



**MINUTES of the “50th District School Committee”
Regular SPECIAL 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.

Thursday, February 12, 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:

- Personnel & Negotiation @ 5:00 p.m.
- Finance & Administration @ 5:30 p.m. – Lacked a quorum. Meeting will be rescheduled.
- Warrant @ 6:30 p.m.

(Subcommittee Meetings are conducted in Room 402.)

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School **Fiftieth District School Committee Special Schedule Meeting** was called to order, promptly, at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 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. The business portion of the meeting was delayed until a quorum was met with the arrival of Member Francis J. Fistori.

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. This meeting is also recorded with a

1. **ROLL CALL and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ***

A moment of silence was extended to the memory of Member Kevin L. Connolly’s sister, Maureen Connolly on her recent passing.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Messrs. Connolly, Joyce, McNeil, and Polito

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Charles J. Gisondi, District Treasurer

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Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director
 Ms. Jill M. Rossetti, Director of Academics
 Mr. Steven M. Moore, Assistant Superintendent/Finance and Personnel
 Mr. Thomas G. Cavanaugh, Dean of Students
 Mr. Michael Schantz – Director IT Services
 Mr. David Joseph – Teacher BHRTS
 Mr. Xavier Mahoney – Teacher BHRTS
 Mr. Frank Serriti, - Powers & Sullivan,
 Ms. Beth Devereaux – Powers & Sullivan

2. **Public Comment** - None

3. **Minute Approval** – Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. moved the approval of the minutes of previous meeting of Tuesday, January 20, 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 20, 2015 meeting.

4. **Student Representative Report** – No report.

5. **FY14 Auditors Report on School Audit Findings** – Powers & Sullivan, Presentation – Chairman Maguire recognized Powers & Sullivan Auditors, Mr. Frank Serriti and Ms. Beth Devereaux. Mr. Serriti reviewed the findings of the FY14 Audit. All information from the audit had been supplied to the DSC at their January 20, 2015 meeting. Mr. Serriti stated that complete cooperation was given to the auditors as they provided the in-house audit and complimented the members of the Finance Department for their competency and professionalism. Mr. Serriti supplied a question and answer session for the Members of the Committee. Following conclusion of the question and answer session, the Chairman and Committee thanked Mr. Serriti and Ms. Devereaux for their services.

6. **DSC Chair Report** – Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., announced the arrival of the Members iPads. **IT Manager, Mr. Michael Schantz presented the iPads and provided preliminary directions to set up communications from these units.** Four members not present will receive their units from the recording secretary, as soon as possible. All information regarding the District and its meetings may be transferred electronically to each member's iPad. The addition of this technological advancement will provide savings to the district and always provide the members reference documents at their fingertips for review and reference at all future meetings. Members of the District School Committee thanked Mr. Schantz for his presence and expertise.

7. **Ski Trip Proposal** – Chairman Maguire recognized Teachers, Mr. David Joseph and Mr. Xavier Mahoney. Following introductions, Mr. Joseph and Mr. Mahoney presented a request to sponsor a Ski Trip for students at Blue Hills and possibly start a Blue Hills Ski Club.

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

- **Finance & Administration Subcommittee** – The report from the Subcommittee on the 2.12.15 meeting was postponed and will be rescheduled to Monday, February 23, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.
- **Warrant** – Subcommittee Chairman Charles W. Flahive recommended the approval of the warrant.
- **Personnel & Negotiation** – Report from Chairman Charles W. Flahive announced a meeting was conducted this evening and a calendar for future meetings with the BHAA.
- **Curriculum & Advisory Subcommittee Meeting** – A meeting will be set for Monday, March 16, 2015.

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9.1 **Treasurer:** Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi was recognized by Chairman Maguire. Mr. Gisondi requested the vote of the Committee for FY15, Warrant #13 in the amount of \$1,486,405.96, dated February 12, 2015.

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

Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive moved to approve for FY15, Warrant #13 in the amount of \$1,486,405.96, dated February 12, 2015.

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

VOTED: Approval of the FY15, Warrant #13 in the amount of \$1,486,405.96, dated February 12, 2015.

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

Mr. Moore was recognized by Chairman Maguire.

- **2015-16 (FY16)** Mr. Moore presented the full Committee with a document line-itemizing each facet of the FY16 Budget and provided a PowerPoint presentation. The members asked questions of significance and expressed their gratitude to Mr. Moore for the comprehensive, detailed report presented for their review.

9.3 Principal –Principal Jill M. Rossetti. Ms. Rossetti was recognized by Chairman Maguire.

- Principal Rossetti reviewed information contained on the School Improvement Plan and answered questions.
- Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive stated that he wants to see school status improved and wants to be assured that any improvements are focused on this goal. A Curriculum and Advisory Subcommittee Meeting will be called to further address items of concern for Vice Chairman Flahive.

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

- **Strategic Plan – 2014-2017** – Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia presented a DRAFT of a document entitled Strategic Plan 2014-2017 for the review of the Committee, emphasizing that this is a “Draft” and there is additional work being done with this document.

10. **Unfinished Business and New Business:** Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive will be calling a Curriculum and Advisory Subcommittee shortly for discussions with administrators. This is extremely important for future enhancements for the school’s students.

11. **Discussion or Suggestions** for the Good of the District, Including newsworthy educational items – It is the hope of the DSC that future curriculum will include arts. Presently there is a play from the newly instituted Drama

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Club that will be presented in early May.

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 Marybeth Nearen to close the Special Session Meeting of the District School Committee.

It was **unanimously:**

VOTED: to adjourn the Regular Schedule Meeting, with all regular business concluded, at **9:17 p.m.**

The Committee’s **next meeting** will be a **Special Meeting, by the District School Committee** and **FY16 OPEN BUDGET HEARING** conducted in the **William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room (#207A)**, on **Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**, unless otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved:

Minutes submitted by:

Secretary Marybeth Nearen

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary