



**MINUTES of the “49th District School Committee”  
Regular 2013 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 Meeting, Tuesday, October 1, 2013**

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

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School **Forty-Ninth District School Committee** Regular Meeting was called to order at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1, 2013** 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. Connolly, Fistori, Flahive, Joyce, Maguire, Mrs. Nearen and Messrs. Pascarella and Silveira

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. McNeil

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Charles J. Gisondi, District Treasurer  
Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director  
Mr. Michael J. Barrett, Assistant Superintendent/Principal  
Mr. David W. Proule, Business Manager  
Mr. Gene Mastro, Director of Buildings and Facilities  
Ms. Stacey Hedges, BHRS Teacher  
Mr. Carl Franceschi, DRA Architects  
Mr. Carl Shapiro, Avidar Environmental

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

Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., 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.

New Employees' Introductions: Assistant Superintendent/Principal Michael J. Barrett introduced to the Committee the following

- **New Employee:** A new employee, not yet met by the Committee, is involved in a professional development course and unable to attend the meeting.

**2. Public Comment:** The Blue Hills' Boosters were scheduled to appear this evening before the DSC but the Boosters have postponed. This evening was also a "Boosters' Meeting" were forced to postpone. Boosters plan on attending a future DSC meeting to meet the Committee and its members.

**3. Approval of Previous- Meeting Minutes** - Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. accepted motions to approve the Special September 17, 2013 Meeting Minutes. Motions to approve and accept the Regular Meeting minutes were made by Secretary Germano John Silveira. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Without discussion, motion was taken to vote and it was

**UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** to approve the Regular Session September 17, 2013 Meeting Minutes as submitted.

4. **Student Representative Report** – School Year 2013-14 Representative Jessica Caroline Leigh was involved in an auto accident on route to this meeting and unable to attend. Fortunately, Ms. Leigh was not injured.

5. **DSC Chair Report/Comments** – Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. stated that he is pleased to learn that the cafeteria-charge program is close to completion, as reported by Business Manager David W. Proule.

6. **Administrative Reports:**

6.1 Director of Facilities and Grounds – Mr. Gene Mastro was recognized by Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr.

→**DEP Site Closure Update:** Mr. Mastro introduced Mr. Carl Shapiro (Avidar). Mr. Shapiro reported that the end of the DEP Site Closure is close. Corrections, inspections and reports have been made and Blue Hills is waiting for the word from the Department of Environmental Protection.

→**Baseball Fields and Pool Projects:** Mr. Mastro introduced Mr. Carl Franceschi – DRA Architects. Mr. Franceschi stated that the Baseball Fields' are rehabilitated and the Pool Project completion is targeted for the week after Thanksgiving (first week of December).

**Football Field** – The next project on the school's major project agenda is the overhaul of the school's football field. With a strong recommendation from the Director of Facilities, Gene Mastro, it was determined that a Spring 2014 bidding be enacted and secured with all design specs completed. Following substantial discussion, questions and answers, it was the sense of the Committee to agree.

**Entrance Bridge to "Chateau" (also known as East Ramp)** - Discussion occurred regarding repairs that are needed for the entrance Bridge to the Chateau. Shoring will be done immediately with full repair following bid.

**Following conclusion of discussions regarding both the Football Field Project and Entrance Bridge repairs, Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr.,** accepted a motion from Member Marybeth Nearen to approve moving forward with the Football Field project and Entrance Bridge repairs. Motion was seconded by Secretary Germano John Silveira. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** to approve moving forward with the Football Field project and Entrance Bridge repairs.

6.1 **Treasurer: C. Gisondi** - Mr. Charles J. Gisondi prepared and presented the Warrant and backup information was provided, commenting that there is one Warrant prepared.

6.1.1 **Warrant Approval:** Chairman Maguire moved to the approval of the Warrant:

Upon motion of Secretary Germano John Silveira, to approve **FY14 Warrant Number 5 (Vouchers 1017-1019) in the amount of \$744,126.52.** Motion to approve was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. **Motion to approve** the warrant was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** to approve **FY14 Warrant Number 5 (Vouchers 1017-1019) in the amount of**

**\$744,126.52.**

**501Cs:** District Treasurer Gisondi stated that he is working with the Boosters and Blue Hills' Foundation to organize paperwork necessary for 501Cs. Submission is required for all non-profit organizations.

6.2 **Business Manager: D. Proule.** Chairman Maguire recognized Mr. David W. Proule

**FY13 Closeout:** Business Manager David W. Proule reported that the Finance Department continues working on the FY13 Closeout and a subsequent presentation of **FY13 Year-end Report.**

**6.3 Assistant Superintendent/Principal: M. Barrett** – Assistant Superintendent/Principal Michael J. Barrett was recognized by Chairman Maguire. Mr. Barrett spoke of:

**Congratulations to the following fifty-two seniors who are the recipients of the 2014 John and Abigail Adams Scholarship.**

**These scholarships are awarded to students who earned Advanced *and* scored in the top 25% of BHR students on the MCAS exam.**

**Recipients will receive four years of free tuition at any Massachusetts state college or university.**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOCATIONAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>TOWN</b>
Caroline Adams	Health Assisting	Braintree
Brandt Adley	Engineering Technology	Milton
Melissa Allen	Drafting	Norwood
Andrew Armstrong	Automotive Technology	Norwood
Austin Bailey	Automotive Technology	Randolph
Sandra Barzola	Early Education & Care	Holbrook
Molly Burke	Drafting	Dedham
Jacob Cabral	IS Services & Networking	Randolph
Lynda Chambers-Bellamy	Electricity	Milton
Leila Chow	Electronics	Randolph
Lucas Collins	Metal Fab	Dedham
Darryl Dabel	Culinary Arts	Holbrook
Andria Depillo	Culinary Arts	Randolph
Bryanna Eklund	Health Assisting	Holbrook
Zachary Francis	Engineering Technology	Dedham
Paul Fulmore, Jr.	IS Services & Networking	Dedham
Erin Galvin	Cosmetology	Braintree
Robert Galvin	Automotive Technology	Avon
Brendan Gillespie	Electricity	Milton
Demaris Hopkins	Engineering Technology	Milton
N'Dea Jackson	IS Services & Networking	Randolph
Rachel Kelleher	Health Assisting	Braintree
William Kiernan	Drafting	Avon
Marianna Koutounidou	IS Services & Networking	Norwood
Katherine Krug	Design/Visual Comm	Dedham
Breanna Landry	Cosmetology	Randolph
Rondeesha Lee	Engineering Technology	Randolph
Jessica Leigh	Culinary Arts	Randolph
Lauren MacLellan	Graphic Communications	Randolph
Brooke Martin	Drafting	Norwood
Allen McIntosh	Engineering Technology	Braintree
David McKenna	Carpentry	Dedham
Belizare Melon	Health Assisting	Randolph
Qiana Mills	Design/Visual Comm	Randolph
Robert Monahan	Drafting	Avon
Nicholas Murphy	Electricity	Randolph
David Neil	Metal Fab	Randolph

Rachel O'Brien	Graphic Communications	Holbrook
Celia Pugsley	Auto Collision/Refinish	Randolph
Brenna Rennie	Cosmetology	Avon
Elizabeth Rocheleau	Drafting	Avon
Jennifer Ross	Drafting	Randolph
Joseph Schoepplein	Drafting	Holbrook
Duncan Shea	Design/Visual Comm	Canton
Lauren Sheridan	Design/Visual Comm	Braintree
Kristen Stapleton	Early Education & Care	Holbrook
Devin Sullivan	Design/Visual Comm	Avon
Rachel Tesoro	Early Education & Care	Braintree
Caroline Titus	Culinary Arts	Canton
Cassandra Velissaris	Automotive Technology	Avon
Khalil Washum	Graphic Communications	Dedham
Timothy Young	Metal Fab	Canton

Committee Members were pleased to learn of an increase to the numbers qualifying for the scholarships.

- **Goals** - Mr. Barrett has submitted his Goals for accomplishment with his position for the review of the Committee.
- **Student enrollment:** Mr. Barrett reported, as of today, there are 842 undergraduate students enrolled at Blue Hills Regional Technical School. Freshmen number 239.

6.4 **Superintendent/Director James P. Quaglia** was recognized by Chairman Maguire. Mr. Quaglia addressed the Committee:

- **Strategic Plan and FY14 Goals Setting:** - Superintendent-Director Quaglia has submitted his Strategic Plan and FY14 Goals for the review of the Committee.
- **Commendation** – Superintendent-Director Quaglia commended Mrs. Joann Murphy of Design/Visual Communications.
  - Mrs. Murphy has gone above and beyond to assist the District for presentations planned in District Towns of Milton (Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>) and Westwood (Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>).
- **Federal Government Shutdown** – Mr. Quaglia reviewed a communication from DESE about what may be following with the shutdown. For now, business as usual will be conducted at Blue Hills.
- **Fire Alarms** – Superintendent-Director Quaglia reported that there was another Fire Alarm today and turned the matter over to Director of Facilities Gene Mastro for his input. Mr. Mastro stated that there “were” some wiring issues that occurred as a result of the pool project. These issues have been identified and repairs are complete.

#### 7. **DSC Business: (Unfinished and New Business) –**

- **MSBA** – Member Kevin L. Connolly stated that he is planning a meeting with MSBA Director Jack McCarthy.
- **Employee Appreciation** – Member Marybeth Nearen that a “employee recognition for outstanding service” be investigated by administration and a report be made back to the Committee with its feasibility.

#### 8. **DSC Subcommittee Reports (as needed):**

- **Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee:** Subcommittee Chairman Flahive requested executive session report and discussions as allowed via Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A.
- **Athletic & Extracurricular Subcommittee:** Subcommittee Chairman Flahive reported on the meeting conducted before this evening’s regular session meeting at 6:30 p.m., stating that the subcommittee had input from Athletic Director Ed Catabia and attendance by Assistant-Superintendent Michael J. Barrett. Also in attendance were Member Festus Joyce and DSC Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. Discussion items included: NCAA reporting in a timely manner; the generosity

of a teacher taking on the responsibilities of the Freshmen Girls' Volleyball Team and the on-going discussion of establishing Blue Hills Coaches evaluations.

- **Buildings, Facilities, Safety and Security Subcommittee:** The Subcommittee called its first meeting after FY14 Reorganization. Members are Mr. Robert A. McNeil, Mrs. Joseph A. Pascarella and Mr. Germano John Silveira. Mr. Germano John Silveira was elected Subcommittee Chairman. Chairman Silveira reported that Director of Facilities Gene Mastro had provided a brief, detailed report and update on the ongoing school projects and his recommendations on future projects. The subcommittee unanimously recommended to the full committee the immediate repair of the East Concrete Ramp (also known as the Chateau Entrance Bridge).
  - **Football Field:** Director of Facilities, Mr. Gene Mastro, stated that he has been working with DRA and Warner-Lambert to develop a scope of work (and cost estimates) for the football field project and requests the approval of the full committee to move forward with this project. Mr. Mastro provided complete details of what will be provided with this project. It was the sense of the subcommittee to move forward and recommend an approval for moving forward with this project.
  - **Bleachers:** Vice-Chairman Flahive noted that the bleachers are not included within this project detail. Chairman Maguire stated that he would like to see the students of Blue Hills "design" a bleachers blueprint and approach be made to the many members of the business community to assist with cost of material financing.

#### 9. Discussion or Suggestions for the Good of the District, Including Newsworthy Educational Items

- **Request from Mr. Quaglia to Member Kevin L. Connolly** – Mr. Quaglia reminded Member Kevin L. Connolly to contact Mr. Jack McCarthy, a fellow Norwood resident, to ask for his help with MSBA matters.
- **Freshmen Event** – Member Fess Joyce commented on an excellent program that was provided to the freshmen and their parents last week with an impressive speaker who detailed the importance of concussion awareness.
- **November 19<sup>th</sup> DSC Meeting** – The second Regular November Meeting of the DSC is scheduled for November 19, 2013. This is also the night of the "Annual Blue Hills Open House". It was the sense of the Committee to vote on a reschedule for this meeting and to establish a Special Meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 7 p.m. A motion was made by Member Kevin L. Connolly, seconded by Member Fran Fistori to cancel the Tuesday, November 19, 2013 meeting and reschedule to a Special Meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 7 p.m. with a notice being sent to all parties of interest and posting on the school's website: [www.bluehills.org](http://www.bluehills.org). Motion was taken to a vote and it was

#### **UNANIMOUSLY**

\_\_\_\_\_ **VOTED:** to cancel the Tuesday, November 19, 2013 meeting and reschedule to a Special Meeting on Wednesday, \_\_\_\_\_ November 20, 2013 at 7 p.m. with a notice being sent to all parties of interest and posting on the school's website: \_\_\_\_\_ [www.bluehills.org](http://www.bluehills.org).

- **Windham Boston Hotel on Beacon Hill Donation** - Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., announced that one of his clients, Windham Boston Hotel on Beacon Hill has generously donated items to the school for the benefit of Blue Hills' students. Chairman Maguire firmly believes that there are many other businesses out there that would be willing to make donations for the school and wants to see this resource actively explored.

10. **Executive session:** Chairman Maguire moved to enter into executive session at 9:06 p.m. The Chairman moved to **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 is subsequently declared by Chairman Maguire. By **UNANIMOUS Roll-Call Vote**, the Committee moved into executive session and will return to the special meeting and to the meeting's Open Session, solely, for the Committee vote to adjourn.

11. **Adjournment** – Following conclusion of all District School Committee's regular meeting and executive session, Chairman Maguire accepted a motion from Member Marybeth Nearen, seconded by Member Robert A. McNeil to close the Regular Session Meeting of the District School Committee.

It was **unanimously:**

**VOTED:** to adjourn the **Regular Meeting**, with all regular business concluded, at **9:20 p.m.**

The Committee's **next meeting** will be a **Regular District School Committee Meeting** conducted in the William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room 207A, at **7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, unless** otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved:

Minutes submitted by:

Germano John Silveira, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary

