



**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, September 17, 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, September 17, 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, Flahive, Maguire, Mrs. Nearen and Messrs. Pascarella and Silveira

MEMBERS ABSENT: Messrs. Fistori and Joyce

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

Ms. Kristy Littlehale - Professional Teacher Achiever

Mrs. Rebecca Ray (Cygielnik) Professional Development Achiever -

Ms. Michelle Barley - Professional Teacher Achiever

Mr. David Joseph – Professional Teacher Achiever

Mr. Brian Benson – New Teacher/Science

*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 Employee:** Mr. Brian Benson, Science Teacher, was introduced to the Committee by Assistant Superintendent/Principal Michael J. Barrett. Additional new employees will meet the Committee at the Tuesday, October 1, 2013 DSC Meeting. They are:
- **Recognition:** Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia introduced **attending** teachers who have met the Blue Hills' Professional Status:
 - Ms. Kristy Littlehale
 - Mrs. Rebecca Ray (Cygielnik)
 - Ms. Michelle Barley
 - Mr. David Joseph

2. Public Comment: None.

3. **Approval of Previous- Meeting Minutes** - Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. accepted motions to approve the Special September 10, 2013 Meeting 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 Special September 10, 2013 Meeting Minutes. to approve the Special September 10, 2013 Meeting Minutes.

4. **Student Representative Report** – School Year 2013-14 Representative Jessica Caroline Leigh was recognized by Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. Ms. Leigh provided a comprehensive report on what is happening around the school with students and some of the plans for the School Year 2013-14.

→**Student Council** is looking for clubs to have representatives on the Student Council.

→**Community Service Project:** For homeless children, the students will be gathering birthday items with a goal being to provide homeless children birthday parties. to collect birthday party supplies and provide these kits to homeless children for their birthdays.

→**Spirit Week:** Students are currently working on themes for the all awaited “Spirit Week”

→ **Sports: Football** won Saturday September 14th against North Shore

Boys Varsity Soccer with a score of “1-0”

Following the conclusion of Ms. Leigh's report, the Committee thanked Ms. Leigh. Chairman Maguire complimented Ms. Leigh on the delicious cupcake refreshment created for tonight's meeting. Vice-Chairman Charles W. Flahive commented on the unique decorations Ms. Leigh provides.

5. **DSC Chair Report/Comments** – Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. spoke of the cafeteria charge card program and his wish to see it up and running. Updates will continue on this program status from all parties of interest..

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 is one Warrant prepared.

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

Upon motion of Secretary Germano John Silveira, to approve **FY14 Warrant Number 4 (Vouchers 1014-1016) in the amount of \$146,969.89.** 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 4 (Vouchers 1014-1016) in the amount of \$146,969.89.**

501Cs: Vice-Chairman Charles W. Flahive requested information on the progress of the 501Cs for the two Blue Hills' Groups that operate as non-profits from Treasurer Gisondi. Letters will be sent out to the Boosters and Blue Hills Foundation/Adopt-a-Shop with Treasurer Gisondi's desire to help with paperwork. Mr. Gisondi has sent emails regarding this matter to the parties of interest.

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 of **FY13 Year-end Report.**

Credit Card Setup for Cafeteria Student Purchases – Mr. Proule reported that although the charge cards for students were anticipated for school start, a few items continue to be 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.

DESE Report – A required report due on 9/30/13 for the DESE is ready for signatures by Chairman Maguire and Superintendent-Director.

6.3 Assistant Superintendent/Principal: M. Barrett – Assistant Superintendent/Principal Michael J. Barrett was recognized by Chairman Maguire. Mr. Barrett spoke of:

BLUE HILLS REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL IN CANTON WINS PRESTIGIOUS MIAA DISTRICT D SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD Reported By Judy Bass

“Blue Hills Regional Technical School in Canton has won the prestigious Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) District D Sportsmanship Award for 2012-13.

Last spring, the Mayflower Athletic Conference (MAC), which includes 16 teams, among them Blue Hills, voted Blue Hills the Mayflower Athletic Conference Sportsmanship Award for the 2012-13 school year. Upon receiving this recognition, Blue Hills moved on as a representative of the MAC to the MIAA's District D, consisting of 45 schools.

According to the MIAA web site, “These [district sportsmanship] awards are presented annually at the MIAA Sportsmanship Summit to one school in each of the eight athletic districts within the MIAA structure. District sportsmanship awards are chosen by the athletic directors from the member schools in each district.”

On Sept. 11, 2013, Blue Hills sent 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 accompanied the group.

“Meg and Marcus, along with Communications Specialist Judy Bass, did a great job and we all should be proud of what they did,” said Catabia. “Congratulations to all the coaches. You truly are great to work with and deserve a lot of credit for instituting integrity, discipline and sportsmanship in our student athletes. Keep up the great work.”

“The District D Sportsmanship Award is simply a reflection on the type of student athlete and coaches at Blue Hills,” noted Principal Barrett. “Our student athletes come from nine towns and most do not know each other before they get to Blue Hills. Yet our coaches are able to bring these student athletes together as a team. We are fortunate to have coaches who bring out the best in their student athletes, but also support one another. Our student athletes follow this lead and it shows in how they approach the game. Our students and coaches are committed to Blue Hills and everything we stand for. I applaud all of you on this great achievement. Congratulations to each and every one of our coaches and student athletes. This award is well-deserved.”

The school will receive the award during the 2013 Sportsmanship Summit at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro on Friday, November 22, 2013.”

NEASC April 2014 Visit: Mr. Barrett provided the following document to the Committee:

Blue Hills Regional Technical High School is preparing for our upcoming NEASC (New England Commission on Public Secondary Schools) on-site accreditation visit. For the past year, our school community has been involved in evaluating ways in which Blue Hills High School meets NEASC Standards for Accreditation. In the spring of 2104 NEASC evaluators will be visiting Blue Hills and will be assessing our self-study and conducting their own on-site research as part of their evaluation.

The steering committee has assigned school committee members to at least one NEASC self-study committee. The assignments are as follows:

- Mr. Germano Silveira -Committee #4 Educational Media Services
- Mrs. Marybeth Nearen-Committee #5 Student Services
- Mr. Kevin Connolly-Committee #5 Student Services
- Mr. Francis Fistori- Committee #6 Student records
- Mr. Festus Joyce- Committee #7 School staff
- Mr. Charles Flahive-Committee #8 Administration Committee
- Mr. Aidan Maguire- Committee #9 Finance and Business Operations
- Mr. Joseph A. Pascarella - Committee #10 School Facilities
- Mr. Robert McNeil- Committee #11 Atmosphere Committee

The steering committee will keep you posted as to the meeting dates for your committees. Tentatively we plan on having the committees meet on October 23, 2013 from 8:00am- 10:30am. Attendance is optional; if you do plan on attending the meeting please contact me at ifitzmaurice@bluehills.org and I will provide you with more information.

I hope you can join us and we look forward to seeing you. (The Steering Committee)”

There was discussion regarding the evaluation processes and members are urged to contact Mr. Fitzmaurice for his input.

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

- **Strategic Plan and FY14 Goals Setting:** - Superintendent-Director Quaglia will be submitting his goals and objectives for FY14 (School Year-13-14) for the review of the Committee and discussion. Administrators will submit to Superintendent-Director Quaglia. Anticipated receipt will be for the first meeting in October (October 1, 21013).

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

- **Internship** – Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive requested update on the status of the Culinary Arts’ Internships.
- **Return of Funds to District Towns** – Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive stated that he hopes the future will hold return of unused funds to the District Towns, when available.

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

- **Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee:** Subcommittee Chairman Flahive requested executive session discussions as allowed via Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A.
- **Athletic & Extracurricular Subcommittee:** Subcommittee Chairman Flahive requested a meeting be called before the next full Committee Meeting.

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

Request from Mr. Quaglia to Member Kevin L. Connolly – Mr. Quaglia reminded Member Kevin L. Connolly to 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 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 **8:45 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, October 1, 2013, unless** otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved:

Minutes submitted by:

Germano John Silveira, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary

