



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, December 2, 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 – (12.1.14) Review of FY15 Budget Goals
- 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 2, 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:

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
Mr. Dan Jordan, Blue Hills Teacher
Mrs. Trisha Murphy, Blue Hills Teacher

2. Public Comment - None

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3. **Minute Approval** – Chairman Maguire called for the approval of the Tuesday, November 18, 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 18, 2014 meeting Regular Session Meeting.

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

- **Student Council Meeting** – The Student Council conducted a joint meeting with the National Honor Society and finalized plans to conduct a food drive. This year’s recipients will be the food banks located in Braintree and Milton.
- **Coloring Books** – 100 coloring books have been produced to be distributed to children in hospitals.
- **Staff Appreciation Day** – November 26th the Student Council organized a “Staff Appreciation Day” providing breakfast for staff members and making deliveries to those unable to attend the event in Room 207A.
- **Soccer Team** – Dan Jordan’s soccer coaching and his team have been honored with a state-wide award.
- **Boosters’ Bazaar** – Blue Hills’ Students will support and volunteer at the Boosters’ Bazaar this Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Teachers Ana Peach and Rebecca Ray

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. School District. Everything is set to go. Members may bring their spouses and significant others to this event. The invitation to the event has gone out to everyone. Replies are impressive with many past District School Committee Members planning to attend. Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., will be the Master of Ceremony for this event.

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, 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 Budget Goals.
- **Warrant** – Recommended the approval of the warrant.
- **Personnel & Negotiation** – Reports from Chairman Charles W. Flahive will be discussed in executive session. The Personnel & Negotiation finalized the last SEIU#888 Contract with the Cafeteria this evening.
- **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 will be requesting the final briefing from Attorney Page Tobin at this subcommittee meeting.

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 #9 in the amount of \$707,244.91, dated December 2, 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 #9 in the amount of \$707,244.91,

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dated December 2, 2014.

Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve for FY15, Warrant #9 in the amount of \$707,244.91, dated December 2, 2014.

Auditors: The auditors are back to audit the FY14 Budget and the District is awaiting on recommended Policy that was drafted and is being reviewed by the School's Counsel.

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 and the process that is being implemented. An all staff meeting was conducted to let everyone know where we are going and why and how. At this point, it is unknown what constraints may be applied at the State-house level. With the new Governor in charge the District must wait and see. Anyone that wishes may ask to see the presentation that was presented by Mr. Moore this evening.

Following conclusion of questions, comments and answers, Chairman Maguire moved the question of the acceptance of the Assistant Superintendent-Business and Personnel's 2015-16 Focused Strategic Goals and Guidelines.

Secretary Marybeth Nearen moved to accept the 2015-16 Focused Strategic Goals and Guidelines as presented. Motion was seconded by Member Fess Joyce. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to accept the 2015-16 Focused Strategic Goals and Guidelines as presented.

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

Mandatory Fingerprinting for All Staff – The on-site fingerprinting was conducted with great success and convenience to the participating staff.

Open House – The Open House scheduled for November 19th from 6 pm through 8:30 pm was conducted. This activity is produced by Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, Ms. Marybeth Joyce with the cooperation and support of all staff. Principal Rossetti was present throughout the evening to help with this most successful event. There was a constant flow of individuals throughout the evening interested in finding out just how great Blue Hills Tech is.

Document Provision – Ms. Rossetti provided the District School Committee with the following documents in reply to requests by Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive:

- CTE Program – Listing all programs and the current enrollments of each program, excluding freshmen who are still participants of the mandated exploratory program.

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- 2013 Follow-up Survey - Additional Data listing the number of graduates and the responses.
- MCAS Summary – A comprehensive review of the student achievements over the past four years, including student results and comparatives in categories.

Ms. Rossetti included in her presentation of the documents assurance that any questions on the content of the submitted documents will be answered on request.

Seminar: Ms. Rossetti reported that she had attended an all-day seminar today on ways to watch out for student behavior changes. ISIS is targeting students for with their change of philosophy since 9/11 to “Do what you can, when you can, radicalizing then mobilizing.” Students are being recruited in many different ways. One of the signs a student might exhibit could be constantly obsessed with hours of watching violent activities over the internet.

Basketball Tryouts: Tryouts are being conducted today and students will soon learn of the results.

School Council: Recently a vote was taken by the students and it was by popular vote decided to keep the traditional graduation cap and gown colors (Blue for boys/White for girls). A change of colors was considered.

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

Mr. Quaglia presented:

- **MAVA (Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators):** Superintendent-Director Quaglia is the Secretary on the MAVA Board. The MAVA Board is currently talking with DESE, specifically the present Commissioner about issues that will have an impact on Vocational Education. One specific item is the admissions process for enrollment candidates to Vo-Tech Schools. Constant emails are being sent to all Vocational Schools with advisements from MAVA, briefing all with what is going on. Along with this, Superintendent-Director attends all MAVA meetings and has first-hand information on all issues.
- **Association for Career and Technical Education. ACTE: Vision 2014:** Superintendent-Director Quaglia provided a PowerPoint Presentation on the November 19, 2014 – November 22, 2014 Professional Development Event. Director of Vocational Programs Frank Howley accompanied Mr. Quaglia. The presentation included the details of the programs attended and is available for review as part of the meeting record. Mr. Quaglia will also provide a link to the site →. <https://www.acteonline.org>

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

- **Student Score Results** – Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive was pleased with the submissions of data documents by Principal Rossetti, resulting from a request at the November 18, 2014 DSC Meeting.
- **Benchmarking** – Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive requested the status of benchmarking for the school and expressed his disappointment that NEASC has not provided their final report for the school’s evaluation.

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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 **9:08 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 16, 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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