



**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.
Student Representative: Jessica Caroline Leigh

Tuesday, June 3, 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:

- Evaluation Subcommittee @ 6 p.m.
- Finance & Administration @ 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 3, 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
MEMBERS ABSENT: Members Joyce and Pascarella

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Charles J. Gisondi, District Treasurer
Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director
Miss Jessica Caroline Leigh, Student Representative
Mr. Geoffrey Ostman, Elected School Year 2014-015 Student Rep.
Ms. Anne Marie Fortin – LPN Program Chairperson
Ms. Stacey Hedges, Blue Hills Teachers
Mr. Ed Catabia, Athletic Director
Mr. Jamie Arnstein PE/Health Teacher
Mr. Geoffrey Ostman – SY14-15 Student Representative

*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.

2. Student Representative Report – Student Jessica Caroline Leigh reported on student activities:

- **Student Representative to the District School Committee for School Year 2014-15** – Jessica announced that the Student Elections have been conducted, resulting in the election of next year’s Student Representative to the District School Committee. Jessica introduced Mr. Geoffrey Ostman

who will take over the duties as Student Representative to the District School Committee for School Year 2014-15.

- **Graduation, Tuesday, June 10, 2014** – Ms. Leigh stated that the Class of 2014 is fully ready for their commencement and looking forward to their big day.

Accolade: Following Jessica’s report the Chairman of the Committee, Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., commended Ms. Leigh’s for the fantastic job she has done throughout the year with her duties as Student Representative and a commemorative congratulatory photograph was taken.

3 **Public Comment** – None.

4. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** – None.

5. **DSC Chair Report** – Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. stated that he has no special report for this meeting.

6. **Blue Hills Vocational Program Presentation** – The presentation was postponed to the June 17, 2014 District School Committee Meeting.

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 addressed the full Committee and reviewed a request for Special Actions/Encumbrances of Year-End FY2014, resulting in a recommendation for the following \$1,138,200.00 Special Action for Encumbrances of Year-End FY2014, following discussion and justifications by Superintendent-Director as follows: Chairman Maguire accepted a motion from Member Kevin L. Connolly to encumber the following sums of money from year-end funds, in conjunction with stated vendors or similar, as follows with a total amount of \$1,138,200.00:

REASON	VENDOR	AMOUNT
Football Field	Quirk Construction	\$949,000.
Chrome Books	Whalley	\$85,000. (may be adjusted).
Legal Fees	MLM	\$ 30,000.
Physics Lab Installation	Longo	\$ 4,200.
HVAC Repairs	North River	\$ 25,000.
High Voltage Switch Gear	TBD	\$ 30,000.
Field Cleaning Equipment	TBD	\$ 15,000.

Motion was seconded by Member Fran Fistori. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to encumber the following sums of money from year-end funds, in conjunction with stated vendors or similar, as follows with a total amount of \$1,138,200.00:

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Note: Encumbrances will stand as a special action of the District School Committee, which is necessary to properly encumber funds for specific purposes beyond the close of Fiscal Year 2014.

- **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. This was a question that came up by Vice-Chairman Charles W. Flahive at the last DSC Meeting. 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 20 (Vouchers 1071-1074) in the amount of \$338,465.58, 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 20 (Vouchers 1071-1074) in the amount of \$338,465.58, dated June 3, 2014.

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 and will have a binder for the review of the Committee.
- **Executive Session** – Mr. Quaglia requested an executive session.

9. **Unfinished Business and New Business** – Mr. Quaglia spoke in great length on the year-end funds proposed placements. Superintendent-Director Quaglia stated there may be some amendments at the June 17, 2014 meeting.

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

- **Blue Hills Scholarships** – Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive would like to see a review of the current scholarship program criteria.
- **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 were unable to reach the numbers for their joint team. Mr. Catabia has met with and received the league's approval with a plan for this two-year trial co-op. Following questions and answers, it was the sense of the Committee to approve this transaction.
- **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.

11. **Executive session:** Chairman Maguire moved to enter into executive session out of order beginning 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 Wednesday, June 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** unless otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved:

Minutes submitted by:

Germano John Silveira, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary