



**MINUTES of the “49th District School Committee”
Special 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 Mr. Charles W. Flahive, Westwood.

Special Meeting, Tuesday, September 10, 2013

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

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School **Forty-Ninth District School Committee** Special Meeting was called to order at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 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, Mrs. Nearen and Messrs. Pascarella and Silveira

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. McNeil

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Jessica Caroline Leigh, Student Representative, School Year 2013-14

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

Mr. Thomas G. Cavanaugh, Dean of Students

Mr. Edward Catabia, Jr., Athletic Director – Football Coach

Mr. Brian Gearty, BHEA President – BHR Instructor/Coach

Mrs. Vicki DiMeo, BHR English

Mrs. Patrice Adams, SPED English

Mr. Scott Jardin, Health Occupations Instructor

Mrs. Susan Grant, BHR Science

Ms. Courtney Wall, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Academics

Mrs. Katlyn Lovell, Teacher Assistant

Ms. Stacy Hedges

*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.

New Employees' Introductions: Assistant Superintendent/Principal Michael J. Barrett introduced to the Committee the following **New Employees: Vicki DiMeo Patrice Adams, Susan Grant, Courtney Wall, Scott Jardin and Katlyn Lovell.**

Other new employees will meet the Committee at the Tuesday, September 17, 2013 DSC Meeting. The Committee was pleased to meet the new employees and extended their congratulations and best wishes for future successes with their new positions. Additional new employees will meet the Committee at the Tuesday, September 17, 2013 DSC Meeting.

2. Public Comment: None.

3. **Approval of Previous- Meeting Minutes** - Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. accepted motions to approve the July 23, 2013 Summer Schedule Minutes. Motions to approve and accept the minutes were made by Secretary Germano John Silveira. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Without discussion, motion was taken to vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve the August 20, 2013 Summer Schedule Minutes

4. **Student Representative Report** – School Year 2013-14 Representative Jessica Caroline Leigh was introduced to the Committee. Jessica looks forward to fulfilling the responsibilities of her position as Student Representative for will begin term of office at the start of school year. Ms. Leigh, also President of Student council, reported that Student Council is off and running and preparing many exciting events for their classmates. Ms. Stacy Hedges is the Advisor to the Student Council. A preview of the some of the events follows:

Homecoming Week is October 15-18th

- Friday dress up days.
- During lunches little games and contest that matches the day's theme.
- Friday Pep rally at end of the day 1:30-2:20
- Football game 7pm. Dance 8?-11pm
- Half time show-parade of cheerleaders, Class banners (judged) Homecoming court.
- Homecoming court announced-step out of cars, handed sashes, flowers, etc.
- Homecoming court will consist of a boy-girl rep of each class plus three senior girls and three senior boys.
- Cheerleaders performance
- Banners carried up to cafeteria
- Dance will start after half time show
- Student can show up after the game-different colored tickets for late entrance-free entrance-etc.
- Court crowned at 10:30pm and announcement of winning class banner.
- Dance ends at 11pm

Concluding Ms. Leigh's report, the Committee thanked Ms. Leigh. Member Fran Fistori complimented Ms. Leigh on the delicious cupcake refreshment created for tonight's meeting.

5. **DSC Chair Report/Comments** – Chairman Maguire spoke of the admirable turnout that appeared for the **Parent/Players/Coaches Athlete Meeting** on Thursday, September 5th. **Director of Athletics Ed Catabia** was recognized by Chairman Maguire and reviewed the content and details of the meeting with the Committee, with particular emphasis on the **Signature HealthCare Concussion Management in the Schools by Dan Muse, MD, Signature Healthcare, Brockton Hospital**. Mr. Catabia stated that Blue Hills is way beyond other schools with preventative matters and requires that all students receive a baseline concussion testing before participation with the sports' program. Mr. Catabia has supplied each of the members, electronically, the Fall Game Schedules, and updates this information on a weekly basis.

Girls' Volleyball: A record turnout of athletes turned out for signups and an additional team has been established with a "volunteer coach" for Girls' Volleyball. Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive stated that this coach should be paid and will be conducting a subcommittee meeting on October 1st to address this matter.

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 are two warrants: One for FY13 and one for FY14.

6.1.1 **Warrant Approval:** Chairman Maguire moved to the approval of the Warrants:

Upon motion of Secretary Germano John Silveira, to approve **FY14 Warrant Number 3 (Vouchers 1011-1013) in the amount of \$459,268.58.** Motion to approve was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. **Motion to approve** the warrant was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve **FY14 Warrant Number 3 (Vouchers 1011-1013) in the amount of \$459,268.58.**

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.

Credit Card Setup for Cafeteria – Mr. Proule reported that although charge cards for students were anticipated for school start, a few items are being addressed before the start up. Mr. Proule will update Committee as necessary. Chairman Maguire and the Committee are very interested in follow up report on this item.

6.3 **Assistant Superintendent/Principal: M. Barrett** – Assistant Superintendent/Principal Michael J. Barrett was recognized by Chairman Maguire. Mr. Barrett addressed questions that occurred at the 8.20.13 meeting. Mr. Barrett was on vacation during the 8.10.13 meeting. Mr. Barrett provided the members with the **Blue Hills' School Attendance Policy** as it is distributed to parents and students and further answered questions regarding the intent of this policy is to prepare students for the expectations that will occur in their future higher education and employment. When students go over the allowed absence days, they are required to take a summer school subject in order to move on to their next grade or graduation.

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

- **Superintendent Meetings with District Town School Superintendents:** - Superintendent-Director Quaglia will be meeting with a number of town school superintendents that are new to the system to discuss goals at Blue Hills.
- **Staffing/Hiring Update:** Superintendent-Director Quaglia declared all hiring is complete.
- **Video Recording of Meetings** – Superintendent-Director Quaglia stated that the equipment is in and the project is going in the right direction. Mr. Quaglia also provided the Members with a diagram of the layout of the equipment in the meeting room as is planned for the recordings.
- **Fire Alarms** – Mr. Quaglia reported that there were two “real alarms” that went off at the school. Faulty equipment was the villain and repairs are done.

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

Internship – Vice Chairman requested update on the status of the Culinary Arts' Internships.

Town of Westwood and Town of Milton Town Days are close to come and Judy Bass and Marybeth Joyce are planning presentations.

8. **DSC Subcommittee Reports (as needed):**

- **Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee:** Subcommittee Chairman Flahive requested executive session discussions as allowed via Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A.

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

Blue Hills Delegation to MIAA: On Wednesday, September 11, 2013, Blue Hills will send a delegation including Athletic Director / Head Football Coach Ed Catabia, outstanding multi-sport student-athletes Meg Delaporta of Canton and Marcus

Donahue of Braintree, both of whom are student ambassadors to the MIAA representing Blue Hills, and Communications Specialist Judy Bass to discuss the school's numerous successful sportsmanship initiatives in front of a distinguished panel of experts at Old Rochester Regional High School in Mattapoisett to win this award. Assistant Superintendent / Principal Michael J. Barrett will also accompany the group.

Request from Mr. Quaglia to Member Kevin L. Connolly – Mr. Quaglia requested that Mr. Connolly contact Mr. Jack McCarthy, a fellow Norwood resident, to ask for his help with MSBA matters.

10. **Executive session:** Chairman Maguire moved to enter into executive session at 8:07 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 special 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 Fran Fistori to close the Regular Session Meeting of the District School Committee.

It was **unanimously**:

VOTED: to adjourn the **Special Meeting**, with all regular business concluded, at **9:22 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, September 17, 2013, unless** otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved:

Minutes submitted by:

Germano John Silveira, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary