



## 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, November 5, 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, November 5, 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 Messrs. Pascarella and Silveira

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** All present.

**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. David W. Proule, Business Manager  
Ms. Terry Longley, Assistant Business Manager  
Mr. Gene Mastro, Director of Buildings and Facility  
Mrs. Ana Peach, BHRT Teacher  
Mrs. Rebecca Ray, BHRT Teacher  
Mr. Barry Spillberg, BHRT Teacher  
Mr. Brian Gearty, BHRT Teacher – President of BHEA

\*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.

- **Class Trip 2015** to Nicaragua Costa Rica – Chairman Maguire recognized Mrs. Ana Peach and Mrs. Rebecca Ray. Mrs. Peach presented the proposed details of the trip to Nicaragua Costa Rica for Class of 2015. Mrs. Peach and Mrs. Ray presented a comprehensive PowerPoint descriptive of the participating student activities on this trip. A power point presentation was presented reviewing all the aspects of the trips, including costs. A question and answer session was conducted prior to the vote. Following discussions, Chairman Maguire moved the question of the approval of the proposed April 2015 trip to Nicaragua Costa Rica. Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to approve the proposed 2015 trip to Nicaragua Costa Rica. Motion was seconded by Member Robert A. McNeil. Motion was taken to a vote and it was UNANIMOUSLY

**VOTED:** to approve the proposed 2015 trip to Nicaragua Costa Rica.

**NOTE: Following the vote, and thanks to presenters, Mrs. Ana Peach** added that she had worked with a group of 24 volunteer students from Blue Hills on a Community Project last weekend and wished to compliment the students. Mrs. Peach has supplied Mr. Barrett with the names of the volunteers.

- **“Cuts for a Cure” Update** – Mrs. Rebecca Ray, National Honor Society Advisor, reported that the “Cuts for a Cure” led by student Bridget Kelley was extremely successful with donations still coming in.
- **Class Trip 2014 to San Francisco and Monterey** – Science Teacher Barry Spillberg was recognized by Chairman Maguire. Mr. Spillberg presented a proposal for a BHR Science Trip to be conducted during April Vacation April 2, 2014 – April 26, 2014. Mr. Spillberg stated that the minimum requirement to conduct this trip is 20 students. The trip will include a spectrum of educational events that will assuredly enhance the education experiences of the attending students. Mr. Spillberg also presented a PowerPoint Presentation that detailed the itinerary of the proposed trip. Following questions and answers, Chairman Maguire moved the question of the approval of the **Class Trip 2014 to San Francisco and Monterey**. Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to approve the Class Trip 2014 to San Francisco and Monterey as presented by Science Teacher Barry Spillberg. Motion was seconded by Member Robert A. McNeil. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED**: to approve the Class Trip 2014 to San Francisco and Monterey as presented by Science Teacher Barry Spillberg.

Concluding business with Mr. Spillberg, Chairman Maguire thanked Mr. Spillberg for his presentation.

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 15, 2013, as presented. Motion to approve and accept the Regular Meeting minutes was made by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion was seconded by Member Robert A. McNeil. Without discussion, motion was taken to vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** to approve the Regular Session October 15, 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:

**Sports:** Football, Volleyball and Girls Soccer are all participating in the Playoffs.

**Homecoming:** Highly attended (by over 300 students), this year’s Homecoming was beyond successful.

**Coloring Books:** Student Council has organized an event to have the talents of Blue Hills students utilized with the design construction and delivery of coloring books to children in hospitals.

**Appreciation Day:** Student Council will host and implement an *Appreciation Day Breakfast* on Wednesday, 11.27.13.

Members of the Committee thanked Ms. Leigh for her report and congratulated Ms. Leigh on her recent award of the famed Adams Scholarship.

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

6. **Administrative Reports:**

6.1 **Director of Buildings and Facility** – Chairman Maguire recognized Director of Facilities and Buildings Gene Mastro. Mr. Mastro provided reports on the following:

6.1.1 **Status update** on Pool Project, Ball fields, Primex clock issue:

**Pool Project** – A part being shipped from Canada, and late arriving, is slowing the project down but high hopes are anticipated for the first week of December completion.

**Ball Fields** – November 15<sup>th</sup> will bring all base ball fields up and running. Review of the football field blueprints are in action.

**Clocks** – Although huge headaches exist with the problems with the school clocks, there is a light at the end of the tunnel and next week should be the arrival of the anticipated solution. All clocks will be up and running with accurate time.

#### 6.1.2 Status of Project Developments

**Chateau Footbridge** – The bridge is shored and project estimates are being secured.

**Football Field** - A “written letter” from MIAA will be secured with the **regulation parameters** that must be established with the renovation of the school’s football fields. Project specifications are being closely reviewed by all parties of interest with the goal of a “perfect field” being realized.

The Committee thanked Mr. Mastro for his reports and promise of continued updates.

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

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

There was discussion regarding the re-establishment of the Warrant Subcommittee for prior to all full Committee Meetings when a warrant is set for approval. Following discussion, Chairman Maguire moved the question to the full Committee for a vote to re-establish the Warrant Subcommittee. Member Robert A. McNeil moved to re-establish the Warrant Subcommittee. Motion was seconded by Member Marybeth Nearen. Motion was taken to a vote and it was by **MAJORITY**

**VOTED:** To re-establish the Warrant Subcommittee.

(Two “no” votes were cast by Members Connolly and Silveira).

Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., will appoint Warrant Subcommittee Members.

Upon motion of Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive, to approve **FY14 Warrant Number 7 (Vouchers 1026-1029) in the amount of \$1,398,524.14.** 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 7 (Vouchers 1026-1029) in the amount of \$1,398,524.14.**

**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.

#### 6.3 **Business Manager: Business Manager David W. Proule was recognized by Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr.**

6.3.1 **Presentation of FY13 Year-End Figures** – Mr. Proule addressed the Committee and supplied each member with a document entitled: **Blue Hills Regional Technical School FY12-13 End of Year Fund Report (on file).**

This report was also sent to the full Committee prior to this meeting electronically for before-meeting review. Mr. Proule proceeded to review the document, line by line, and number by number; answering any and all questions directed to him by the Committee.

6.3.2 **Presentation of the FY15 Budget Calendar was presented to the Committee.** It was noted that this is the

first copy of the Budget Calendar for FY15 and is subject to change and updates. Following discussion, Member Marybeth Nearen moved to approve the FY15 Budget Calendar. Motion was seconded by Member Robert A. McNeil. A vote was taken, without discussion, and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** to approve the FY15 Budget Calendar.

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

- **NEASC Visit:** The Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. self-study staff teams met in preparation for the April 2014 NEASC Visit. DSC Chairman Maguire participated in this meeting.
- **Adams Scholarship Awards Ceremony** – Recipients, families and friends celebrated the achievement on October 28<sup>th</sup> and the event was well attended.
- **Reverse Career Fair** – Career Placement Director Kim Polisenio conducted a **Reverse Career** Event on Monday, November 4, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Nineteen businesses participated and a number of students received job offers and opportunities.
- **Annual Joint Dinner** – The dinner meeting will be conducted on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the world renown “Chateau de bleu” Restaurant with the culinary mastery of Chef John Haelsen and his assistants. This is an annual event that allows School Council, Administrators and the District School Committee to meet and exchange ideas on school improvements for the students.
- **Admissions Video** – The “Admissions Video” is looking “nice” and should act as a great marketing tool, as well.

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

- **MASC/MASS Conference** - Superintendent-Director Quaglia announced that he will be attending the Joint Conference in Hyannis, MA, Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> through November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

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

- **Internships** – Once again, 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 skill. Lead Teacher John G. Haelsen has returned to his position and this is hoped to accelerate the request/suggestion. “Training in a cafeteria environment is essential to students wishing to achieve success in the food industry. We have to see that our students receive this experience and what better place than the school's cafeteria.”
- **MASC/MASS** – The joint conference for professional development will be attended by Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive and Member Marybeth Nearen. The conference is conducted in Hyannis MA from Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> through Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

#### 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.
- **Finance & Administration:** Members met tonight and elected Member Marybeth Nearen as the subcommittee chairman. Along with this, the meeting included discussions on FY15 budget planning for the District.

#### 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.

10. **Executive session:** Chairman Maguire moved to enter into executive session at 9:22 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 **9:45 p.m.**

The Committee's **next meeting** will be a **Special District School Committee Meeting** conducted in the William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room 207A, at **7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, November 20, 2013, unless** otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved:

Minutes submitted by:

Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., Chairman

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary