



**MINUTES of the “50th District School Committee”  
SPECIAL 2015 Meeting**

**and FY16 Budget Public Hearing**

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, February 24, 2015**

Prior to this Special Meeting, a subcommittee meeting was conducted. Meeting and report/recommendations will be forthcoming, resulting from its conduct. The subcommittee was:

- Finance & Administration @ 5:30 p.m. (on Monday, 2.23.15) - Continued review of the FY16 Budget
- 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 Tuesday, February 24, 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, with quorum met.

**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.

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 DVD Recorder and stenographer.

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Messrs. Erskine, Fistori, McNeil, Mrs. Nearen and Mr. Maguire

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Messrs. Connolly, Flahive, Joyce and Polito

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Charles J. Gisondi, District Treasurer  
Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director  
Ms. Jill M. Rossetti, Director of Academics  
Mr. Steven M. Moore, Assistant Superintendent/Finance and Personnel  
Mr. Geoffrey Ostrom, School Year 14-15 Student Representative  
Mr. Gene Mastro, Director of Facilities and Grounds

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2. **FY16 BUDGET – Public Hearing** – Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., called the Public Hearing to order promptly following Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance. No questions on the FY16 Budget were asked. The Public Hearing was called to close at 7:07 p.m.
3. **Public Comments** – None.
4. **Minute Approval** – Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. moved the approval of the minutes of previous meeting of Thursday, February 12, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes, as presented. A motion was made by Member Eric Erskine 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 the Thursday, February 12, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes, as presented
5. **Student Representative Report** – Mr. Geoff Ostrom was welcomed by Chairman Maguire and congratulated for his recent obtainment of his Massachusetts Vehicle Driver's License.
 

Mr. Ostrom pointed out that with all the unexpected snow days, school activities have been varied and in some cases cancelled, but the Student Council is picking up speed.

  - The Basketball team is participating in a Tournament Game tonight.
  - School Prom plans are up and running.

The Committee thanked Mr. Ostrom for his report.
6. **Discipline/Attendance Report by Dean of Students Thomas G. Cavanaugh** will be heard at the Tuesday, March 3, 2015 meeting. Dean Cavanaugh coaches a team that is participating in the basketball tournament challenge this evening. All members have received the statistical review and comparatives on this subject, as prepared by Dean Cavanaugh.
7. **DSC Chair Report** – Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., announced Director of Facilities and Buildings, Mr. Gene Mastro to do a brief synopsis of the impact of the intense snowfall that has occurred. After recognition, Mr. Mastro thanked the Committee for its recent commendation to his Maintenance and Custodial Department. Mr. Mastro stated this was well received and his Department was grateful for this acknowledgement. Mr. Mastro as possible. Mr. Mastro stated that the snow removal is under control and the roofs had been inspected by a structural engineer with a positive report on the roofs ability to withstand the current challenges. Unlike many other structures in the area, Blue Hills is safe at this time and being watched carefully by Mr. Mastro. Member Fran Fistori discussed the possibility of purchasing additional snow removal equipment in the future.
8. **Subcommittee Reports:**
  - **Finance & Administration Subcommittee** – The report from the Subcommittee meeting conducted on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. was provided by Subcommittee Chairwoman. Mrs. Nearen stated that the Finance & Administration Subcommittee unanimously approved the recommendation of the FY16 Budget presentation to the full Committee as presented by Assistant Superintendent/Business & Personnel.
  - **Warrant** – Subcommittee Member Eric C. Erskine recommended the approval of the warrant after careful scrutiny of the submitted backup documents.
  - **Personnel & Negotiation** – Meetings will be set in March for BHAA Negotiations and all parties of interest notified.
  - **Curriculum & Advisory Subcommittee Meeting** – A meeting has been set for Monday, March 16, 2015 at 5 p.m.

**DSC.MINUTES.2.24.15 SPECIAL Meeting****And FY16 Budget Public Hearing****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 #14, Voucher 1054-1055, in the amount of \$503,430.85, dated February 24, 2015.

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

Member Eric C. Erskine moved to approve for FY15, Warrant #14, Voucher 1054-1055, in the amount of \$503,430.85, dated February 24, 2015.

Motion was seconded by Secretary Marybeth Nearen. Motion was taken to a vote and it was

**UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** Approval for FY15, Warrant #14, Voucher 1054-1055, in the amount of \$503,430.85, dated February 24, 2015.

Treasurer Gisondi stated that he still awaits the approval of the Policy he submitted for the perusal of the Policy Subcommittee and Legal Counsel. Policy Subcommittee Chairman Marybeth Nearen stated that this Policy has been approved, as submitted and will be included in the District's Policy Book.

**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 documents entitled:

Proposed 2015-2016, Operating Budget (Dated: 2/23/2015 V3.0) and proceeded to review this manuscript in its entirety along with a PowerPoint Presentation. Also, Mr. Moore reviewed the Calendar Status with meetings to be conducted with member towns finance committees.

Members of the Committee thanked Mr. Moore for his well-prepared, comprehensive presentation.

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

- **MCAS Retakes:** Principal Rossetti informed the Committee that seven of the eight students have passed and the remaining student will take again.
- **Distracted Driver's Test:** Forty-five students signed up for a virtual reality test on their driving skills and learned just what cell-phone use and other distractions can do to their driving ability.

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

- **Credit Card** – Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia announced that a school credit card is now available strictly with Mr. Quaglia's permission.
- **180 Day School Requirement** – With a large number of snow days requiring school closing now on the calendar, Mr. Quaglia is looking closely at Blue Hills calendar.

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10. **Unfinished Business and New Business:** Policy Subcommittee Chairwoman anticipates presentation of the Policy Book at the next meeting.

11. **Discussion or Suggestions** – None.

12. **Executive session:** The session was not necessary.

It was **unanimously:**

**VOTED:** to adjourn the Regular Schedule Meeting, with all regular business concluded, at **7:58 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 Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**, unless otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved:

Minutes submitted by:

Secretary Marybeth Nearen

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary