



MINUTES of the “49th District School Committee” Regular 2014 Meeting

Membership: Francis J. Fistori, Avon; Secretary Germano John Silveira, Braintree;
Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. Canton, Joseph A. Pascarella Dedham;
Mr. Robert A. McNeil, Holbrook; Mr. Fess Joyce, Milton; Mr. Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood;
Mrs. Marybeth Nearen, Randolph and Vice-Chairman Charles W. Flahive, Westwood.

Regular Schedule Meeting, Tuesday, January 7, 2014

Conducted in the William T. Buckley District School Committee Meeting Room, #207A

This evening, prior to the Regular Meeting, two subcommittees conducted meetings and recommendations will be forthcoming, resulting from their conduct. The subcommittees were:

- Personnel & Negotiation
- Warrant.

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School **Forty-Ninth District School Committee** Regular Schedule Meeting was called to order at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2014** at the Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School, William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room 207A, 800 Randolph Street, Canton, Massachusetts. Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., presided.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Messrs. Fistori, Flahive, Maguire, McNeil, and Silveira
MEMBERS ABSENT: Messrs. Connolly, Joyce, Pascarella and Mrs. Nearen
OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Jessica C. Leigh, Student Representative
Mr. Charles J. Gisondi, District Treasurer
Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director
Mr. Gene Mastro, Director of Facilities and Grounds
Mr. Michael J. Barrett, Assistant Superintendent/Principal
Ms. Jill M. Rossetti, Director of Academics
Mr. David W. Proule, Business Manager
Mrs. Eileen Dailey – Resident/BHEA
Mr. Brian Gearty, BHEA
Ms. Nicole Flynn, BHEA
Mr. Xavier Mahoney, BHEA
Mrs. Tricia Murphy, BHEA
Mr. Tom McGrath BHEA
Mr. Chris Deady, BHEA
Ms. Caroline Dynan, BHEA
Mr. Dan Jordan, BHEA

Warrant Subcommittee met at 6:30 p.m. (Room 402) to inspect warrant documentation submitted for full-committee approval.

Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., advised the Committee that Mrs. Marybeth Nearen was absent from tonight's meeting due to a family health emergency.

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

Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., announced that all business conducted at this meeting complies with the revised Open Meeting Law in effect, as of July 1, 2010.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call**
2. **Public Comment**

Chairman Aidan G. Maguire recognized Blue Hills Educational Association (BHEA) President, Mr. Brian Gearty. Mr. Gearty spoke of the approval vote of the BHEA for the Memorandum of Understanding, Educator Evaluation System Agreement as presented. This Agreement is now ready for the vote of the full committee. Personnel and Negotiation Subcommittee Chairman, Charles W. Flahive stated that it is the will of the subcommittee and recommendation to the full committee to approve this Agreement, as presented. Mr. Flahive also commented that the subcommittee had met over many weeks to reconcile this matter. Following comments, Chairman Maguire moved to the approval of the **Memorandum of Understanding, Educator Evaluation System Agreement between the Blue Hills Regional School District Committee and Blue Hills Educational Association, as presented and negotiated.** A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Charles W. Flahive to approve the **Memorandum of Understanding, Educator Evaluation System Agreement between the Blue Hills Regional School District Committee and Blue Hills Educational Association, as presented and negotiated.** Motion was seconded by Member Robert A. McNeil. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

Voted: to approve the **Memorandum of Understanding, Educator Evaluation System Agreement between the Blue Hills Regional School District Committee and Blue Hills Educational Association, as presented and negotiated.**

3. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** – Chairman Maguire moved to the approval of the Tuesday, December 3, 2013 Minutes. Vice-Chairman Charles W. Flahive, moved to approve the Minutes of the Tuesday, December 3, 2013 meeting, as presented. Motion was seconded by Member Fran Fistori. Motion to approve the minutes was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve the December 3, 2013 minutes as presented.

4. **Student Representative Report** - School Year 2013-14 **Student Representative Jessica Caroline Leigh** was recognized by Acting Chairman Charles W. Flahive. Ms. Leigh provided the following information, stating that students are just back to school following the Holiday break:

- **Student Council** is hosting a **“Winter Ball” on Friday, January 17, 2014 at 7 p.m.** in the school Cafeterium.
- **Winter Sports are in full swing:** Ice Hockey, Swimming and Basketball.
- **Student Council Members** had adopted a member of a family from a homeless shelter through the “Dove Organization.”
- **Food Drive** – Student Council is also conducting a food drive and will make donations to member town food banks in Avon, Holbrook and Avon. This is being done post-Holiday as the need is most acute.
- **National Honor Society** is participating in a **“Clothes Drive” from January 6 through 24, 2014..**

The members of the Committee thanked Ms. Leigh for her report.

5. 2013 Blue Hills Regional Report Card Overview Presentation by Director of Academics Jill M. Rossetti – Chairman Maguire recognized Director Rossetti. Mrs. Rossetti presented the 2013 Report Card overview, as follows:

Mrs. Rossetti presented the school's "report card" overview. This report contains important information about student enrollment, teacher qualifications, student achievement, accountability; how our school is performing relative to other schools and the progress Blue Hills is making toward narrowing proficiency gaps for different groups of students.

The information in the report card overview is divided into three parts:

- Part I. Accountability and Assistance Level
- Part II: Student Achievement
- Part III: Student Enrollment and Teacher Qualifications

Part I measures progress toward the goal of reducing proficiency gaps by half by 2017. Districts and schools are placed in one of five "accountability and assistance levels" designed to support schools where students are struggling the most.

Blue Hills Regional Technical School is proud to announce our **Level 1 Accountability and Assistance** level. The highest performing is Level I. Our school percentile is 51, which means our school is performing higher than 51% of the high schools in the state. The Progress and Performance Index (PPI) is a number that shows the overall performance Massachusetts has set a goal of reducing proficiency gaps by half between 2011-2017. For a group of students to be considered to be making sufficient progress toward narrowing proficiency gaps, its cumulative PPI must be 75 or higher.

Part II shows how our students are performing on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) and other tests.

Part III provides information about the qualifications of the teachers in our school. As a Targeted Title I school, parents have the right to request information about the qualifications of your child's teacher.

The full report card can be found on our web site at www.bluehills.org or <http://profiles.doe.mass.edu>. Should you have any questions about this report card please feel free to call Director Rossetti directly at 781.828.5800 ext. 217.

Director Rossetti further complimented the teachers at Blue Hills for their dedication to the commitment of having students do their best with these tests.



2013 Massachusetts School Report Card Overview
BLUE HILLS REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL

Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical Public School District (08060000)
Michael Barrett Principal
Grades Served: 09,10,11,12

800 Randolph Street, Canton, MA 02021
Phone: 781.8285800
Website: <http://www.bluehills.org>

Report cards help parents/guardians and the general public see where schools and districts are succeeding and where there is still work to do. This report card overview answers important questions about our school's performance. For the complete report card containing additional data contact the school's principal or visit the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's website at

doing overall?

Accountability and assistance levels

Level 1

Our school

Meeting gap narrowing goals

School percentile

School percentiles (1-99) indicate how a school is performing overall compared to other schools that serve the same or similar grades. Our school's percentile is below.



Our district

Meeting gap narrowing goals

Overall progress in narrowing gaps

Massachusetts aims to reduce proficiency gaps by half between 2011 and 2017.

