MINUTES of the “50th District School Committee”

Special 2015 Meeting

and Public Hearing on School Choice Program Participation

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, April 28, 2015

Prior to this Special 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 - POSTPONED
* Warrant @ 6:30 p.m. – Review of documents of warrant documents.

(Subcommittee Meetings are conducted in Room 402.)

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School **Fiftieth District School Committee** **Special Meeting** was called to order, promptly, at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 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,. Maguire. Polito and Mrs. Nearen

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Messrs. Flahive, Joyce, McNeil

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

Student Representative Geoffrey Ostman

Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director

Ms. Jill M. Rossetti, Principal

Mr. Steven M. Moore, Assistant Superintendent/Finance and Personnel

Mrs. Katherine Touafek, School-To-Careers’ Coordinator

Mrs. Mary Devine, School-To-Careers’ Implementer

* PUBLIC HEARING – SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION – School Year 2015-16.

**PUBLIC HEARING – CHOICE PROGRAM** - **Open Public Hearing “Choice Program”** Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. called the Public Hearing to order and welcomed input from Committee Members and Visitors on the “Choice Program” being implemented at Blue Hills. Superintendent-Director Quaglia, recommended not joining the Program, when asked by the Committee. There were no other comments. Chairman Maguire moved the question of the “Choice Program” following the conclusion of comments. A motion was made by Member Kevin L. Connolly to close the Public Hearing, which was seconded by Member Fran Fistori and passed unanimously. Member Connolly further moved to vote to reject School Choice for School Year 2015-16 and supply Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education of the Committees decision, as required by Chapter 76, Section 12-B, Massachusetts General Laws. Motion was seconded by Member Fran Fistori **by ROLL-CALL VOTE**, the Committee:

**VOTED:** To reject School Choice for School Year 2015-16 and provide the DESE Commissioner Mitchell D. Chester with the Committee’s decision, as required by Chapter 76, Section 12-B, Massachusetts General Laws.

(**The vote was 6 – 0.)**

2**. Public Comments –** None.

3. **Minute Approval** – None.

4. **Student Representative** – Chairman Maguire recognized Student Representative Geoffrey Ostman. Mr. Ostman proceeded to report:

Student Elections will be conducted on Friday, May 8th with the hope of seeing brand new faces with a large portion of the student council is moving into their senior year at Blue Hills.

* **National Honor Society**: Induction Ceremony will be conducted on May 8th at 8:30 a.m. in the Cafetorium.
* **Annual Walk for Hunger** in affiliation with Project Bread – This is a 20 mile walk and spearheaded by Teacher Rebecca Ray to help the cause of ending hunger.
* **Prom** is all set for Friday, May 22nd at the Venezia in Dorchester from 7 – 11 p.m. Prom theme selected is “Island”.
* **Drama Club** – Practices are up and running for the debut in the cafetorium on Saturday, June 5th.

Members of the District School Committee thanked Mr. Ostman for his report and presence.

**5**. **DSC Chair Report** – Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., moved to the approval of the District Policy Book. A motion was accepted from Member Fran Fistori to accept the District Policy Book, as presented. Motion was seconded by Secretary Marybeth Nearen, and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED**: to accept the District Policy Book, as presented.

6. “**School-to-Careers” Program Presentation** – Program Facilitator, Mrs. Katherine Touafek was recognized by Chairman Maguire. Mrs. Touafek provided a number of pass outs describing programs and activities sponsored by the School-to-Careers Program and provided a website to visit: [www.theschooltocareerspartnership.org](http://www.theschooltocareerspartnership.org) for additional information.

Following presentation, Mrs. Touafek provided a question and answer session for the members. Members of the District School Committee expressed their appreciation for the information provided.

7. **Subcommittee Report**s:

* **Warrant** – Subcommittee Chairman Charles W. Flahive was absent. In his place, Member Eric C. Erskine reported.
* **Personnel & Negotiation** – Tonight’s meeting was cancelled at the request of the BHAA.

8. **Administrative Reports**:

8.1 **Treasurer:** Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi was recognized by Chairman Maguire. Mr. Gisondi requested the vote of the Committee for FY15, Warrant #18, in the amount of $815,951.31 dated April 28, 2015.

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

Member Eric Erskine moved to approve Warrant #18, in the amount of $815,951.31 dated April 28, 2015.

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

**VOTED**: to approve Warrant #18, in the amount of $815,951.31 dated April 28, 2015.

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8.2 **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 Town/Municipal Finance Boards continue to be visited. Soon, the Town Meetings will emerge and Mr. Moore will be there to answer any and all questions that may occur at the meetings.
* **Finance & Administration Subcommittee Meeting**: A Finance & Administration Subcommittee meeting will be posted for Tuesday, May 19th 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

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

**Principal Rossetti continued with her comments:**

* **Hockey:** Hockey is all set with a Randolph rink.
* **Coordinated Program Review** has been conducted all this week.
* **DVC Art Show (Reminder)–** Tuesday, May 5th from 5:30 p.m. through 8 p.m. the Art Show will be exhibited in the school’s gymnasium. This is an event that enables the students to exhibit their talents to the Blue Hills Community. District School Committee Members are graciously invited to attend this event which occurs on a Regular Schedule Meeting date and will impress all that attend. Organization talents are exhibited by Teacher, Mrs. Joann Murphy.

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

* **Goals** – Mr. Quaglia reported that he is preparing additional two or three page reports for addition to his previously submitted Strategy Plan.
* **Evaluation** – Mr. Quaglia will be receiving an annual evaluation by the Committee before the end of June. Prior to the full-committee evaluation, the Evaluation Subcommittee will meet.
* **Professional Development Trip in November:** Mr. Quaglia received the permission of the Committee to attend the ACTE event in November by **UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

9. Unfinished Business and New Business – None.

10. **Discussion or Suggestions** for the Good of the District, Including newsworthy educational items – None.

11**. Executive session:**  Not required.

12**. Meeting Adjournment.** Chairman Maguire called for adjournment, following the conclusion of all business.

Member Eric C. Erskine moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Secretary Nearen, taken to a vote and **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED**:  to adjourn the Special Meeting, with all regular business concluded, at **8:04 p.m.**

The Committee’s **next** **meeting** will be a **Regular Schedule Meeting,** conducted in the **William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room (#207A), on** **Tuesday,** **May 7, 2015** at **7:00 p.m.,** unless otherwise posted.

Minutes approved by:Respectfully submitted by:

Marybeth Nearen, Secretary Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary