



**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, December 18, 2012

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING PRIOR TO REGULAR SCHEDULE MEETING

Warrant Subcommittee: at 6:30 p.m. in Boardroom #402

Agenda: Pre-meeting review of warrant and related invoices. This subcommittee meets before all meetings of the DSC that contain warrant(s). Mr. Charles W. Flahive examined the details of the warrant prior to the meeting. The full committee will be receiving pre-meeting warrant information via email forthwith.

Prior to the Regular Meeting, the annual joint dinner was conducted with members of the District School Committee, School Council and administrators present. The Dinner was catered by the Culinary Arts Program under the direction of Chef Richard Spada. Participating Culinary Arts' Students who assisted Chef Spada were Sophomores Joshua O'Connor, Jake Periera, Junior Brittany Clark, and Seniors Dacarra Williams, Dashawn Ware, Dariesha Carpenter-Bowers and Jessyca Datri.

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School Forty-Seventh District School Committee Regular Schedule Meeting was called to order at **7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2012, 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. Fistori, Flahive, Maguire, Mrs. Nearen and Messrs. Pascarella and Silveira

MEMBERS ABSENT: Messrs. Connolly, Joyce and McNeil

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

Mr. Michael J. Barrett, Assistant Superintendent-Director

Mr. Gene Mastro, Director of Buildings and Facility

Ms. Jill Rossetti, Director of Academics

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

Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella announced that the District complies with 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.

Moments of Silence and Respect were extended by all present in memory of Mr. Richard M. Brennen's Mother, Mrs. Jean Brennen, recently passed and also the individuals lost and suffering from the results of the Friday, December 14, 2012 Newtown Connecticut Community tragedy.

Note: Member Robert A. McNeil and Business Manager David W. Proule are attending a Finance Committee Meeting in Holbrook, at the request of Town of Holbrook Officials and will report back to the Committee on the outcome at the next

meeting.

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, December 4, 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, December 4, 2012, as presented. Motion was seconded by Secretary 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, December 4, 2012 meeting 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.
 - **Request for Contract Reopeners:** Mr. Quaglia reviewed letters from SEIU#888, dated December 7, 2012 (Maintenance and Cafeteria) requesting dates to meet with the Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee for reopening the agreements for the sole purpose of final year salary and steps.
5. **Student Representative Report** – Ms. Rachel E. Rudin was recognized by Chairman Pascarella. Ms. Rudin reported:
 - **Winter Sports – All winter sports are up and running.** As usual, there is great student participation and anticipation of season success.
 - **Scarf Sales** – Seniors are selling scarves to help defray the expenses of an upcoming April 2013 trip.
 - **Treasurer** Charles W. Gisondi commented that he is amazed at how well the students are doing with their sales and the amount of profit that is generating into the trip expense.
 - **Prom** - The Prom preparation is going well with a “DJ” and “Favor” selected.
 - **Food Drive** – The Annual Blue Hills’ Food Drive is up and running with the usual outstanding participation of the students and staff.

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

6. **DSC Chair Report** – Chairman Pascarella spoke of the need to change Regular Schedule DSC Meetings in January 2013. Ordinarily Regular Schedule Meetings are the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The first Tuesday of January is the 1st and falls on the New Year’s Day Holiday. Following discussion Chairman Pascarella moved the question of reschedule of DSC Meetings. Vice-Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., moved to Change of Regular Meeting of Tuesday, January 1, 2013 at 7 p.m. (New Year’s Day) to a Special Meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 7 p.m. and also the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, January 15, 2013 to a Special Meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 7 p.m. Motion was seconded by Secretary Charles W. Flahive. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to change the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, January 1, 2013 at 7 p.m. (New Year's Day) to a Special Meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 7 p.m. and also change the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, January 15, 2013 to a Special Meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 7 p.m.

7. Administrative Reports (as needed):

7.1. **Treasurer: C. Gisondi** - Mr. Charles J. Gisondi was recognized by Chairman Pascarella. Mr. Gisondi stated that the auditors have requested a close perusal of the revolving accounts, especially student accounts and Mr. Gisondi has complied in his capacity as District Treasurer. Mr. Gisondi was pleased to announce that the results were excellent.

7.2 **Business Manager: D. Proule** - Business Manager David W. Proule was attending a meeting in Holbrook with Member Robert A. McNeil. Superintendent-Director Quaglia reported that the warrant will now be supplied the Friday before meetings and supplied to all members electronically. Along with this, there will be a member of the Finance Department present at the Warrant Subcommittee to answer any and all questions.

7.3 **Assistant Superintendent/Principal: M. Barrett** – Mr. Barrett was recognized by Chairman Pascarella and addressed a number of issues. Mr. Barrett reported on the progress of the School Improvement Plan for SY2011-12 as going smoothly. Mr. Barrett provided a pass out that provided the members with a program participant count, as requested.

- **ALICE PROGRAM** – In light of the recent Newtown school attack, administrators are intently focused on the details of the Program and its subsequent trainings.

7.4 **Superintendent/Director James P. Quaglia was recognized by Chairman Pascarella.** Mr. Quaglia stated that he is focused on the DESE's mandates on teacher and administrative performance reviews and the training that is involved with the new protocols.

- **District Town FY14 Budget Meetings** – Mr. Quaglia was over to Westwood last night with Mr. Flahive and reported on the communication. Plans are to interact with all Town Finance Committees/Commissions/Councils with PowerPoint presentations prepared outlining the FY14 Budget requests.

8. **Unfinished Business: DSC and SEIU signings of both the previously approved Maintenance/Custodial and Cafeteria Collective Bargaining Agreements.** Previously approved contracts were signed by the Committee.

9. DSC Subcommittee Reports (as needed):

- **Warrant Subcommittee** – Met prior to the delayed DSC Meeting. Future meetings will include receipt of reference items. A question on a return of \$1200 of grant money was answered by Mr. Quaglia.
- **Policy Subcommittee** – Member Germano John Silveira stated that he has contacted Mr. James Hardy of MASC for advice on the overview that the Policy Subcommittee is accomplishing. Mr. Silveira reported that there are a number of options to consider. Presently, the Policy Subcommittee has three more “letters/sections” to review.

10. New Business –

- **Saturday Detention** – Secretary Charles W. Flahive has requested that a Policy be established that clearly states an alternate detention method for any student that must fulfill Saturday religious obligations.
- **Dog Search** – Members wish to know when these searches take place, before the fact.
- **Admission Policy** – Secretary Charles W. Flahive reiterated his request for intense review of the Blue Hills' Admission Policy. The ultimate goal of Mr. Flahive is to see the enrollment strengthened.

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 Secretary Charles W. Flahive, to approve FY13, **Warrant No. 10, dated December 18, 2012 in the amount of \$858,125.05** (Vouchers 1046-1049) seconded by Member Germano John Silveira, it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: To approve FY13, **Warrant No. 10, dated December 18, 2012 in the amount of \$858,125.05** (Vouchers 1046-1049)

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.

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, with all regular business concluded, at **9:06 p.m.**

NOTE: Vice Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., reminded those present that he and his wife (Rosie) are hosting a Holiday Reception at their home directly after this evening's meeting and all are welcome.

The Committee's **next meeting** will be a **Special Meeting** conducted in the **William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room (#207A), on January 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.,** unless otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved:

Minutes submitted by:

Charles W. Flahive, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary