



**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 15, 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 15, 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, McNeil, Mrs. Nearen and Mr. Pascarella

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Silveira

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ms. Jessica C. Leigh, Student Representative  
Mr. Charles J. Gisondi, District Treasurer  
Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director  
Mr. Michael J. Barrett, Assistant Superintendent/Principal  
Mr. Frank Howley, Director of Vocational Programs  
Mr. David W. Proule, Business Manager  
Mr. Robert Foley, Lead Teacher Construction Technology  
Ms. Bridget Kelley, Student

\*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.

- **“Cuts for a Cure”** - Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., recognized Ms. Bridget Kelley. Ms. Kelley is a member of the Dwyer Chapter of the National Honor Society, Member of the Blue Hills’ Class of 2015. Mrs. Rebecca Ray had planned on accompanying Ms. Kelley, but because of parents’ /conferences/meetings was unable to attend this meeting. Ms. Kelley explained to the Committee that she wanted to do something for the “greater good” and was able to target the cure for cancer as a common cause. Ms. Kelley, in her presentation, stated that she, her advisor and fellow National Honor Society Members will be conducting an event entitled: **“Cuts for a Cure” on Friday, October 25, 2013 at the Blue Hills’ Cosmetology Program.** Ms. Kelley further commented that her appearance at the Meeting tonight was to let the District School Committee Meeting know about this event. Members thanked Ms. Kelley for her presentation and provided interest in personally donating, as well.

**2. Public Comment:** None.

**3. Approval of Previous- Meeting Minutes** - Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. accepted motion to approve the minutes of the Regular District School Committee Meeting conducted on October 1, 2013, as presented. Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve and

accept the Regular Meeting minutes were made by Vice-Chairman Charles W. Flahive. 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 October 1, 2013 Meeting Minutes as submitted.

4. **Student Representative Report** – School Year 2013-14 Representative Jessica Caroline Leigh was recognized by Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. Ms. Leigh provided details of activities of the student body and reported:

→**Spirit Week** is underway and in full swing.

→**Homecoming** Dance tickets are selling well with a pre-event discount encouraging attendance.

→ **“Pep Rally”** is this Friday (October 18<sup>th</sup>)

→**All School Clubs** are helping to put together a parade. A short-bed truck or pickup truck is still needed for displaying banners.

→ **MARS State Student-Council Conference** will be Monday, October 21, 2013 and will provide “leadership training”. Blue Hills will be represented.

5. **DSC Chair Report/Comments** – No report.

6. **Administrative Reports:**

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:

There were a number of questions asked on invoices for the presented Warrant and itemized bills were requested.

Member Marybeth Nearen sent requests to Business Manager David W. Proule and did not receive replies.

Vice-chairman Charles W. Flahive asked, “Why are we sending back unused grant money?”

Following questions and answers, Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., accepted the following:

Upon motion of Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive, to approve **FY14 Warrant Number 6 (Vouchers 1020-1025) in the amount of \$531,247.24.** Motion to approve was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. **Motion to approve** the warrant was taken to a vote and it was **by MAJORITY\***

**VOTED:** to approve **FY14 Warrant Number 6 (Vouchers 1020-1025) in the amount of \$531,247.24.**

**\*Mrs. Nearen abstained from the warrant vote. All other members present voted aye.**

**501Cs Update:** District Treasurer Gisondi stated that he continues the review of the “Boosters”, “Foundation” and “Adopt-a-Shop” he is working with the Boosters and Blue Hills’ Foundation to organize paperwork necessary for 501Cs. Submission is required for all non-profit organizations to be in state-mandated compliance.

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 will be presented at the Tuesday, November 5, 2013 DSC Meeting.**

**Transfer Account Authorization Request for \$10K to Auto body** – Mr. Proule requested the permission of the Committee to transfer \$10K into the Auto body Program Account for necessary supplies. Following questions and answers, Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., accepted a motion from Member Robert A. McNeil to approve the transfer of \$10K into the Auto body Program, as requested. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** to approve the transfer of \$10K into the Auto body Program, as requested

6.3 and 6.3.1: **Director of Vocational Programs** – Chairman Aidan G. Maguire recognized Director of Vocational Programs, Mr. Frank X. Howley. Mr. Howley presented a synopsis of what he has been doing in the first few months of his new position. Mr. Howley stated that he has been reviewing the vocational curriculum binders for all the programs so they will collectively align with the frameworks. Mr. Howley stated: “I want to integrate and enhance the programs and I will be working with instructors and administrators so that Blue Hills can meet training goals and have their students go out into their fields properly prepared for their future endeavors. If our students decide to go on to a college and higher formal learning, they will be equipped to do so with academic standards that are identical from point A to Z with other secondary schools. Presently, it appears that most schools seem to be doing the same work academically at the same pace. Blue Hills’ students often have the advantage because they not only are ready for college, if they so choose, but are also equipped with superior work ethics and a job placement skill.” Following Director Howley’s presentation, a question and answer session transpired:

→Vice-Chairman Charles W. Flahive stated that he wants to see additional programs be considered; i.e., “Law Enforcement”, etc.

→Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., wants to see additional certifications earned by the students prior to graduation; i.e., electrical, HVAC, if possible.

Following the presentation, questions and answers, Mr. Howley added:

**Donation of Equipment to School Thank You** – Mr. Howley stated that the recent donation of student equipment from the **Wyndham Boston Hotel on Beacon Hill** is greatly appreciated. This donation was arranged by Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr.

6.3.2 **“Mass Nine for the Ninth”**: Construction Technology Lead Teacher Robert Foley was recognized by Chairman Maguire. Mr. Foley approached the Committee and brought to the table for the consideration of the approval of the District School Committee the participation of Blue Hills’ Student in the “Mass Nine for the 9<sup>th</sup>” Program. Mr. Foley explained that it has been seven years since the “Katrina Disaster in New Orleans” and there are still families without homes. This Program would provide students of Blue Hills to restore a family to their home. The experience will provide students an opportunity to understand community service as a responsibility to citizenship. Through this building experience, Blue Hills’ Students selected to attend this program will become builders of a better world. Mr. Foley stated that coming before the Committee is the “first step” in moving forward with participation in the Program. Mr. Foley stated that the target date for the trip to New Orleans is APRIL of 2014 and the plan is to have students generate expense funding for the trip. Following questions and answers, Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., moved the question of approval of the trip. Member Robert A. McNeil made a motion to approve the “Mass Nine for the Ninth” Program Trip, as presented. Member Joseph A. Pascarella seconded the motion. The motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**Voted:** to approve the “Mass Nine for the Ninth” Program Trip, as presented.

Members of the District School Committee thanked Mr. Foley for the presentation.

6.4 **Assistant Superintendent/Principal: M. Barrett** – Assistant Superintendent/Principal Michael J. Barrett was recognized by Chairman Maguire. Mr. Barrett spoke and reported:

**Base-Line Concussion Tests** – Tests are complete.

- **NEASC Visit:** On Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. teams will meet to discuss preparation for the certification visit scheduled for April of 2014.
- **Reverse Career Fair** – Career Placement Director Kim Polisenio has a Reverse Career Event planned for Monday, November 4, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

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

- **Town of Westwood Day:** - Superintendent-Director Quaglia attended the event on Saturday, October 5, 2013, along with Publicist Judy Bass. Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive complimented Mr. Quaglia for the exhibit that he provided and his presence.

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

- **Internships** – Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive reiterated his suggestion/request for an internship program in the school's cafeteria to allow Culinary Arts' Students to experience this type of food service experience. Lead Teacher John G. Haelsen has returned to his position and this is hoped to accelerate the request/suggestion.
- **Employee Appreciation** – A program has been established with Ms. Judy Bass for individuals to send nominations for outstanding employees of the District.
- **Newspaper Article** – Vice-Chairman Charles W. Flahive provided the members with a report on area per-student costs.

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.

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

- **Newspaper Article** – Vice-Chairman Charles W. Flahive provided the members with a report on area per-student costs.
- **Bridge Shoring** – The repairs have commenced.
- **Third-Floor Check** – Concerns expressed by Chairman Maguire will be addressed by Superintendent-Director Quaglia.

10. **Executive session:** Chairman Maguire moved to enter into executive session at 8:30 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 regular 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 **8:45 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, November 5, 2013, unless** otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved:

Minutes submitted by:

Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr.

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary