



**MINUTES of the “50th District School Committee”  
Regular Schedule 2014 Meeting**

Membership: Mr. Francis J. Fistori, Avon; Secretary Germano John Silveira, Braintree;  
Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. Canton; Thomas R. Polito, 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, October 21, 2014**

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

- Warrant @ 6:30 p.m.
- Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee Meetings.

(Subcommittee Meetings were 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, October 21, 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.

**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. The recording secretary was present and the meeting was also recorded with a digital recorder.

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. Connolly, Fistori, Flahive, Maguire, McNeil, Mrs. Nearen and Mr. Polito  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Messrs. McNeil and Silveira  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Geoffrey Ostman, Student Representative  
Mr. Charles J. Gisondi, District Treasurer  
Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director  
Ms. Jill M. Rossetti, Principal  
Mr. Steven M. Moore, Assistant Superintendent/Finance and Personnel  
Ms. Kristy Littlehale, Blue Hills Regional Teacher

2. **Public Comment** - None

3. **Minute Approval** – Chairman Maguire called for the approval of the Tuesday, October 7, 2014 meeting. Motion was made by Member Kevin L. Connolly to approve previous meeting minutes: Motion was seconded by Member Fess Joyce. Motion to approve the minutes was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** to accept and approve the minutes of the Tuesday, October 7, 2014 Regular Session Meeting.

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4. **Student Representative Report** – Chairman Maguire recognized School Year 2014-15 Student Representative Geoffrey Ostman. Mr. Ostman reported:

- **Student Council** – Conducted a meeting on October 16 to count the votes for the Homecoming Court and to discuss the Pep Rally which will begin on Friday, October 24, 2014 at 1:50 p.m.
- **Spirit Week** - Was a moderate success with Senior Students participating more actively than lower classmen. Student Council members agreed that future events should be advertised more aggressively.
- **Pep Rally (Order of Events):**
  1. Introduction of the Homecoming Court
  2. Golf – JV and Varsity
  3. Volleyball – JV and Varsity
  4. Soccer (Girls and Boys) – Freshmen, JV and Varsity
  5. Football – Freshmen, JV and Varsity.
  6. Cheerleading Squad will perform.
  7. Games:
    - The Human Horseshoe,
    - The Ice Pants Dance,
    - Defend Your Tower,
    - Mummy Wrap
    - Relay Race
  8. **Homecoming Dance** – Already sold, over 236 tickets. The new athletic fields will be unveiled with a football game kicking off at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Ostman concluded his comments and received the praise of the Committee for his presentation.

5. **DSC Chair Report** – Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., commented on the Homecoming Game scheduled at home and the first game played on the new field at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 24, 2014. Chairman Maguire urged members to attend this momentous event.

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

- **Warrant** – Chairman Charles W. Flahive – Warrant Approval Recommendation.  
There were questions directed to the Assistant Superintendent/Business and Personnel, Mr. Steven M. Moore. 1) The attorney's bills. 2) Cost of hockey shirts 3) Membership dues for coaches for different organizations. Replies will be forthcoming.
- **Personnel & Negotiation** – Reports from Chairman Charles W. Flahive status were requested to be revealed in executive session.
- **Policy Subcommittee** – Subcommittee Chairman Marybeth Nearen will set a meeting and subsequently following a recommendation for the approval of the full committee on the recently revised District Policy Book.

7. **Administrative Reports:**

7.1 Treasurer: Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi was recognized by Chairman Maguire. Mr. Gisondi requested the vote of the Committee for FY15, Warrant #6 in the amount of \$954,977.44, dated 10.21.14.

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

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Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive, moved to approve the FY15, #6 Warrant in the amount of \$954,977.44, dated October 21, 2015. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly.

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**VOTED:** to approve for FY15, Warrant #6 in the amount of \$954,977.44, dated 10.21.14.

7.2 **Principal** – Chairman Maguire recognized **Principal Jill M. Rossetti**. Ms. Rossetti reported:

- **Reverse Career Fair** – Last week, Career Placement Director Kim Polisenio conducted a Reverse Career Fair with businesses coming in and seeing first-hand, students' abilities in their shops. Ms. Polisenio has generated internships and jobs for students through the conduct of this activity.
- **National Honor Society** – Another altruistic "Cut for the Cure" will be conducted on Friday, October 24 in the gymnasium. Students and others will have the opportunity to donate and witness individuals losing their crops for a fine cause.
- **Special Student Assemblies** – With particular emphasis to the seniors and juniors, Blue Hills is sponsoring a special activity for the benefit of its student body featuring public figures and young adults who have been affected by alcohol and drug use who have turned their lives around. They are 50 minutes interactive sessions with a Q&A session. Jeremy Fischer and Tom Cavanaugh approached Ms. Rossetti on this activity and Ms. Rossetti agreed it was a good idea. More information is provided look under Brochures / Speakers for Hope at <http://www.gavinfoundation.org/brochures>
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences** – Parent – Teacher conferences are scheduled for 10.23 and 10.28.

7.3 **Assistant Superintendent-Business and Personnel** – Chairman Maguire recognized Assistant Superintendent Business and Personnel, Mr. Steven Moore.

- **Hockey Program** – Mr. Moore has done some research on the school's hockey program including resources and ticket sales. Mr. Moore stated that DCR creates a report on the expenses and resources and after all the expenses are paid, Blue Hills gets what is left over. There is no contract with DCR, simply an arrangement.
- **FY14 Audit** – Mr. Moore announced that the auditors will be here December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Clerical Professional Development Training** – Secretary's training has begun and occurs on the same days as in-service trainings.
- **Employee Handbook** – Mr. Moore reported that on Wednesday, October 15, 2014, the faculty and staff received their Employee Handbook, including a signoff sheet to be returned to Mr. Moore upon review completion. Mr. Moore complimented the school's **Graphic Program** for the fine job they had done with the printing of the handbooks. Members of the District School Committee had received a copy of the draft of the Handbook and this evening received the final print.
- **School Council** – Ms. Rossetti stated that earlier this evening the first official SY14-15 School Council

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Meeting was conducted.

- **Chromebooks** – It is anticipated that by Thanksgiving all Chromebooks will be distributed to students.
  - In April, Seniors and Juniors may conduct their student-government elections with the use of Chromebooks.

7.4 **Superintendent/Director:** Chairman Maguire recognized Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia. Mr. Quaglia reported:

- **Open House** – This year's Open House will be conducted on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 from 6 – 8:30 p.m. There will be a group of new elements added designed to stimulate interest:
  - **Signs**, strategically placed, throughout the nine district towns.
  - **Recruitment Video** – Starring Blue Hills Own "Xavier Mahoney".
- **Professional Development Program** - ACTE Conference (Association for Career and Technical Education) Nashville, TN

Mr. Quaglia received the permission of the full Committee to attend the aforementioned professional development program, along with Director of Vocational Programs Francis X. Howley on November 18-22, 2014 (**by UNANIMOUS VOTE**).

- **Request:** A former employee has requested that any and all information pertaining to him be removed from the Blue Hills' server.

"**Rigor and Relevance**" is a document that has been produced as a tool for supporting a successful learning environment. This publication will be provided at the next in-house professional workshop. Mr. Quaglia will supply each member a copy of this document at their next meeting.

## 8. **Unfinished Business and New Business**

- **ADA Requirements** – Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive asked for assurance on the subject of compliance of ADA requirements in all the school's restrooms.
- **NEASC Evaluation** - Vice Chairman Flahive asked again about the return from NEASC and learned that the final report has not arrived, yet.
- **Scholarship Program Reiteration** – Vice Chairman requested information on the school scholarship placements at the September 21, 2014 and wishes to spend some time reviewing protocols well before the next group of scholarships recipients choices.
- **"Make a Wish" Benefit** - Is scheduled for Saturday, October 25, 2014. Blue Hills Graduate Mikey Riley is running this event for the benefit of ill children. Members are urged to support and pass the word around to assist Mr. Riley with this altruistic effort. The event will be at "Lombardi's" of Randolph, MA and tickets are available from Mrs. Ana Peach and Mrs. Rebecca Ray.
- **MASC/MASS Conference**- Member Nearen wishes to go over the questions that will be voted at this year's MASC/MASS Conference.

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- 9. **Discussion or Suggestions** for the Good of the District, Including newsworthy educational items – None.
- 10. **Executive session:** Chairman Maguire moved to enter into executive session at 7:49 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 solely for an open session adjournment.
- 11. **Adjournment** – Following conclusion of all District School Committee’s open meeting business. Chairman Maguire accepted a motion from Member Kevin L. Connolly and seconded by Member Fran Fistori to close the Summer Session Meeting of the District School Committee.

It was **unanimously:**

**VOTED:** to adjourn the Regular Schedule Meeting, with all regular business concluded, at **8:25 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 November 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**, unless otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved:

Minutes submitted by:

Germano John Silveira, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary