



## MINUTES of the “48th District School Committee” SPECIAL Session 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.

### Wednesday, August 29, 2012

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School Forty-Eighth District School Committee Special Summer-Session Meeting was called to order promptly at **7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 29, 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, Riman and Silveira

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Joyce

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Thomas G. Cavanaugh, Dean of Students  
Attorney Matthew Tobin, School Counsel

\*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.

**NOTE:** The listings of matters on the meeting’s respective agendas are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

2. **Public Comment and Visitors with Business for the Committee** – Selectman John Connolly was unable to attend the meeting, though invited.

3. **DSC Chair Report** - Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella stated that the primary reason for this special meeting was to receive recommendations from the Negotiations Team of the Personnel & Negotiations Subcommittee and requested a brief executive session to confer with the Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee and Legal Counsel Matthew Tobin on the Blue Hills Educational Association (BHEA) Contract status.

- Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella moved to approve by **roll-call vote** a call to move into executive session. Member Kevin L. Connolly made a motion to move into executive session. Motion was seconded by Member Fran Fistori. Motion was taken to a **roll-call vote** and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** to move into 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 District School Committee, a public body. The Committee is currently in ongoing strategic contract negotiations.

Following executive session the Committee returned to open session and will proceed with an open-session vote.

4. **DSC Subcommittee Reports** –

- Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee Chairman provided a review of recent meetings with the BHEA. Following discussion and executive session Chairman Pascarella moved the question of the approval and ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Blue Hills Educational Association(BHEA) and the District School Committee (DSC), as ratified this day (8.29.12) by the voting members of the BHEA. Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Blue Hills Educational Association(BHEA) and the District School Committee (DSC), as ratified this day (8.29.12) by the voting members of the BHEA. Motion was seconded by Member Germano John Silveira. Motion was taken to a **roll-call vote** and was by **MAJORITY**

**VOTED:** to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Blue Hills Educational Association(BHEA) and the District School Committee (DSC), as ratified this day (8.29.12) by the voting members of the BHEA.

**(RECORD OF VOTE:** YES → Messrs. Austin, Connolly, Fistori, Flahive, Maguire, Pascarella, and Silveira  
NO → Mr. Riman Absent → Mr. Joyce)

5. Discussion or Suggestions for the Good of the District, Including newsworthy educational items.

- **Cell Phone Policy** Information Update and Recommendation – Mr. Thomas G. Cavanaugh, Dean of Students, was recognized by Chairman Pascarella. Mr. Cavanaugh presented the newly-revised “Cell Phone Policy” for the perusal of the full Committee and vote at the Tuesday, September 4, 2012 meeting. Mr. Cavanaugh recommends the policy be approved. The Committee thanked Mr. Cavanaugh for this document and recommendation.
- **Disclosure:** Upcoming Election of Committee Members – Member Richard Riman suggested that future elected Committee Members be required to disclose members of their family and friends that are employed by the District to avoid any possibility of conflicts of interest.
- **Appreciation:** Member Charles W. Flahive suggested a social to thank members stepping down from their Committee positions.

15. Adjournment - Following the completion of all regular business and executive session, Chairman Pascarella moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion was made by Member Richard Riman to adjourn the meeting. Motion to adjourn was seconded by Member Fran Fistori and without discussion, it was, **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

It was noted that the next meeting will return to the regular schedule meetings, unless otherwise notified. Regular Schedule Meetings are conducted on the **FIRST and THIRD TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH** starting promptly at **7:00 p.m.** The next regular schedule meeting will be conducted on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the **William T. Buckley District School Committee Meeting Room, #207A.**

Minutes Approved

Respectfully recorded and submitted by:

Robert S. Austin, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary