



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, 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, December 16, 2014

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

- Finance & Administration – (12.8.14) Review of FY15 Budget Planning
- 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, December 16, 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.

The Official District School Committee Photograph was taken before the meeting. This photograph is placed in the graduating class of 2015’s Yearbook, on the web and in the Hall of Honor.

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, McNeil, Mrs. Nearen and Mr. Polito

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Kevin L. Connolly

OTHERS PRESENT: Student Representative Geoffrey Ostman
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

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2. **Public Comment** - None

3. **Minute Approval** – Although prepared and presented, the Minutes of the Tuesday , December 2, 2014 Meeting were waived for protocol discussion. Following discussion, it was decided by the full committee to delay approval of said minutes.

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

- **Student Council Meeting** – The Student Council met on December 3, 2014 and celebrated their advisor's (Ms. Hedges) birthday with a serving of pumpkin pie.
- **School Dance** – This Friday the school will be having a dance, directly after the Boys' Varsity basketball game. Decorating will be done on Thursday and the cost of the dance is \$5.
- **School Students Comments** – A few items were discussed with information provided by Blue Hills' students. It was recommended that these items be turned over to the appropriate administrators for their actions.

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. , the Master-of-Ceremony, reported on the success of the Tuesday, December 9, 2014 Celebration commemorating the 50 years the District School Committee has existed spoke of the great success of the event. The District School Committee thanks all who were able to attend the Tuesday, December 9, 2014 event. The present District School Committee recognized the many individuals who have served as District School Committee Members over the past 50 years and are sincerely grateful. Guests included present, past and hopefully future District School Committee Members. Presently, we have three members on the District School Committee who are Blue Hills' graduates. They are Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., Member Eric C. Erskine and Member Francis J. Fistori. The selfless donation of time, intellect, perseverance and positive attitude by District School Committee Members, past and present, have served to help make Blue Hills Regional Vocational School District's Blue Hills Regional Technical School the premier school it is.

A special thank you was extended to Chef John Haelsen and Chef Heather Irber for the amazing array of foods they prepared for the event. The souvenir mugs were a production from Graphic Technology's students under the guidance of Teachers Dan Jordan and Christopher Deady.

Along with this, each member of the faculty and staff is thanked for the part they play in making Blue Hills what it is today. Attending Blue Hills Tech provides students with all the tools that are necessary to be successful in life.

Last, but not least, a sincere and heartfelt thank you, to the citizens of the nine towns we serve for supporting our goals and mission in providing your towns' students with the best education available anywhere.

The District School Committee received Citations of Accomplishment by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts House of Representatives and State Senators. Senator Brian A. Joyce and Representative Walter Timilty presented the proclamations. Also in attendance was Representative Paul McMurthy. Mr. Bernard H. Baher, a member of the "First District School

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Committee was also an honored guest. Numerous other DSC Members from Committees past were also present, including Mr. Timothy Sullivan (“When Irish Eyes Are Smiling”) and Mr. William T. Buckley.

Letter of Thanks: A letter of thanks was read into the record from Mr. Alan Butters, long-term representative to the DSC, representing the District Town of Westwood for inclusion as a guest at the “50th Celebration” of the District School Committee.

6. Subcommittee Reports (As needed.):

- **Finance & Administration Subcommittee** – Subcommittee Chairman Marybeth Nearen reported on the meeting that was conducted with Assistant Superintendent for Business and Personnel Steven Moore and Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia on Monday, December 8, 2014, stating that Mr. Moore has a PowerPoint presentation he will present this evening outlining the goals and objectives for the FY16 (2015-16) Budget. Chairman Nearen stated that the Personnel & Negotiation voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to recommend the full Committee’s acceptance of Mr. Moore’s FY16 Proposed Staffing Plan and Salary Budget.
- **Warrant** – Recommended the approval of the warrant, with Subcommittee Chairman Charles W. Flahive requesting an itemized breakdown of the expenses for legal counsel; i.e., “How much for Policy Book Review, Contract Negotiations and General Legal Expense?” Assistant Superintendent/Personnel & Finance will provide this information by the next meeting.
- **Personnel & Negotiation** – Report from Chairman Charles W. Flahive included the outcome of the negotiations with District Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi and District Recording Secretary Joanne M. Kuzborski. Each individual was recommended for rehire. One union contract remains with the Blue Hills Administrators Association and a strategy session will be conducted on January 6, 2015 at 6 p.m. All settled contracts and memorandums of understanding will be voted on at the TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015 DSC Regular Session Meeting, with District Liaison Canton Selectman John Connolly invited.
- **Policy Subcommittee** – Subcommittee Chairman Marybeth Nearen is waiting to hear from Attorney Paige Tobin to meet and review the final copy of the reviewed and updated 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 #10 in the amount of \$1,162,870.76, dated December 16, 2014.

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

Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive moved to approve FY15, Warrant #10 in the amount of \$1,162,870.76, dated December 16, 2014.

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

VOTED: to approve FY15, Warrant #10 in the amount of \$1,162,870.76, dated December 16, 2014.

7.2 Assistant Superintendent-Business and Personnel – Steven Moore

Mr. Moore was recognized by Chairman Maguire.

2015-16 Budget Goals: Mr. Moore proceeded to present an impressive PowerPoint presentation outlining the 2015-2016 Focused Strategic Goals and Guidelines with focus on **Proposed Staffing Plan and Salary budget.** and the process that is being implemented. The District continues to await the Governor’s decision

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on budget items specifically those effecting regional schools. The Budget Development Process keyed on the following:

- Development of Assumptions and Priorities

Budget Drivers

1. Needs Assessment
2. District Focused Strategic Goals
3. Department and School Improvement Goals
4. Revenue
5. Enrollment
6. Fixed Costs
7. Mandated Costs
8. **Innovations.**

Following the presentation, including pass out, the Members of the District School Committee thanked Mr. Moore for his comprehensive outline of the FY16 Budget Process.

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

Sports Updates:

- **Hockey:** Coach Bonham and Coach Tapper have their athletes involved in a Community Service Project to benefit “Toys for Tots”. Seniors Nick Prisco, Mark Travers and Chris Bartorelli collected over 50 toys along with the hockey team and dropped off the donations last week.

Hockey Roster: 30 students with two players from Holbrook and one player from Avon.

- **Girls Basketball:** The Girls Varsity, JV and Freshman teams have been formed. Three girls who had no playing experience did not make the team (from upper grades). All the freshmen made the freshman team. Coach McGrath talked with the girls involved.
- **Freshmen Boys Basketball:** There were cuts to this team because of the number of players trying out. Coach Davis met with each player who did not make the team to discuss the reason why and to give the players suggestions on what to work on.
- **Swimming:** No cuts.

Sports Banquet: Ms. Rossetti attended the banquet conducted on Tuesday, December 9, 2014.

Captains for 2015 Football Team were announced; Tre Blount, Noel Francois and Keith Reissfelder.

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New Teachers Mentor Meeting: Met with new teachers yesterday and reviewed holiday guidance, “disillusionment” and Best of the Web with Ms. Rebecca Ray.

Student Government Day 2015: The 68th Annual Student Government Day is on Friday April 10th at the State House in Boston. This statutory program encourages students from Massachusetts public and private high schools to learn about the structure of state government, to become engaged citizens and to develop an understanding of the rights and responsibilities that we share in a democracy. Students will assemble at the State House where most will replicate activities of the General Court (Massachusetts State Legislature), while others will meet as constitutional officers and as members of the Supreme Judicial Court. One student designee and an alternate were elected and submitted: Cameron Qualters is the School Representative and Angel Perez is the alternate for Student Government Day. Students have signed permission slips.

ALICE DRILL: Will be conducted this month.

Following Ms. Rossetti’s report, questions and answers; the District School Committee extended their thanks.

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

Mr. Quaglia presented:

- **Recruitment Video:** Mr. Quaglia provided a viewing of a School Recruitment Video that has been produced to demonstrate all that is offered to future students that decide to enroll at Blue Hills as well as for the District Communities that are served by Blue Hills Regional Technical School. Anyone wishing a copy of this video may contact the Superintendent-Director’s office and request.
- **MAVA (Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators):** Superintendent-Director Quaglia is the Secretary on the MAVA Board. Mr. Quaglia reported that the MARS organization ‘may’ be looking for financial assistance (legal) of \$500; in conjunction with the restoration of 9C cuts.
- **Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA):** It was with great disappointment that Mr. Quaglia reported the Blue Hills Regional Technical School District FY2014 SOI Status of rejection of the submitted SOI for accelerated repair, via letter dated December 12, 2014. Blue Hills will resubmit their application for FY15 consideration by February 13, 2015.
- **Decommission/Baum Right-Angle Attachment for Paper Folder:** Mr. Quaglia stated that this piece of equipment attachment is obsolete. A local graphics machinery dealer (Mass Printers Services, Inc.) is willing to exchange this obsolete item for a piece of beneficial machinery (three-hole drill) that is needed for the Graphic Department and would be used constantly. The District School Committee approved Mr. Quaglia request for this sensible trade.
- **New England Association of Schools & Colleges, Inc., Commission on Public Schools – Committee on Technical and Career Institutions (NEAS&C) –** Mr. Quaglia reviewed the content of a letter dated December 4, 2014 from NEAS&C (Janet D. Allison and Bruce R. Sievers). The letter and report of the findings of the April 28-May 1, 2014 visit to Blue Hills

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was glowing and resulting in the October 20-21, 2014 meeting vote to award Blue Hills Continued Accreditation in the New England Association of Schools & Colleges. A Two-Year Progress Report is due April 1, 2016 and a Five-Year Focused Visit will be scheduled in Spring 2019. This letter/report is part of the meeting record and may be reviewed at anytime either in the DSC Office or via the Superintendent-Director (Mr. Quaglia) and Principal (Ms. Rossetti).

8. Unfinished Business and New Business:

- **Retirement Board:** Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi, Chairman of the Blue Hills Retirement Board requested the appointment of Mrs. Virginia M. Frew as representative to the Retirement Board, as the appointed representative from the District School Committee. This would be a re-appointment as Mrs. Frew currently serves in this position. Chairman Maguire accepted a motion from Member Fran Fistori to re-appoint Mrs. Virginia M. Frew as representative to the Blue Hills Retirement Board as the District's Representative. Motion was seconded by Member Robert A. McNeil and **it was UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to re-appoint Mrs. Virginia M. Frew as representative to the Blue Hills Retirement Board as the District's Representative.

Flag Donation: Secretary Marybeth Nearen presented a flag donated by a Blue Hills' advocate Mr. Dana Szymczuk from Weymouth. Principal Rossetti has sent out a thank you and acknowledgement to Mr. Szymczuk on behalf of the school and District School Committee.

9. Discussion or Suggestions for the Good of the District, Including newsworthy educational items:

- **Contract Approval:** Contract approvals (including Memorandums of Understanding) will be voted at the next meeting. Canton Selectman John Connolly, the District Town Liaison will be invited to attend the January 6, 2015, and participate with the vote if available.

10. 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 Fess Joyce 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 **9:30 p.m.**

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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, January 6, 2015** at **7:00 p.m.**, unless otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved:

Minutes submitted by:

Marybeth Nearen, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary

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