



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

**Tuesday, March 17, 2015**

Prior to this Regular Schedule Meeting, subcommittee meetings were conducted. Meetings and report/recommendations will be forthcoming, resulting from its conduct. The subcommittees were:

- Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee @ 5:30 p.m. – BHAA Union Negotiation
- Warrant @ 6:30 p.m. – Review of documents pertaining to Warrant #15

**For the record:** A Curriculum & Advisory Subcommittee meeting scheduled for 3.16.15 was cancelled. Reschedule date will be forthcoming.

(Subcommittee Meetings are 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, March 17, 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 by digital recorder and stenographer.

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Messrs. Connolly, Erskine, Fistori, Flahive, Joyce, McNeil, Mrs. Nearen. Mr. Maguire and Mr. Polito

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** -0-

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Charles J. Gisondi, District Treasurer  
Student Representative Geoffrey Ostman  
Ms. Judy A. Bass – BHR Publicist/Webmaster  
Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director  
Ms. Jill M. Rossetti, Director of Academics  
Mr. Steven M. Moore, Assistant Superintendent/Finance and Personnel  
Mr. Francis X. Howley, Director of Vocational Programs

**2. Public Comments – None.**

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3. **Minute Approval** – The minutes of the 2.24.15 Special Meeting and 3.3.15 Regular DSC Meeting were reviewed.

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously

Vote: to accept the minutes of the Special (2.24.15) DSC Meeting, as submitted.

Motion was made by Secretary Nearen to amend the minutes of the 3.3.15 Regular DSC Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by Member Connolly to amend the minutes, as requested by Mrs. Nearen.

Motion to amend the 3.3.15 meeting minutes was voted and unanimously approved. Motion to approved amended minutes will be taken to the next DSC Meeting, on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, allowing the recording secretary to implement amendment.

4. **Student Representative** – The Committee welcomed Student Representative Geoffrey Ostman. Mr. Ostman reported:

- **SADD is** holding its annual “Kick Butts Day” to prevent teen interest in using tobacco products.
- **Semi-Formal Dance** – Scheduled for Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> (this Friday, at the Knights of Columbus in Randolph, MA. Ticket sales are low. Member Fran Fistori offered to provide a personal prize to stimulate future ticket sales.
- **GSA** conducted a successful “No Name Calling Week” last week and have provided a banner at the East Side door over ty the Chateau entrance with a sign in for student participants.
- **Spring Sports** – Official start was yesterday (3.16) with a large number of students trying out.
- **Student Council** – Elections are close to being up and running and the Council is hopefully going to sponsor an additional end-of-year event.
- **Yearbook** – Superlatives are being put together with final touches being made on the yearbook.
- **Prom** – Juniors and Seniors are working on the prom theme and decorations.

5. **DSC Chair Report** – Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., introduced Ms. Judy Bass, Publicist and Web Master to Blue Hills Regional Technical School. Following introduction, Ms. Bass stated that she is working with a team of individuals intent on upgrading the current school website and utilizing its improvement to the ultimate. One of the thoughts Ms. Bass has is to provide “profiles” of District School Committee Members on the new website. Ms. Bass will send out a short questionnaire to all members for their completion, if they wish. Along with this, Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., appointed the third member of the Website & Technology Subcommittee, Member Robert A. McNeil. It was noted that the Website & Technology Subcommittee will conduct a meeting shortly to discuss the upcoming unveiling of the vastly improved website. Further discussion will occur following this meeting with the full committee. Members of the District School Committee thanked Ms. Bass for her update with this impromptu meeting. This will be the first meeting of the Website & Technology Subcommittee with Member Robert A. McNeil being appointed by the Chairman this evening.

April 2015 District School Committee Meetings: After discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously voted to

conduct the following full District School Committee April 2015 meetings:

- Tuesday, April 7, 2015 @ 7 p.m., Regular Schedule Meeting
- Tuesday, April 28, 2015 @ 7 p.m. Special Meeting

6. **Subcommittee Reports:**

- **Policy Subcommittee:** Chairwoman Marybeth Nearen stated that review hardcopies are being prepared for members.

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- **Warrant** – Subcommittee Chairman Charles W. Flahive recommended the approval of the warrant after careful scrutiny of the submitted backup documents.
- **Personnel & Negotiation** – Ongoing Meetings have been set in March (March 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>) for BHAA Negotiations and all parties of interest notified.
- **Curriculum & Advisory Subcommittee Meeting** – The meeting has been set and posted for Monday, March 16, 2015 at 5 p.m. was cancelled with new date forthcoming. The cancellation was suggested by administration.
- **Website & Technology** – As soon as possible, a meeting will be convened to discuss website review.

**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 #16, in the amount of \$799,859.11, dated March 17, 2015.

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

Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive moved to approve FY15, Warrant #16, in the amount of \$799,859.11, dated March 17, 2015.

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

**UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** to approve FY15, Warrant #16, in the amount of \$799,859.11, dated March 17, 2015.

Treasurer Gisondi and Assistant Superintendent/Business & Personnel continued their discussion on the Committee allowing approval of Warrants and bill payments in between full committee meetings and further presented a law that allows approval with certain conditions. The matter was not voted and remains under consideration for future discussions. Presently, the Warrant must be approved at a full committee meeting.

**7.2 Assistant Superintendent-Business and Personnel** – Steven M. Moore

Mr. Moore was recognized by Chairman Maguire.

**Visits to Member Town Finance Committees:** Mr. Moore reported that five of the nine district town finance Committees/Councils have been visited with FY16 Budget information. Mr. Quaglia added: "The towns have been very receptive to our meetings."

**Users' Contracts:** Mr. Moore will be overiewing outside users contracts with Mr. Tom Cahill.

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

Data Analysis of Vocational Programs - Ms. Rossetti introduced Director of Vocational Education Frank Howley, analysis presenter. Mr. Howley had provided the District School Committee beforehand a complete analysis of the current program enrollments including freshmen placements. Also, Mr. Howley stated that intense research has been done and Blue Hills is actively pursuing the introduction of a new program, (Criminal Justice) and bringing this program into fruition. There was a great deal of

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conversation, questions and answers. Following the conclusion of Mr. Howley's presentation, the members of the District school Committee thanked Mr. Howley.

**Principal Rossetti continued with:**

- Captain's Seminar – Instructor Dan Jordan accompanied two student athletes to an all-day captain's seminar in Mendon M?
- Hockey – The Randolph Ice Rink took our schedule for ice hockey for next season. Administration is presently working with Randolph and we should know shortly if dates will work. Mr. Catabia is working on location and practices for next year. Current costs for ice time is between \$12-14K; but an increase may occur by \$6-7K.
- Baseball Tryouts – Yesterday and today were tryouts with Dirt Dawgs in Stoughton facilitating. Cost to rent facility was \$1K.
- Coaches – Mr. Dave Joseph is coaching softball and Matt Manders is coaching baseball. Both gentlemen will rotate wellness, gym, etc.
- Lacrosse – Practices will be in the gym. Lacrosse Team will be traveling to Quincy High on Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> for a 6 p.m. scrimmage against Quincy High School.
- Track and Field – Will use the small gym, wellness center for tryouts. Track and Field will use corridors and outside.
- Team Work – All coaches are working together to develop and implement a training program for all students.

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

**Donation of Mini PA system** – Mr. Quaglia reported that the LPN Program has donated an amplifier for school use.

10. **Unfinished Business and New Business:** None.

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 **9:11 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, April 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**, unless otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved:

Minutes submitted by:

Secretary Marybeth Nearen

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary

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