Most **schools** are assigned a level from 1-5, with those meeting their proficiency gap-narrowing goals in Level 1 and the lowest performing in Levels 4 and 5. A **district** is typically assigned a level based on the level of its lowest performing school. Placing schools and districts into levels helps districts know which schools need more support, and helps the state know which districts need the most assistance. More information is available here: http://www.doEU.tl%.%.edu/aqa/a_c:_%g_unta2.ill.tY_

All students	Met Target
High needs students	Met Target
Low income students	Met Target
Students with disabilities	Met Target
English language learners & former ELLs	Met Target

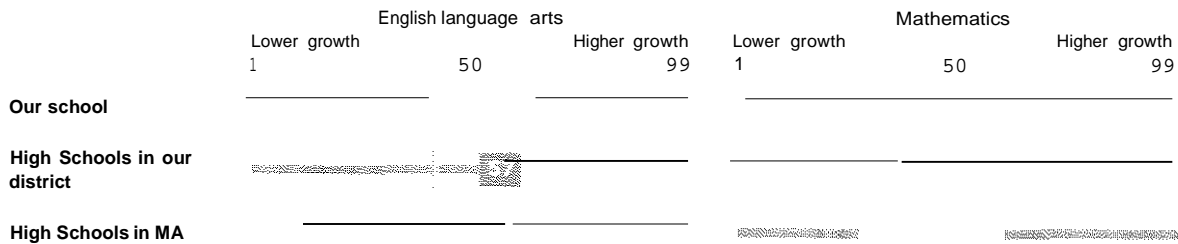
How does our school's _____ over time compare to the _____ and the state?

Percentage of students scoring proficient or above on Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS), 2010-2013.

	English language arts				Mathematics				Science			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Our school	% 84	89	94	96	79	78	80	81	70	75	76	78
High Schools in our district	% 84	89	94	96	79	77	80	81	70	75	76	78
High Schools in MA	% 80	85	89	92	77	78	79	80	66	67	70	72

How does our school's growth compare to the district and the state?

Student Growth Percentiles (SGPs) measure gains in student achievement from year to year. Growth between 40 and 60 is considered typical. SGPs *above* 60 represent better than typical gains, while SGPs below 40 indicate lower than typical gains. Our school's median SGPs for 2013 are below. (Note: Growth values are truncated.)



How does our school's enrollment compare to district and the state?

Total enrollment	Our school	Our district	Our state
	816	816	954,773
	100%	High Schools in our district	High Schools in MA
By high needs population	# %	# %	# %
Low income students	297 36.4	297 36.4	88,530 34.0
Students with disabilities	193 23.7	193 23.7	41,686 16.0
English language learners	6 0.7	6 0.7	13,173 5.1

How do our school's teachers and classrooms compare to the district and state?

General Information	Our school	High Schools in our district	High Schools in MA
Teachers(#)	76.5	76.5	20,121.0
Core academic classes taught by highly qualified teachers(%)	100.0	100.0	97.6
Average class size(#)	16.8	16.8	16.0
Student : teacher ratio	10.7 to 1	10.7 to 1	12.9 to 1

How is school doing on other important measures?

Attendance:

	Our	High Schools in	High Schools in MA
Attendance rate(%)	92.8	92.8	95.0
Average days absent per student(#)	12.4	12.4	8.7

High school completion

	Our school	Our district	Our state
2011 5-year graduation rate(%)		94.9	86.3
2012 4-year graduation rate(%)		97.1	84.7
2012 annual dropout rate(%)		0.4	2.5
2013 12th graders taking 1+ Advanced Placement courses(%)		0.0	35.2
Advanced Placement tests with scores of 3 or higher(%)			68.8
SAT average score - Reading		441	507
SAT average score - Writing		428	501
SAT average score - Math		455	522
MassCore*- Completing a rigorous course of study(%)		38.8	68.4

**MassCore: 4 years of English, math, & science, 3 years of history, 2 years of a foreign language, 1 year of arts & 5 additional "core" courses*

Discipline

In-school suspension rate(%)		0.0	4.4
Out-of-school suspension rate(%)		4.7	7.1



Following Director Rossetti's comprehensive report, Members asked questions and received answers. Member Fran J. Fistori stated, "This high-stacks MCAS testing has hurt the development of our vocational students. Our school is primarily interested in establishing trade skills and these tests have taken away from this factor." The Committee thanked Director Rossetti for the fine report detailing the Blue Hills "Report Card".

6. **Chairman's Report:** Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., stated that the "**50th Anniversary of Blue Hills**" is approaching and he wants to see activities planned for this momentous occasion.

7. **Administrative Reports**

7.1 **Treasurer: C. Gisondi**

6.1.1 Warrant Approval: Chairman Maguire entertained a motion for the approval of FY14 Warrant Number 10, (Vouchers 1035-1040) in the amount of \$1,742,160.69, dated January 7, 2014. Vice Chairman Flahive moved to approve the FY14 Warrant Number 10, (Vouchers 1035-1040) in the amount of 1,742,160.69, dated January 7, 2014. Motion was seconded by Member McNeil. Motion was taken to a vote, without discussion, and **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve the FY14 Warrant Number 10, (Vouchers 1035-1040) in the amount of \$1,742,160.69, dated January 7, 2014.

501C Accounts: Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi continues the work that must be done with the 501C Accounts. Resolution will be forthcoming and reported back to the Committee.

7.2 **Business Manager:** Chairman recognized Business Manager David W. Proule. Mr. Proule reviewed the content of the FY15 Proposed BUDGET NON SAL accts only (dated 1.6.14) with the members.

7.3 **Assistant Superintendent-Principal** – Mr. Michael J. Barrett was recognized by Chairman Flahive and proceeded to report:

- **Annual Joint Dinner Meeting** with School Council scheduled set for Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. was unfortunately cancelled because of a storm.
- **NEASC** – Mr. Michael J. Barrett reported that NEASC will be coming in from April 28th through May 1st with 16 members inspecting and analyzing the school.
- **Chromebooks** – Freshmen have all received their ChromeBooks and IT Personnel, **Mr. Michael Schantz and Mr. Jeremy Pandolfo** were commended for their help with this project.

7.4 **Superintendent/Director: Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia** was recognized by Chairman Maguire.

- **District Policy Book** – Mr. Quaglia stated that the review of the Policy Book should be completed by the first of this year (2014) and he is working with Attorney Paige Tobin with this goal..
- **Employees Handbook** – Superintendent-Director Quaglia stated that he is working on an Employee Handbook that will be available to all employees of the District.

8. **Unfinished Business and New Business**

- A request was made for a **Curriculum & Advisory Committee Meeting** by Chairman of this subcommittee, Vice-Chairman Charles W. Flahive.
 - **Finance & Subcommittee Meeting** are ongoing and posted on the FY15 Budget Calendar.
 - **PSAT Results** – Vice Chairman stated he would like to know how students did with PSAT testing.
8. **DSC Subcommittee Reports** (as needed):
- **Warrant Subcommittee** – Subcommittee Chairman Flahive recommended the approval of the Warrant.
 - **Personnel & Negotiation** – Chairman of Subcommittee Charles W. Flahive reported on the outcome of the most recent meetings that have spanned over weeks of discussions and negotiations with the BHEA. Mr. Flahive stated that the Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee recommends the full-committee approval of the Memorandum presented regarding teacher evaluations.
9. **Discussion or Suggestions for the Good of the District**, Including newsworthy educational items:
10. **Executive Session** – Although anticipated, it was determined that an executive session was not needed at this time.
11. **Adjournment** – Following conclusion of all District School Committee's regular meeting and executive session. Chairman Charles Maguire accepted a motion from Member Fran Fistori and seconded by Secretary Germano John Silveira 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 **8:03 p.m.**

The Committee's **next meeting** will be a **Regular Scheduled Meeting** conducted in the **William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room (#207A)**, on **Tuesday, January 21, 2014** at **7:00 p.m.**, unless otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved:

Minutes submitted by:

Germano John Silveira, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary