



**MINUTES of the “50th District School Committee”
Regular Schedule 2015 Meeting**

Membership: Mr. Francis J. Fistori, Avon; Mr. Eric C. Erskine, Braintree;
Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. Canton; Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Dedham;
Mr. Robert A. McNeil, Holbrook; Mr. Fess Joyce, Milton; Mr. Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood;
Secretary Marybeth Nearen, Randolph and Vice-Chairman Charles W. Flahive, Westwood.

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

Prior to this Regular Schedule Meeting, a subcommittee meeting was conducted. Meeting and report/ recommendations will be forthcoming, resulting from its conduct. The subcommittee was:

➤ Warrant @ 6:30 p.m.

(Subcommittee Meeting was conducted in Room 402.)

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School **Fiftieth District School Committee Regular Schedule Meeting** was called to order, promptly, at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2015** 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. Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive took the minutes of the meeting, with the absence of Mrs. Kuzborski.

NOTE: The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. Although the recording secretary was absent, Vice Chairman Flahive aptly performed her duties.

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. There are occasions when attendees do not sign in.

1. ROLL CALL and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *

MEMBERS PRESENT: Messrs. Erskine, Fistori, Flahive, Joyce, Maguire

MEMBERS ABSENT: Messrs. Connolly, McNeil, Polito and Mrs. Nearen

OTHERS PRESENT: Student Representative Geoffrey Ostman
Mr. Charles J. Gisondi, District Treasurer
Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director
Mr. Angelo Dimitriou, Director of SPED
Mr. Steven M. Moore, Assistant Superintendent/Finance and Personnel
Mr. Francis X. Howley, Director of Vocational Programs

2. Public Comment - None

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3. **Minute Approval** – Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. moved the approval of the minutes of previous meeting of Tuesday, January 6, 2015, as presented. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Member Fran Fistori. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve the minutes of previous meeting of Tuesday, January 6, 2015 meeting.

4. **Student Representative Report** – Student Representative, Geoffrey Ostman was recognized. Mr. Ostman reported on the following student events :

- **School Spirit Week** – Many plans are up and running for an additional “Spirit Week”.
- **Prom 2015** – Senior and Junior Students are planning this year’s prom.
- **Fundraisers** – Currently there are two fundraisers active within the school.
 - **Homeless Individuals’ Aid** - Help for the homeless with donations of new underwear and socks. Along with Blue Hills’ Students, all staff are assisting with this endeavor.
 - **Basketball for Cancer Cure** – Spearheaded by Blue Hills Basketball Coaches to help with the donations to be used to assist in research for the cure of cancer.

Following discussions and comments, the District School Committee Members thanked Mr. Ostman for his input and presence.

5. **DSC Chair Report** – Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., announced the status of member use of laptops for District School Committee business. There is a very good chance that the laptops will be available at the next (2.3.15) meeting.

6. **First Semester Attendance and Discipline Report** has been postponed. Presentation will be forthcoming from Dean of Students, Thomas G. Cavanaugh.

7. **SPED Mid-Year Report** – SPED Director Angelo Dimitriou was recognized and welcomed by Chairman Maguire.

Prior to the meeting, Mr. Dimitriou supplied all members with statistical documents electronically that provided information on the Program and students that are serviced through the SPED Department. Along with the documentation, Mr. Dimitriou provided a PowerPoint presentation that thoroughly reviewed what is happening with the SPED Program and comparatives. Twenty-three percent of Blue Hills’ students are presently receiving help with their learning strategies with special learning programs providing the best type of learning assistance available. Mr. Dimitriou went on to explain the intensities of disabilities and range of services. Funding vehicles include Grants, Medicaid reimbursements as well as local funding.

8. **Subcommittee Reports** (As needed.):

- **Finance & Administration Subcommittee** – The report from the Subcommittee on the 1.13.15 meeting was postponed.
- **Warrant** – Subcommittee Chairman Charles W. Flahive questioned the excessive legal fees
- **Personnel & Negotiation** – Report from Chairman Charles W. Flahive included a plan to conduct contract discussions with the BHAA, the final union settlement.

9. **Administrative Reports:**

9.1 **Treasurer:** Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi was recognized by Chairman Maguire. Mr. Gisondi requested the vote of the Committee for FY15, Warrant #12 in the amount of \$985,897.17, dated January 20, 2015.

9.1.1 Chairman Maguire moved the question of the approval of the Warrant.

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Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive moved to approve for FY15, Warrant #12 in the amount of \$985,897.17, dated January 20, 2015.

Motion was seconded by Member Eric C. Erskine. Motion was taken to a vote and it was

UNANIMOUSLY

VOTED: to approve for FY15, Warrant #12 in the amount of \$985,897.17, dated January 20, 2015.

9.2 Assistant Superintendent-Business and Personnel – Steven M. Moore

Mr. Moore was recognized by Chairman Maguire.

- **2015-16 (FY16)** Mr. Moore advised the DSC that the FY16 Budget continues to be discussed with administrators and a Finance & Administration Subcommittee Meeting was conducted on 1.13.15 for additional discussions. Mr. Poor distributed copies of the FY16 Proposed Budget to all members. The draft of the submission was reviewed with the Finance & Administration Subcommittee at a meeting conducted on Monday, January 13, 2015, as posted.
- **FY14 Audit:** Mr. Moore distributed copies of the Auditors' Reports for the review of the Committee and Presentation by (Powers & Sullivan) at the Tuesday, February 3, 2015 meeting.
- **Capital Plan Project:** The Capital Plan Project was distributed to all members

9.3 Director of Vocational Programs – Mr. Frank Howley – Chairman Maguire recognized Director Howley.

- **ACTE Conference, Nashville, TN (11.18.14)** – Mr. Howley presented a PowerPoint Presentation highlighting the various aspects of the Conference attended along with Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia. Privatization was discussed which appears to be a hoax currently circulating. Mr. Howley attended an assortment of workshops featuring ideas for possible additions to the Vocational Programs currently available at Blue Hills.

Following conclusion of questions and answers, the Committee thanked Mr. Howley for his presentation.

9.4 Principal –Principal Jill M. Rossetti. Ms. Rossetti reported was unable to attend this meeting.

The Principal's Post was distributed to all members, dated January 9, 2015. This publication provided members with information regarding all recent school activities and is also available on the school's website: www.bluehills.org 24/7

9.5 Superintendent/Director: Chairman Maguire recognized Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia.

- March Professional Development Event – The Committee approved the attendance of Mr. Quaglia and Facility Manager Gene Mastro for a Professional Development Event in South Carolina.
- **Submission of Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority:** Following discussion, Chairman Maguire accepted a motion from Member Festus Joyce, seconded by Member Fran Fistori, to give the Superintendent-Director, James P. Quaglia, permission to submit a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority, as follows:

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“Having convened in an open meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, the Blue Hills Regional District School Committee, located in Canton, Massachusetts, hereby votes to authorize the Superintendent-Director to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority, a Statement of Interest for the repair of Blue Hills Regional Technical School, located at 800 Randolph Street, Canton, Massachusetts.”

Following the motion and reading of the motion in its entirety, the motion was taken to a vote and it was UNANIMOUSLY

VOTED: to authorize the Superintendent-Director to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority, a Statement of Interest for the repair of Blue Hills Regional Technical School, located at 800 Randolph Street, Canton, Massachusetts.”

10. Unfinished Business and New Business: Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive will be calling a Curriculum and Advisory Subcommittee shortly for discussions with administrators.

11. **Discussion or Suggestions** for the Good of the District, Including newsworthy educational items – None.

12. **Executive session:** By **UNANIMOUS roll call vote**, the Committee voted to move into executive session as provided under 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 requires executive session. Chairman Maguire advised the audience that the Committee would leave the executive session solely for the purpose of adjournment.

13. **Adjournment** – Following conclusion of all District School Committee’s regular meeting and executive session. Chairman Maguire accepted a motion from Member Eric C. Erskine 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 **8:54 p.m.**

The Committee’s **next meeting** will be a **Regular Schedule Meeting, by the District School Committee** conducted in the **William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room (#207A), on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**, unless otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved:

Minutes submitted by:

Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved by:

Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr.