



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

Membership: Mr. Francis J. Fistori, Avon; Mr. Eric C. Erskine, 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;
Secretary Marybeth Nearen, Randolph and Vice-Chairman Charles W. Flahive, Westwood.

Tuesday, November 18, 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, November 18, 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, Erskine, Fistori, Flahive, Joyce, Maguire, McNeil, Mrs. Nearen and Mr. Polito

MEMBERS ABSENT: All present.

OTHERS PRESENT: 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
Mrs. Rita Joyce, Milton, MA
Ms. Kim Polisen, Placement Coordinator
Mrs. Ana Peach – Blue Hills Teacher
Mrs. Rebecca Ray – Blue Hills Teacher
Mrs. Jane O'Malley, - Blue Hills Teacher

Congratulations were extended to newly- elected Braintree Representative Eric C. Erskine. Along with this, appointed member Thomas R. Polito, Jr., was elected with the vote of the people, after his appointment by the Selectmen and Dedham School

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Committee on September 4, 2014. Canton Representative, Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., and Avon Representative Francis J. Fistori were re-elected. The State, District-wide Election was conducted on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 and the District School Committee election occurred in all nine district towns.

The Committee also wishes to thank Mr. Germano John Silveira for his four years of service to the District School Committee as the Braintree Representative. The Committee wishes all good future fortune to Mr. Silveira.

2. **Public Comment** - None

3. **Minute Approval** – Chairman Maguire called for the approval of the Tuesday, November 4, 2014 meeting. Motion was made by Member Kevin L. Connolly to approve previous meeting minutes: Motion was seconded by Member Fran Fistori. Motion to approve the minutes was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to accept and approve the minutes of the Tuesday, November 4, 2014 meeting Regular Session Meeting.

4. **Student Representative Report** – None.

5. **DSC Chair Report** – Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. stated that the “Celebration of the 50th Anniversary” of the District School Committee has been set for Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the school’s “Chateau de Bleu” Restaurant. Invitations have been sent. Mr. Bernard H. Baher will be a guest of honor. Mr. Baher was a member of the first elected District School Committee and founder of the Blue Hills Foundation. Along with this, Mr. Baher is a published author and reflects through his books the amazing accomplishments of the Blue Hills Regional Vocational School District.

Secretary of the District School Committee Appointment: Mrs. Marybeth Nearen was appointed to the vacant seat of Secretary to the District School Committee by Chairman Maguire.

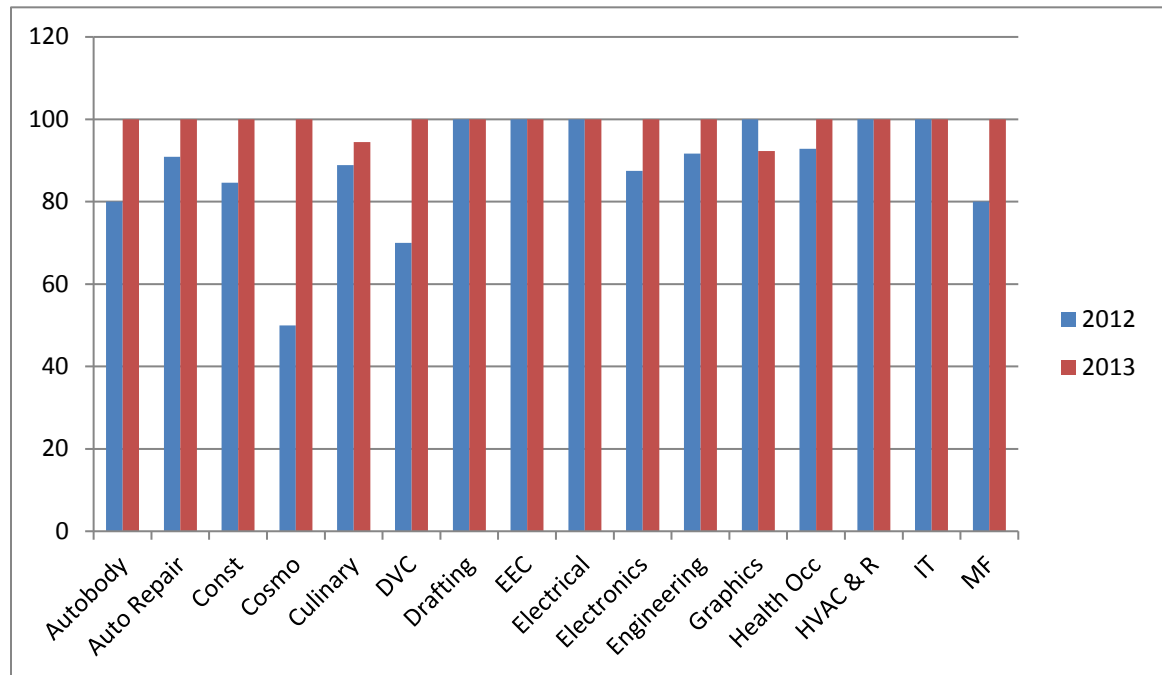
6. **DESE Graduate Follow-up Report** – Chairman Maguire recognized Coop Coordinator Kimberly Polisen. Coordinator Polisen presented the following reports to the Committee indicating placements of Blue Hills Graduates upon completion of their education at Blue Hills:

	# of Graduates	Responses (% Resp.)	Positive Placement (Perkins)	Positive Placement (Ch. 74)	Military	Employed Related	Additional Education	Employed Non-Related	Unemployed	Not in Labor Force
Blue Hills Regional	187	158 84.49%	156 98.73%	136 86.08%	4 2.53%	54 34.18%	78 49.37%	20 12.66%	1 0.63%	0 0%

- The following page tallies just where Blue Hills Graduates are from the Classes of 2012-13. Ms. Polisen worked tirelessly compiling the facts of this data by contacting graduates by mailings, phone calls and personal contact and was complimented on the success of her reports. Every effort was utilized for the accuracy of submission.
- The success of a Blue Hills Technical Education is often measured by what goes on in the lives of the students after graduation.

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- It is noted that 73% of Blue Hills' Graduates go on to higher education and are well prepared for the



challenges of a college campus.

Following Ms. Polisenó's presentation, the District School Committee extended their thanks for a job well done.

7. **Presentation of Proposed April 2016 Senior Trip** – Chairman Maguire recognized Mrs. Ana Peach and Mrs. Rebecca Ray. Mrs. Peach and Mrs. Ray presented a proposal for a **2016 senior class trip to Belize**. Although this is not a school sponsored trip, the ladies present to the Committee for their review and approval. The ladies presented a PowerPoint presentation of what is offered through this trip for qualified seniors. This will be the "fifth trip" that has been organized and implemented by Mrs. Peach and Mrs. Ray and occurs during April School Vacation. A recent notice out to all Blue Hills Faculty advertised chaperone interest. The positive effects of this trip include, but are not limited to:

- Increased student moral
- Increased regard for BHR within the Community
- Positive PR
- Benefits of experience, appreciation for hands-on learning and diversity
- Experience of a lifetime. Students will never forget!

Following the detailed presentation, Member Fess Joyce, stated: "You ladies are to be commended for what you are giving to our students and all the work you put into making these trips so successful." A vote was taken by the full committee: Chairman Maguire accepted a motion from Member Fess Joyce to approve the trip to Belize as presented by Teachers Ana Peach and Rebecca Ray. Motion was seconded by Member Fran Fistori and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

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VOTED: to approve the trip to Belize as presented by Teachers Ana Peach and Rebecca Ray.

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

- **Warrant** – Recommended the approval of the warrant.
- **Personnel & Negotiation** – Reports from Chairman Charles W. Flahive will be discussed 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. Chairman Nearen is requesting the final briefing from Attorney Page Tobin at this subcommittee meeting.

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 #8 in the amount of \$661,798.52, dated November 18, 2014.

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

Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive moved to approve FY15, Warrant #8 in the amount of \$661,798.52, Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve for FY15, Warrant #8 in the amount of \$661,798.52, dated
November 18, 2014.

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

Mandatory Fingerprinting for All Staff – Ms. Rossetti has arranged an on-site fingerprinting day for staff with pre-registration required. The fingerprinting will be conducted on November 19th by appointment, in house.

Open House – The Open House is scheduled for November 19th from 6 pm through 8:30 pm. This activity is overseen by Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, Ms. Marybeth Joyce. Principal Rossetti will be overseeing this event while Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia and Director Francis Howley are attending a professional development event in Nashville, TN. Students will have a ½ day on the date of the Open House. Student Guides will provide services to the event. Members of the District School Committee are invited to attend this event.

Sports Program – Is scheduled to be up and running on December 1st for the Winter Season. The Football banquet will be conducted at the Randolph Knights of Columbus Hall in Randolph on December 9, 2014.

Hockey Program – Thirty-one athletes have signed up with eighteen from Blue Hills. This year's Hockey Program will include athletes from Avon and Holbrook.

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Chairman Maguire commented that it was good to see Ms. Rossetti at the Blue Hills' games and that she is a very visible administrator at student activities.

“Red Ribbon Day” – SADD Students will conduct a Red Ribbon Day on November 25th to bring awareness to their cause.

9.3 Assistant Superintendent-Business and Personnel – Steven Moore

Mr. Moore was recognized by Chairman Maguire.

FY16 Budget Process: Mr. Moore stated that the budget process has begun with a staff meeting to be called for this Thursday.

- Efforts are being made in to bring all fee collections online including Cosmetology and Early Education.
- A significant increase in revenues has been realized with the acceptance of charge cards in the Chateau de Bleu School Restaurant and Auto Repair.

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

Mr. Quaglia submitted:

Superintendent-Director Goals' Summary for School Year 2014-15;

DESE EVALUATION	STRATEGIC GOALS	GOAL
Curriculum Planning and Assessment	1. Program Improvement	Attend the A.C.T.E. Vision Conference
Curriculum Planning and Assessment	2. Student Achievement	Facilitate the development and completion of DDM'S for submission to DESE
Teaching and Learning	3. Literacy Across Disciplines	Research SSR Model for Vocation Programs and present report.
Teaching and Learning	4. Tech Implementation and integration.	Prepare a Report to DSC in Winter/Spring, Regarding Technology Integration Specialist

“Goal 1: In November of 2014, I will attend the Vision Conference sponsored by the Association for Career and Technical Education. This national conference is a collection and showcase of CTE best practices, as well as a repository for technical publishers and manufacturers. I will arrange to have as many useful resources forwarded to our vocational teachers and administration as possible. Also, I will present to the DSC on my findings at the conference once I return.

Goal 2: Culminating in June of 2015, I will have guided the administration through the process of facilitating the selection and development of District Determined Measures. These DDMs are required by DESE in

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conjunction with the Educator Evaluation System. Subsequent refinement of the DDms will be ongoing, but the development of them for each subject area and level will be completed by the end of the year.

Goal 3: In order to facilitate an increase in technical literacy in our vocational programs, I will investigate and produce a report of my findings and proposal regarding the possible implementation of a Silent Sustained Reading Program in all vocational areas by April of 2015. The aim would be to have all vocational areas reading select technical literature for a short period of time each day.

Goal 4: The role of the modern library is in a malleable state presently, as we move into the 1:1 Chromebook environment. Now that we are developing the capability of what I call “Library Anywhere”, the role of the Library Media person is moving toward that of Technology Integration Specialist. To that end, I will submit a proposal in the form of a report to DSC by March 1, 2015. This report will outline benefits and action steps to bring such a change about.”

Following Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia’s presentation, the Committee extended its thanks.

10. **Unfinished Business and New Business:**

- **Student Score Results** – Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive is still looking for SAT Scores with breakdowns as well as MCAS return breakdowns. “How are the scores comparing this year from last year individually and collectively?” Principal Rossetti will look into these requests.
- **MASC/MASS Conference-** Chairman Maguire, Vice Chairman Flahive and Secretary Nearen reported on a very productive experiences at the MASC/MASS. This event supplies school committee members all over the State to receive tools that will benefit their service on their respective committees.
- **Vocational Program Counts** – The exact counts will not be available until the end of January after the conclusion of the freshman exploratory.

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 Kevin L. Connolly 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 **8:35 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 December 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.,** unless otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved:

Minutes submitted by:

Marybeth Nearen, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary

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