required Perkins Grant, Chapter 74, required report from information using multiple sources. Ms. Polisen experience an 87.7% (164 from a total of 187) response rate from the 2011 graduates. Information was procured, using direct contact, emailing, phones and even a “Facebook” address.

Both Member Connolly and Member Flahive would like to have a report that provides students' success five years out from graduation. Following questions and answers, the Committee thanked Coordinator Polisen for the quality of her report and presentation.

7 District School Committee Secretary – Nominations and Election: The following members were nominated to the position of District School Committee Secretary, following the conclusion of Mr. Robert S. Austin’s term and hence this position:

Member Charles W. Flahive

Member Germano John Silveira

Eight of the Nine Members were present for the following vote:

A vote was taken and Member Charles W. Flahive was elected to the position of Secretary to fulfill a term that will expire on June 30, 2013 with a total vote of six. Member Germano John Silveira received two votes.

9 Chairman’s Report – To fill vacancies, Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella appointed the following to subcommittees:

| <u>Subcommittee</u> | <u>Appointee(s)</u> |
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| Buildings, Facilities, Safety and Security | → Mr. Robert A. McNeil |
| Finance & Administration | → Mr. Robert A. McNeil and Mrs. Marybeth Nearen |
| Personnel and Negotiation | → Mr. Germano John Silveira |
| Policy | → Mr. Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. |
| Warrant | → Mr. Robert A. McNeil and Mrs. Marybeth Nearen |

Chairman Pascarella reported that he had attended the Friday, November 16, 2012, Adams Scholarship Presentations where 53 Blue Hills' Students were recognized for their outstanding achievements on the MCAS Tests.

District School Committee Goals were reviewed with the full committee and a hard copy was supplied to keep in blue meeting folder.

MASC will be contacted to provide new members with training sessions available.

10. Administrative Reports (as needed):

10.1. **Treasurer: C. Gisondi** - Mr. Charles J. Gisondi was recognized by Chairman Pascarella. Mr. Gisondi stated that he has met with PERAC about retirement fund contributions.

10.2 **Business Manager: D. Proule** - Business Manager David W. Proule was not present.

10.3 **Assistant Superintendent/Principal: M. Barrett** – Not present.

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

Stabilization Fund: Superintendent-Director Quaglia provided an update on the status of the establishment of a stabilization fund. District Towns must vote on this matter and five towns voting favorably at a town meeting are required for approval.

Open House – Mr. Quaglia reported on the Tuesday, November 13th Open House. Mr. Quaglia was apprehensive about the turnout as it was a rainy day/night, but the turnout was huge and the event was a great success.

Vice Chairman Maguire attended the Open House and stated that the school tours should be more organized next year. Mr. Quaglia stated that he would contact Ms. Marybeth Joyce on this suggestion. It was noted that a complete tour of the 16 Program sites takes about 40 minutes.

The Pool Project – Mr. Quaglia reported that the engineers are reviewing the project. The target time for the implementation will be June, July and August 2013, resulting in the cancellation of the YMCA Summer Camp. The pool will be offline all through June, July and August.

MSBA – The submitted Statement of Interest Project submitted to the MSBA was rejected. Understanding the intricacies of submissions clearly, Mr. Quaglia stated that we will be submitting Statement of Interests again. A School Master Plan is in the works and will provide multiple projects for future consideration and submission to the MSBA.

Policy – Mr. Quaglia introduced a possible consideration for the future betterment of the District with the **Policy21** Service provided by MASC. Mrs. Nearen stated that Randolph is using this service and she highly recommends consideration. This topic will be continued at a later date, upon the completion of the District's Policy Book review.

A.L.I.C.E. Program - Media hype has touched the Program. Mr. Quaglia urged members to go to the web and investigate supporting data that surrounds the Program.

11. Unfinished Business:

FY14 Budget Preparation Calendar – Following discussion, Chairman Pascarella entertained a motion to approve the FY14 Budget Preparation Calendar, as submitted. A motion was made by Member Germano John Silveira, to accept the FY14 Budget

Preparation Calendar, as submitted. Motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to accept the FY14 Budget Preparation Calendar, as submitted.

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

- **Warrant Subcommittee** – Not having a quorum, the Warrant Subcommittee did not meet this evening.

13. **New Business** – Mrs. Marybeth E. Nearen will be sending suggestions for improving the flow of the meetings and agenda format.

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

- **Three subcommittee meetings were requested for posting:**
 - Policy Subcommittee
 - Warrant Subcommittee
 - Website & Technology

Suggested Feasibility Report – On introducing additional programs to the school, i.e., Law Enforcement, Dental Assistant.

Post Freshman Entrance to School – Secretary Charles W. Flahive wants to see what the policy is for acceptance of upper-classmen at Blue Hills. Members would like a survey of other tech schools and their policy on entrance to vocational schools past tenth grade.

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

Upon motion of Secretary Charles W. Flahive, to approve FY13, **Warrant No. 8, dated November 20, 2012 in the amount of \$471,936.81**, seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly, it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve **FY13, Warrant No. 8, (Vouchers 1039-1042) dated November 20, 2012 2012 in the amount of \$471,936.81.**

16. **Executive Session:** There was no need to move to Executive Session.

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

It was **unanimously:**

VOTED: to adjourn the Regular Scheduled Meeting at **8:57 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 Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**, unless otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved:

Respectfully submitted by:

Charles W. Flahive, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary