



**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, June 17, 2014**

**Conducted in the William T. Buckley District School Committee Meeting Room, #207A\***  
**\*The Committee met in Room 402 and the change of room was posted on entrance doors.**

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

- Evaluation Subcommittee @ 6 p.m.
- Warrant @ 6:30 p.m.

(Subcommittee Meetings were conducted in Room 402.)

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, June 17, 2014** at the Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School, Board Room 402, 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, Pascarella  
Silveira

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Member Nearen

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Charles J. Gisondi, District Treasurer  
Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director  
Mr. Thomas G. Cavanaugh, Dean of Students  
Mr. Robert Foley, Construction Technology Lead Teacher  
Mr. Michael Harkins, Construction Technology Teacher  
Ms. Elaine Coutu, BHR Teacher  
Mr. Anthony Ventosi, Construction Technology Student  
Mr. Shawn Pereira, Construction Technology Student

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

**With The Utmost Respect and Condolence:** Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. requested a moment of silence be observed by the Committee, respectfully, to the recent life passings of renowned Blue Hills teacher, coach and administrator, **James R. Crowley** (Friday, June 13) and his wife, **Mary I. Crowley** (Saturday, June 14). Also, the mother of 2013-14 Student Representative Jessica Caroline Leigh (**Erica J. Sandler**, Saturday June 14).

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.

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2. **Student Representative Report** – No report. New term for Student Representative Geoffrey Ostman will begin in September 2014.
3. **Public Comment** – None.
4. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** – Minutes of previous minutes were unanimously approved.
5. **Second Semester Student Discipline and Attendance Report** – Dean of Students Thomas G. Cavanaugh was recognized by Chairman Maguire and presented the following statistical review of the second semester student discipline and attendance for school year 2013-14, including comparatives with previous school years. Dean Cavanaugh stated that this year's seniors set a fine example for their underclassmen with their behaviors and attitudes. Seniors set the pace for an exemplary school year for the Blue Hills campus. Along with the previously mentioned student behaviors and attitude factors, Blue Hills' teachers maintained classroom discipline.

<b>Saturday Suspensions - Total Students Per Week &amp; Year - Average Per Day</b>								
	<b>2010 - 2011</b>		<b>2011 - 2012</b>		<b>2012 - 2013</b>		<b>2013 - 2014</b>	
	<b>Date</b>	<b># Students</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b># Students</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b># Students</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b># Students</b>
1	9/25/10	20	9/24/11	24	9/29/12	28	9/28/13	24
2	10/2/10	23	10/1/11	27	10/13/12	23	10/5/13	14
3	10/16/10	20	10/15/11	24	10/20/12	22	10/12/13	30
4	10/23/10	20	10/22/11	18	10/17/12	26	10/19/13	26
5	10/30/10	23	10/29/11	30	11/3/12	22	10/26/13	29
6	11/6/10	21	11/5/11	24	11/10/12	28	11/2/13	16
7	11/13/10	18	11/19/11	28	11/17/12	30	11/9/13	26
8	11/20/10	14	12/3/11	<b>Cancelled *</b>	12/1/12	33	11/16/13	13
9	12/4/10	34	12/10/11	25	12/8/12	40	11/23/13	24
10	12/11/10	54	12/17/11	19	12/15/12	37	12/7/13	28
11	12/18/10	46	1/7/12	41	1/5/13	29	12/14/13	15
12	1/8/11	34	1/14/12	28	1/12/13	28	1/4/14	15
13	1/15/11	22	1/21/12	<b>Cancelled #</b>	1/19/13	31	1/11/14	11
14	1/22/11	22	1/28/12	20	1/25/13	26	1/18/14	13
15	1/29/11	32	2/4/12	26	2/2/13	20	1/25/14	12
16	2/5/11	38	2/11/12	<b>Cancelled #</b>	2/9/13	<b>Cancelled #</b>	2/1/14	13
17	2/12/11	38	3/3/12	25	3/3/13	51	2/8/14	15
18	3/5/11	46	3/10/12	32	3/9/13	34	3/1/14	37
19	3/12/11	43	3/17/12	26	3/16/13	23	3/8/14	40
20	3/19/11	<b>Cancelled %</b>	3/24/12	29	3/23/13	24	3/15/14	32

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21	3/26/11	34	3/31/12	28	3/30/13	41	3/22/14	27
22	4/2/11	31	4/7/12	38	4/6/13	16	3/29/14	12
23	4/9/11	43	4/14/12	<b>Cancelled &amp;</b>	4/27/13	21	4/5/14	16
24	4/30/11	35	4/28/12	32	5/4/13	21	4/12/14	28
25	5/7/11	33	5/5/12	36	5/11/13	33	5/3/14	21
26	5/14/11	38	5/12/12	37	5/18/13	35	5/10/14	48
27	5/21/11	40	5/19/12	48	6/1/13	31	5/17/14	46
28	6/4/11	63	6/2/12	36	6/8/13	24	5/31/14	48
29	6/11/11	33	6/9/12	31	6/14/13	29	6/7/14	26
30	6/18/11	39	6/16/12	30	6/22/13	13 (tent)	6/14/14	16
							6/21/14	14 (tent)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>957</b>		<b>762</b>		<b>806</b>		<b>721</b>
	<b>Average</b>	<b>33</b>		<b>29.3</b>		<b>27.7</b>		<b>24</b>
	<b>% = Unknown</b>		<b>* = Super Bowl</b>		<b># = Snow Storm</b>		<b>&amp; = April Vacation</b>	

	<b>Freshmen Class</b>	<b>Sophomore Class</b>	<b>Junior Class</b>	<b>Senior Class</b>	<b>School Totals</b>
<b>Average Daily Attendance Rate</b>	13.8	11.8	13.3	16.6	<b>55.5</b>
<b># Students Tardy Daily</b>	5	4.6	6.8	8.5	<b>24.9</b>
<b>Office Detentions Assigned</b>	13	51	34	19	<b>117</b>
<b>Out of School Suspensions Assigned</b>	11	32	16	9	<b>68</b>
<b>Physical Altercations (Fight or Assault)</b>	0	5	2	0	<b>7</b>
<b>Number of Students with 1 infraction</b>	27	42	34	27	<b>130</b>
<b>Number of Students with 2 or 3 infractions</b>	10	17	21	20	<b>68</b>

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<b>Number of Students with 5 or more infractions</b>	4	9	6	9	<b>28</b>
<b>Total Infractions</b>	41	68	61	56	<b>226</b>
<b>Top Student Infraction Total</b>	9	13	5	8	
<b>Students by Grade with Saturdays Assigned for Tardies &amp; Cell Phones</b>					
<b>Seniors --&gt; Tardy = 62    Phone = 6</b>					
<b>Juniors --&gt; Tardy = 21    Phone = 21</b>					
<b>Sophomores --&gt; Tardy = 12    Phone = 25</b>					
<b>Freshmen --&gt; Tardy = 6    Phone = 18</b>					
<b>Total of 409 Saturday Suspensions Assigned</b> A High of 48 (2x) A Low of 12  An Average of 29.2					
<b>Reasons for "OSS" include --&gt; Electronic Devices; Fight/Assault; Disrespect; Sexual Harassment; Saturday Skip; Possession of Illegal Substance</b>					

Following questions and answers, the Committee thanked Mr. Cavanaugh for the fine job that is being done with the students here at Blue Hills.

**6. DSC Chair Report** – Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. stated that the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the School is coming up and he would like some administrative celebratory ideas to mark this great event.

**7. FY15 Maintenance Operational Budget VOTE** – The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School District has received affirmatives from seven of the nine district towns and is now in a position to vote for the final FY15 Budget, effective July 1, 2014t. Chairman Maguire moved the question of approval of the budget: Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to approve the final budget for the Blue Hills FY15 Maintenance Operational Budget in the amount of \$18,027,087. Motion was seconded by Secretary Germano John Silveira. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** to approve the final budget for the Blue Hills FY15 Maintenance Operational Budget in the amount of \$18,027,087.

**8. Blue Hills Vocational Program Presentation** – Chairman Maguire recognized **Construction Technology** Instructors Robert Foley and Michael Harking. Mr. Foley introduced **Construction Technology students Anthony Ventosi and Shawn Pereira**. Both students spoke enthusiastically of the roads that had led them to the selection of their program and the satisfaction they have with the program and the continuous development of their skills. Mr. Pereira also added, “Mr. Foley and Mr. Harkin are the best people and teachers. Having them for teachers has enhanced my life.” Also speaking on the history of his Construction Technology expertise, Mr. Ventosi also spoke of his trip to New Orleans in April with members of his class to work with the “9 for the Ninth”. Mr. Ventosi stated that the experiences he had on this adventure will stay with him the rest of

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his life. Mr. Ventosi also added: "If given the chance, I would return to New Orleans, to help folks recover to some form of normalcy." It was noted that New Orleans is still in need of much to recover from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Following questions and answers, Chairman Maguire and the full Committee thanked the students and their instructors for their appearance and presentation.

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

- **Evaluation Subcommittee** – Subcommittee Chairman Fran Fistori announced the details of this evening's meeting. All members present received evaluation forms for the positions they oversee with a request to submit returns to Joanne for tallying.
- **Finance & Administration** – Subcommittee Chairman Marybeth Nearen and reviewed a request for Special Actions/Encumbrances of Year-End FY2014, resulting in a recommendation for the following \$1,138,200.00
- **Warrant Subcommittee:** Subcommittee Chairman Charles W. Flahive recommended the approval of this evening's warrant (Warrant #20). There were questions about two items on the warrant that required definitions.
- **Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee:** A meeting was conducted this evening before the regular meeting. Chairman Charles W. Flahive reported that the Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee has entered into negotiations with the Blue Hills Educational Association. Nine meetings have been set for the BHEA contract. It is noted that there are four other units requiring negotiations with contracts expiring June 30, 2014.

8. **Administrative Reports:**

8.1 **Treasurer: C. Gisondi** - Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi was recognized by Chairman Maguire. Mr. Gisondi stated that he has looked into the District's Bond Rating and provided the members with a pass out of a rating for a bond that was floated twelve years ago. The District has the highest rating possible.

8.1.1 **Warrant Approval:** Chairman Maguire moved to the approval of Warrant #20. Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive moved to approve FY2014 Warrant Number 21 in the amount of \$712,712.29, dated June 3, 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 Number 21 in the amount of \$712,712.29, dated June 3, 2014.

Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion to approve was taken .to a vote and it was

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

8.3 **Assistant Superintendent-Principal** Michael J. Barrett

8.3.1 **Parent/Student Handbook for School Year 2014-15**

Following discussion, questions and answers, Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to approve the School Year 2014-15 Parent/Student Handbook, as revised and amended. Motion was seconded by Member Fran Fistori. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** to approve the School Year 2014-15 Parent/Student Handbook, as revised and amended.

8.4 **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 has begun.

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**Reorganization of the 50<sup>th</sup> District School Committee and Election of FY14 Officers:** Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., turned the meeting over to Secretary Germano John Silveira, opening up the nominations for the Officers of the 49<sup>th</sup> District School Committee and accepted the following:

- **CHAIRMAN:** Member Francis J. Fistori nominated Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., to the position of Chairman of the Committee for a one-year term; his second term. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. accepted the nomination for the second year as Chairman. Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to close the nominations, seconded by Member Robert A. McNeil. Nominations closed. and proceeded to a roll-call vote with Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. as the Committee's sole nomination for Chairman. By **roll call**,
  - **A roll-call vote was taken** and **Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr.**, was elected to the position of Chairman for his second term, **UNANIMOUSLY**.
- **VICE CHAIRMAN:** Secretary Germano John Silveira opened up the nomination for election of Vice Chairman. Member Robert A. McNeil., nominated Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive as Vice Chairman for a second, one-year term. Nomination was seconded by Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. There being no further nominations, nominations closed. Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive accepted the nomination for second one-year term. Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to close the nominations with the Motion being seconded by Member Robert A. McNeil. Secretary Germano John Silveira closed the nominations. Election followed:
  - **A roll-call vote was taken** and **Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive**, was elected to the position of Vice Chairman for his second one-year term **UNANIMOUSLY**.
- **SECRETARY:** Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to nominate Member Germano John Silveira to the position of Secretary. Member McNeil seconded the nomination. Mr. Silveira accepted the nomination to the second one-year term. Motion was seconded by Member Robert A. McNeil. Nominations closed. Vote was taken to the Committee with a roll-call vote:
  - **By roll-call vote to elect Secretary, as follows:**

**Mr. Germano John Silveira received a UNANIMOUS ROLE CALL VOTE, ELECTING him to the second one-year term as Secretary to the District School Committee.**

**It is noted that the election of the 50th District School Committee Officers and establishment of the 50<sup>th</sup> District School Committee are effective July 1, 2014 and ends June 30, 2015.**

13. **Unfinished Business and New Business** – Mr. Quaglia spoke in great length on the year-end funds proposed that had been placed and voted on at the June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 Committee Meeting. As was mentioned by Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia during the business of the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the District School Committee there could be an additional need with this funding vehicle. There was, as follows, thus adjusting the requested amounts:

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REASON	VENDOR	AMOUNT
Football Field	Quirk Construction	\$1,049,000
Chrome Books	Whalley	\$175,000
Legal Fees	MLM	\$ 30,000.

Following discussion and justification, Chairman Maguire accepted a motion from Member Kevin L. Connolly to approve the adjustments made to the June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014 vote for funding approvals. Motion was seconded by Member Francis J. Fistori, taken to a vote and **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED** To approve the added adjustments, as follows:

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#### 10. Summer Session 2014 Meeting Dates

By a **UNANIMOUS VOTE**, the District School Committee set the following Summer Session Meetings:

- Tuesday, July 22, 2014 @ 7:00pm
- Tuesday, August 19, 2014

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

12.3 **Assistant Superintendent-Principal** Michael J. Barrett had presented the Handbook at a previous meeting but was absent this evening. Mr. Quaglia was able to answer all questions.

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12.4 **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 has begun and will provide the Committee with a binder outlining activities of the past year.

13. **Unfinished Business and New Business** – Mr. Quaglia spoke in great length on the year-end funds proposed that had been placed and voted on at the June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 Committee Meeting. As was mentioned by Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia during the business of the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the District School Committee there could be an additional need with this funding vehicle. There was, as follows:

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**VOTED** To approve the added adjustments, as follows:

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

- **Blue Hills Hockey Program Co-op Proposal:** Athletic Director Ed Catabia was recognized by Chairman Maguire. Mr. Catabia spoke of the desire of the Member Towns of Avon and Holbrook to have their hockey players join with Blue Hills' Hockey Program. These towns are unable to reach the numbers for their joint team. Mr. Catabia has received the approval of the league for this two-year trial co-op. Following questions and answers, it was the sense



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of the Committee to approve of this transaction. Athletic Director Catabia did not require a vote from the Committee for this cooperative endeavor.

- **Athletic Fields** – Athletic Director Ed Catabia, on behalf of himself and his coaches, extended a thank you to the District School Committee for the improvements that have occurred on the school's athletic fields.
- **Compliment** – Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive complimented **Ms. Judy Bass** for getting the word out in Westwood about what is offered at Blue Hills.

11. **Executive session:** Chairman Maguire moved to enter into executive session at **8:27 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.**

12. **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 **8:47 p.m.**

The Committee's **next meeting** will be a **Special Meeting, as approved by the District School Committee** conducted in the **William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room (#207A), on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**, unless otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved:

Minutes submitted by:

Germano John Silveira, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary