



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, November 6, 2012

Prior to the regular meeting, a farewell program was conducted. This function provided an opportunity to express gratitude to Secretary Robert S. Austin and Member Richard Riman, who are not seeking further terms. Family and friends gathered together to extend gratitude to Mr. Austin and Mr. Riman for the years of service they have provided through the terms of their elected positions. Proclamations were given along with words of gratitude shared by Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella and Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia. Mr. Riman spoke of his commitment to the value of Vocational Education and the progress he has seen throughout his eight years on the Committee. Mr. Austin spoke of the bond of friendship that has occurred with his fellow members over the course of his four-year term and the work they have done together through these years.

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, November 6, 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, Maguire, Pascarella, and Riman
MEMBERS ABSENT: Messrs. Joyce and Silveira
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
Ms. Jill Rossetti, Director of Academics
Ms. Ana M. Peach, Spanish Teacher
Mrs. Rebecca Ray, Teacher
Ms. Katy Dotoli, 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 - None.**

3. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** - Chairman Pascarella moved for the approval of the following District School Committee Meeting: Tuesday, October 16, 2012. A motion was made by Member Kevin L. Connolly, to approve the minutes of the District School Committee Meeting conducted on Tuesday, October 16, 2012, as presented. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. 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 16, 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 advised the Committee that he will be attending the MASC/MASS Conference along with Member Charles W. Flahive and Vice Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. (Wednesday, November 7, 2012 through Saturday, November 10, 2012).

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

- **Homecoming (Friday, October 19, 2012)**– King and Queen were selected: King Vincent Burton and Queen Essence Derosa.
- **SEMASC Conference** was conducted on October 26th at Walpole High School and three students from each grade attended. Special “T-Shirts” were worn and there is intention to attend an additional conference in the spring.
- **Seniors continue to be** intent on providing outstanding example to lower-classmates.
- **Senior Prom** – “A Willy Wonka” theme has been chosen with a flow of ideas forthcoming.
- **Candle Orders** – Candles are in with an additional fundraiser planned by Seniors to offset expenses for upcoming events.
- **Dominican Republic Trip** – Attending Seniors are selling Pashmina Scarves to help pay for the upcoming April 2013 trip.
- **Volleyball** – Girls and Boys Varsity Volleyball had their day on court with games played against teachers.

Fall Sports:

Boys Soccer	over all	6-11-2	league	4-9-1
Girls Soccer		5-12-1	4-	7-1
Volleyball		4-15-0	3-	11-0
Golf		2-9-1	2-	9-1
Football		8-1-0	3-	0

Note: If the Football team wins their Thanksgiving day game vs. Bristol Plymouth @ Bristol Plymouth @ 10:00

National Honor Society – Donation Charity (Crutches for Africa). Crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, canes and other enabling 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. **MCAS Test Scores** – Chairman Pascarella recognized Director of Academics Jill Rossetti. Director Rossetti provided the Committee with a PowerPoint Presentation that detailed MCAS Test Results from this past Spring’s Tests.

Ms. Rossetti spoke on the school report card, including information on student enrollment, teacher qualifications,

student achievement, school accountability and closing the proficiency gap. Director Rossetti summarized Blue Hills' MCAS results. Members were supplied with documents entitled:

Blue Hills Technical School Report Card & Summer Reading/Academic Enrichment Packets continuing information on:

- Student Enrollment
- Teacher Qualifications
- Student Achievement
- School Accountability
- Closing the Proficiency Gap

<i>Subject</i>	<i>2012 Target</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>BHR Students exceeded or are on target to meet goals.</i>
ELA	97.1	98.2	
Math	92.8	92.3	
Biology	90.9	90.5	

Following the details of the above statistics Members commented and asked questions receiving answers from Director Rossetti. Ms. Rossetti's plans for continued MCAS success and acceleration of scores are targeted through 2017. Member Fran Fistori commented: "It is very evident that you have put a lot of work into this presentation and we appreciate your efforts." Ms. Rossetti replied that these achievements are possible through the **hard work that the Blue Hills' teachers have done and she commended them.**

7. **Summer Reading Program:** Director of Academics Jill Rossetti continued with the results of the Summer 2012 Reading Program, also detailed in a comprehensive PowerPoint Presentation.

- **Students in all grades were required to participate in the Summer Reading Program and were assigned the required book to read.**
 - Students in Grade 9 & 10 read "Matched" by Allie Conde.
 - Students in Grades 11 & 12 read "I Am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced" by Nujood Ali and Delphine Minoui.

All students were tested on their required reading assignments in September and participation averaged in the high 80 percentile.

Numerous student projects were on display that were generated by the students in connection with the summer reading.

Following a question and answer period, Members of the District School Committee thanked Director Rossetti for the fine job she had done with this report and presentation

8 **April 2014 Trip to Barcelona, Spain** - Spanish Teacher, Ms. Ana Peach was recognized by Chairman Pascarella. Ms. Peach reviewed the proposed plans for a trip to Barcelona and provided the Committee with the details stating that she has received many inquiries on this trip. Planning ahead is necessary because of cost factors involved. Ms. Peach stated, "The early planning will enable the students and their families to save for this trip." Ms. Peach was assisted with the presentation by Mrs. Ray and Ms. Following

discussion, questions and answers, Chairman Pascarella moved the question of approval of the 2014 Trip to Barcelona. Member Fran Fistori moved to approve the trip. Motion was seconded by Member Connolly and resulted in a **UNANIMOUS**

VOTE: to approve the 2014 Trip to Barcelona, Spain as presented.

9 Chairman's Report – Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella again thanked Secretary Robert S. Austin and Member Richard Riman for their service to the District. Messrs. Austin and Riman further served on Subcommittees and these positions will be vacant. Chairman Pascarella requested that the District School Committee Members contact him if they have interest in filling vacancies.

10 Administrative Reports (as needed):

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

10.2 **Business Manager: D. Proule** - Business Manager David W. Proule, after recognition by Chairman Pascarella presented the FY14 Budget Calendar which requires an approval vote from the Committee. Chairman Pascarella accepted a motion from Member Kevin L. Connolly to approve the FY14 Budget Calendar as presented. Motion was seconded by Member Charles W. Flahive. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve the FY14 Budget Calendar as presented.

Mr. Proule will have the "End-of-Year" report to the District School Committee by the end of November. This report has been sent to the DESE.

10.3 **Assistant Superintendent/Principal: M. Barrett** –

- **ALICE Program** – A successful trial run was accomplished by the staff and faculty.
- **Sports' Schedules** – Mr. Barrett is working with Publicist/Webmaster Judy Bass to get an accurate listing of athletic events on the school's web. Vice Chairman Maguire stated that the "league schedules" have a regular array of mistakes posted.
- **Open House** – The Tuesday, November 13, 2012 Open House from 6 – 8:30 p.m. is being highly publicized.
- **Hall of Fames** – Awards will be extended this Friday at the Randolph Elks. Mr. Quaglia defined the difference between the "Hall of Fames". One recognizes outstanding athletes, the other recognizes outstanding past employees. Mr. Quaglia is going to move the Hall of Fame for outstanding past employee to the Spring.
- **NHS** – "Crutches for Africa" has equaled a fine success and is spearheaded by Ms. Rebecca Ray and the National Honor Society. Folks in Africa will receive devices that will enable them to be mobile and the effort is being supported by the Neponset Rotary club providing shipping costs.
- **Athletic Fields** – A number of improvements have been implemented to the school's athletic fields.

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

- **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. Mr. Quaglia has met with Member Charles W. Flahive and clarifications have been established. Following a brief question and answer period, Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to approve the Goals for 2012-2013 as presented by the Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia for Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia. Motion was seconded by Member Charles W. Flahive. The motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

Voted: to approve the Superintendent-Director's Goals for 2012-2013 as presented by the Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia.

Policy Updates/Corrections/Changes: Superintendent-Director Quaglia recommended the approval of the Policy updates, corrections, changes that had been recommended by the Policy Subcommittee last May. There was considerable conversation about the timeline for this approval and the subsequent motion. Members had received the proposed documents by email attachment. Following conclusion of discussion. Chairman Pascarella accepted a motion from Member Fran Fistori to approve the changes/edits/additions/corrections as recommended by the Policy Subcommittee and Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia. The motion to accept was by **MAJORITY**

Voted: to approve Policy updates, corrections, changes that had been recommended by the Policy Subcommittee in May of 2012. (**Aye: Messrs. Austin, Connolly, Fistori, Pascarella -- Nay: Messrs. Flahive, Maguire and Riman**)

11. **Unfinished Business:** None.

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

- **Warrant Subcommittee** – For a final report, Chairman Richard Riman reported that he had signed the warrant tonight without inspection – for the first time in his history on the subcommittee.

13. **New Business** – A Policy Subcommittee Meeting was requested for Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 5 p.m. in Room 402.

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

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

Upon motion of Secretary Robert S. Austin, to approve **FY13, Warrant No. 7, dated November 6, 2012** in the amount of \$1,253,213.18, seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly, it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve **FY13, Warrant No. 7, dated November 6, 2012 ~~2012~~** in the amount of \$1,253,213.18.

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

15. **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 Richard Riman 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 November 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.** unless otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved:

Respectfully submitted by:

Joseph A. Pascarella (Chairman)

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary