



**MINUTES of the “48th District School Committee”
Special 2013 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.

Thursday, June 27, 2013
Special Meeting – Limited Agenda

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School Forty-Eighth District School Committee Special Meeting was called to order at **6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 2013** 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 was absent. In his place, Vice Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., acted as Chairman.

1. ROLL CALL and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Messrs. Joyce, Pascarella and Silveira

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director
Mr. Gene Mastro, Director of Facilities
Mr. David W. Proule, Business Manager

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

Vice Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., acting as Chairman for this meeting, 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.

2. Public Comment: None.

3. Discussion and approval of ChromeBooks purchase and deployment: Blue Hills Regional Technical School plans to provide each incoming freshman student with a ChromeBook. The technology is here and students will now have a state-of-the-art tool to enhance their learning experiences. The Curriculum and Advisory Subcommittee met with Academic Director Jill Rossetti and Assistant/Superintendent Michael J. Barrett for their professional input on Thursday, June 20, 2013 and unanimously recommend approval of this purchase. Administrators are working on a Policy to safeguard the investment that the District is making for the students and will return with a recommendation as soon as possible to the Policy Subcommittee and followed through to the full DSC. Following considerable discussion, questions and answers, Acting Chairman Maguire called for a vote. Member Robert A. McNeil moved to approve the purchase of 300 ChromeBooks and the accompaniment insurance in the amount of \$85,000. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve the purchase of 300 ChromeBooks and the accompaniment insurance in the amount of \$85,000.

It is noted that this item will become a line item for all future budgets. Anything relative to this technology learning equipment, after this vote, must be re-addressed by the District School Committee.

4. Facilitation of Evaluation Language with the Blue Hills Educational Association (BHEA): Meetings will be set for the facilitation of the new state-mandated evaluations and language with Murphy, Lamere & Murphy. It has been determined that legal assistance is called for and meetings will begin before school start on this subject, including BHEA input. Following questions and answers, Acting Chairman Maguire accepted a motion from Member Fran Fistori to secure and finance the Legal firm of Murphy, Lamere & Murphy (at an anticipated cost of \$12-15K) to assist with the implementation of the state-mandated evaluations. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve the secure and finance the Legal firm of Murphy, Lamere & Murphy (at an anticipated cost of \$12-15K) to assist with the facilitation and implementation of the state-mandated evaluations.

As soon as possible, Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee meetings will be set to discuss facilitation and report back to the full committee.

5. SkillsUSA PDP program for long-range business education: The Curriculum and Advisory Subcommittee met on Thursday, June 20, 2013 and were provided information from Director of Academics Jill Rossetti and Assistant-Principal Michael J. Barrett, on the possibility of Business subject program additions. The District School Committee recognizes that students would benefit from basic business knowledge and be better armed to handle their life challenges with business management courses. Secretary Charles W. Flahive stated that he was part of the June 20th C & A Subcommittee Meeting, complimenting Director Jill Rossetti for her proposal and suggestions; but, Mr. Flahive wants to see MORE done for the students with business management courses and focus. Following conclusion of discussions, questions and answers: Chairman Maguire moved the question of approval of the addition of the SkillsUSA PDP Program for a start with business program development. Member Fran Fistori moved to accept the recommended and proposed SkillsUSA PDP Program for School Year 2013-14. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion was taken to a vote and it was by **MAJORITY**

VOTED: TO APPROVE the addition of the SkillsUSA PDP Program for a start with business program development. Member Fran Fistori moved to accept the recommended and proposed SkillsUSA PDP Program for School Year 2013-14.

Secretary Charles W. Flahive “**abstained**” from the vote stating that he wants to see more done with a business program for the Blue Hills’ students. All other members present voted for approval.

6. Baseball/Softball Fields Project Bid – Acting Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., recognized Director of Facilities Gene Mastro.

- **Bids** – Director Mastro stated that two bids came in and he recommends the A & K Contractors for bid awarding the bid. There were two bids received and A & K is the low bid at \$265,500.

Following questions, answers and discussions, Acting Chairman Maguire accepted a motion from Member Kevin L. Connolly to approve the recommended Contractor, A & K Construction. Motion was seconded by Member Fran Fistori. Motion was taken to a vote and it was UNANIMOUSLY

VOTED: to approve the Softball and Baseball Field Project to A & K Construction (of Lynnfield, MA) in the amount of \$265,500.

An additional discussion and -vote was taken, as follows:

Acting Chairman Maguire moved to the question of the Football Field Project. Secretary Charles W. Flahive stated that the football field PROJECT needs quick action and this is what is wanted. Mr. Flahive made a motion to immediately start evaluating the football field project and report on the outcome within 90 days with the process beginning immediately to the Committee with the necessary funding being secured from the Capital Improvements Account. Motion was seconded by Member Marybeth Nearen. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: To immediately start evaluating the football field project and report back to the Committee on the outcome within **90 days** with the process beginning immediately with the necessary funding being secured from the Capital Improvements Account.

Director of Facilities Gene Mastro stated that surveying has been done already.

In keeping with the subject of Athletics at Blue Hills, Secretary Flahive stated that he wishes to know the outcome of the searches for Athletic Department coaching and other position openings. Superintendent-Director Quaglia stated that the process is nearly complete and numerous advertising sources were used to publicize the openings. Mr. Quaglia stated that Mr. Barrett (Assistant-Superintendent/Principal) was involved with the interviewing and hiring and has the names and positions filled. Mr. Barrett was not present at this meeting and will be asked to supply this information at the next DSC Meeting (Tuesday, July 23, 2013).

7. **Adjournment** – Following conclusion of all District School Committee's SPECIAL meeting, Chairman Maguire accepted a motion from Member Robert A. McNeil, 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 **8:20 p.m.**

The Committee's **next meeting** will be a **Summer District School Committee Meeting** conducted in the William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room 207A, at **7:00 p.m., on July 23, 2013, unless** otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved:

Minutes submitted by:

Charles W. Flahive, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary