



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

Membership: Mr. Francis J. Fistori, Avon; Secretary Germano John Silveira, Braintree;
Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. Canton, Mr. 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.

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

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

Prior to this Regular Schedule Meeting, subcommittees conducted meetings and recommendations will be forthcoming, resulting from their conduct. The subcommittees were:

- Personnel & Negotiation (Monday, April 8th)
- Warrant.

(Subcommittee Meetings were conducted in Room 402.)

NOTE: At this meeting the school and its buildings’ power were operating under emergency generators due to a problem with NStar Service (Blue Hills electric service provider). NStar had further requested that all school power be shut down as soon as possible. With this in mind, the Committee fulfilled the responsibilities of this meeting with alacrity.

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, April 15, 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. Connolly, Fistori, Flahive, Joyce, Maguire, McNeil, Mrs. Nearen (7:15 p.m.) Messrs. Pascarella and Silveira (7:15 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: -0-

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Charles J. Gisondi, District Treasurer
Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director
Mr. Michael J. Barrett, Assistant-Superintendent/Principal

*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.

PUBLIC HEARING – CHOICE PROGRAM - Open Public Hearing “Choice Program” Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. called the Public Hearing to order and welcomed input from Committee Members and Visitors on the “Choice Program” being implemented at Blue Hills. Superintendent-Director Quaglia, recommended not joining the Program, when asked by the Committee. There were no other comments. Chairman Maguire moved the question of the

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“Choice Program” following the conclusion of comments. A motion was made by Member Kevin L. Connolly to close the Public Hearing, which was seconded by Member Fran Fistori and passed unanimously. Member Connolly further moved to vote to reject School Choice for School Year 2014-15 and supply Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education of the Committees decision, as required by Chapter 76, Section 12-B, Massachusetts General Laws. Motion was seconded by Member Festus Joyce **by ROLL-CALL VOTE**, the Committee:

VOTED: To reject School Choice for School Year 2014-15 and provide the DESE Commissioner Mitchell D. Chester with the Committee's decision, as required by Chapter 76, Section 12-B, Massachusetts General Laws.

(The vote was 7 – 0.)

NOTE: Members Nearen and Silveira arrived after the CHOICE vote was taken.

2. **Student Representative Report** – No report.

3. **Public Comment** – None.

4. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** - Chairman Maguire moved for the approval of the following District School Committee Meeting minutes: **Tuesday, April 1, 2014**. A motion was made by Member Robert A. McNeil to approve the minutes of the District School Committee Regular Schedule Meeting: Tuesday, April 1, 2014 Minutes, as presented. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion was taken to a **vote**, without discussion and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the District School Committee Meeting of **Tuesday, April 1, 2014 Minutes, as presented.**

5. **DSC Chair Report** – Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. addressed the Committee stating that he had attended the General Advisory Meeting last Wednesday, April 7, 2014. Chairman Maguire is sure that Director of Vocational Programs will present at a future meeting a briefing to the full Committee on the success of the event.

- **IBB (Impact Based Bargaining) Training:** District School Committee Chairman Maguire attended the training session along with fellow members and members of the BHEA last night (April 14 from 5 – 9 p.m.). The second session of the first day will be conducted this Thursday, 4.17.14 from 5-9 p.m. The training goal is to help improve contract negotiating. A second day will be scheduled to complete the full two day training.

6. **Blue Hills Vocational Program Presentation** – The presentation has been postponed at the request of Metal Fabrication Teacher Brian Gearty. Reschedule will be forthcoming.

7. **DSC Subcommittee Reports** (as needed)

- **Warrant Subcommittee:** Subcommittee Chairman Charles W. Flahive recommended the approval of this evening's warrant (Warrant #17).
- **Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee:** A meeting was conducted on April 8th. From this meeting, there is a request for another meeting; as soon as possible before the next full committee meeting. The Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee is preparing for upcoming contract negotiations that are under their authority. Attendance at the IBB training is essential for the three members of the Personnel and Negotiations Subcommittee.

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8.1 **Treasurer: C. Gisondi** - Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi was recognized by Chairman Maguire following presentation of the FY2014 Warrant Number17 (Vouchers 1061-1064) in the amount of \$1,533,351.44, dated April 15, 2014. All members received a copy of the backup documents for this Warrant, prior to this meeting. The Warrant Subcommittee recommended approval of the Warrant.

8.1.1 **Warrant Approval:** Chairman Maguire moved to the approval of Warrant #17. Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive moved to approve FY2014 Warrant Number17 (Vouchers 1061-1064) in the amount of \$1,533,351.44, dated April 15, 2014. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion to approve was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve FY2014 Warrant Number17 (Vouchers 1061-1064) in the amount of \$1,533,351.44, dated April 15, 2014.

8.3 **Business Manager: D. Proule** – No report.

8.4 **Assistant Superintendent-Principal** – Chairman Maguire recognized Assistant Superintendent/Principal Michael J. Barrett.

- **NEASC** – Reminded the Committee that the accreditation visit is set for April 28, 2014 through May 1, 2014.
- **Art Show** - Members of the Design and Visual Communications Program will conduct their Art Show on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. This coincides with a Regular Schedule District School Committee and the students look forward to meeting members of the District School Committee.
- **“9 for Nine”** – Emails have come in from the student activity in New Orleans. Instructors Bob Foley and Jill Bearse are overseeing students as they have assisted with the rebuilding of homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. As hard as it is to believe after 13 years, there are still families that are displaced. Mr. Foley plans on coming into a meeting to detail the event's accomplishments.
- **“Crash”** – As prom time arises, a demonstration of a “Crash Scene” will be presented to remind Blue Hills students of the importance of total -focus driving skills.
- **Outstanding Student N’Dea Jackson** – Thursday, April 14th, 2014, Ms. N’Dea Jackson, her family and Blue Hills administrators traveled to Worcester, MA, to partake in the excitement of Ms. Jackson’s “Outstanding Student” award.

8.5 **Superintendent/Director: J. Quaglia** – Chairman Maguire recognized Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia.

- **Annual Evaluation of the Superintendent-Director** – Mr. Quaglia stated that he is doing the preparation work for this evaluation which is scheduled to start shortly.
- **General Advisory Committee Meeting** – Mr. Quaglia stated that the conversations at this year’s meeting seemed most relevant by the members to the continued student-success at Blue Hills.
- **Executive Session** – Mr. Quaglia requested an executive session.

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10. **Unfinished Business and New Business** – Mr. Quaglia will work with Training Facilitator Mary Ellen Shea to set up the second day of IBB Training.

- **Curriculum & Advisory Subcommittee:** - Chairman Charles W. Flahive requests a meeting to go over curriculum, class size and schedules. This meeting will require the attendance of administrators for input.

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

- **NSBA 74th Conference** – Member Joseph A. Pascarella reported on the professional development NSBA 74th Conference he attended from 4.4 through 4.6.2014 in New Orleans. Member Pascarella provided an oral report as well as provided pass outs to all members, detailing the content of the seminars, from the programs and seminars he attended including:
 - Legal and Legislative Advocacy
 - Governance and Executive Leadership

12. **Executive session:** Chairman Maguire moved to enter into executive session out of order beginning at **7:30 p.m.** The Chairman called **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. It was further announced that the Committee would return to Open Session solely for the purpose of adjournment. A **roll call vote** was taken and the executive session was **unanimously approved**.

13. **Adjournment** – Following conclusion of all District School Committee's open meeting business. Chairman Maguire accepted a motion from Member Fess Joyce and seconded by Member Fran Fistori to close the Regular Session Meeting of the District School Committee.

It was **unanimously**:

VOTED: to adjourn the Regular Schedule Meeting, with all regular business concluded, at **7:35 p.m. (Just as the lights went out.)**

The Committee's **next meeting** will be a **Regular Schedule Meeting** conducted in the **William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room (#207A), on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.,** unless otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved:

Minutes submitted by:

Germano John Silveira, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary