



**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, May 19, 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:

- Finance & Administration Subcommittee - @ 5:30 p.m. – Review of District Town Decisions, etc.
- Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee @ 6:30 p.m. – BHAA Union Negotiation (Continued).
- 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, May 19, 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, Maguire, McNeil, Mrs. Nearen
And Mr. Polito

MEMBERS ABSENT -0-

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/Business and Personnel
Attorney Matthew Tobin, School Counsel, Murphy, Lamere & Murphy

2. Legal Counsel Discussion: Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., recognized Attorney Matthew Tobin and a **roll-call vote was taken, passing UNANIMOUSLY**, to move the discussion into Executive Session. When necessary, it was determined, meetings may be called to executive session pursuant to Exemption #3 under the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c 30A, Section

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21(a)(3) as discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body, and pursuant to Exemption # 7 under the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c 30A, Section 21(a)(7), to comply with or act under the authority of a Massachusetts General Law by receiving legal advice from counsel protected from disclosure under Massachusetts General Law with the relevant citations of law being M.G.L. c. 4, Section 7, clause twenty-sixth, and MGL. c. 30A, s. 21 (a) (3). The Committee returned to open session after the conclusion of the executive session to complete business.

3. **Public Comments** – None.

4. **Minute Approval** – Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., moved for the approval of the Tuesday, April 28, 2015 Meeting Minutes, as corrected. Motion was made by Member Eric C. Erskine to accept the minutes, as corrected. Motion was seconded Motion was made by Member Eric C. Erskine to accept the minutes, as corrected. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion to approve was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: To approve the Tuesday, April 28, 2015 Meeting Minutes, as corrected.

Motion was made by Member Eric C. Erskine to accept the minutes, as corrected. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion to approve was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: To approve the Tuesday, May 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes, as corrected.

5. **Student Representative** – Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., recognized Student Representative Geoffrey Ostman. Mr. Ostman proceeded to report:

- **Student Council Elections** – Mr. Ostman reported that he has been elected to serve as Student Representative to the DSC for School Year 2015-2016. District School Committee members congratulated Geoffrey.
- **School Officers Elections** – Were conducted on May 8th and activities for next year are already in the works.
- **SAAD Presentation** – “Ryan’s Story” will be presented to the entire student body.
- **“Prom 2015”** – The big day will soon be here at the Venezia on Friday, May 22, 2015 and junior and senior students are greatly anticipating this well-planned event.

6. **DSC Chair Report** – Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., reminded members that tomorrow evening is a momentous occasion for the Blue Hills’ Seniors, receiving awards and recognition for academics, program achievement, good citizenry and other outstanding character qualities that they have consistently achieved over the past four years. All members of the District School Committee are graciously invited to this event. Chairman Maguire will be presenting a scholarship at the event as previously selected by the Committee.

→ **Establish Summer 2015 Special Meetings:** Chairman Maguire moved to the establishment of the Summer Special District School Committee Meetings, as follows:

- Tuesday, July 21, 2015
- Tuesday, August 18, 2015

Member Eric C. Erskine moved to establish and conduct the Summer Special DSC Meetings on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 and Tuesday, August 18, 2015. Motion was seconded by Member McNeil. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to establish AND conduct the Summer Special DSC Meetings on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 and Tuesday, August 18, 2015.

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Secretary

7. **School Year Calendar for 2015-2016:** Chairman Maguire accepted a motion from Member Kevin L. Connolly to establish and approve the School Year Calendar for 2015-2016, as presented and reviewed. Motion was seconded by Member Fran Fistori. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to establish and approve the School Year Calendar for 2015-2016, as presented and reviewed.

8. **Subcommittee Reports:**

- Finance & Administration Subcommittee – met at 5:30 p.m. this evening – Review of District Town Decisions, etc.

Sub-Committee Chairwoman Marybeth Nearen reported on the meeting, which included the presence of Assistant Superintendent-Business and Personnel Steven Moore. Mr. Moore presented the subcommittee with the following requests:

1. **Establishment of a Capital Project Fund**

2. **Increase to the Student Activity Fee** (from \$40.00 per student to \$45.00 per student with the elimination of the \$5.00 concussion fee paid by Freshmen and Juniors, with payment via online school store via credit card or e-check).

3. **The establishment of new revolving funds**, under MGL Ch 71 Sec 71E. The accounts would be:

- a) Rental of School Building
- b) Rental of School Grounds

Further, justifications were provided for each request as well as documentation substantiating the justifications were provided to all District School Committee Members. Following an intense question and answer session, Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., moved the questions of requested approvals. Chairman Maguire accepted motions from Member Thomas R. Polito, Jr., to accept the recommendation of the Finance & Administration Subcommittee and Assistant-Superintendent/Business and Personnel Steven M. Moore to approve, as presented and discussed:

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

VOTED: To accept the recommendation of the Finance & Administration Subcommittee and Assistant-Superintendent/Business and Personnel Steven M. Moore to approve, as presented and

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discussed:

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- **Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee:** Subcommittee Chairman Charles W. Flahive reported that the BHAA Unit contract negotiations was continued this evening at 6:30 p.m. An additional meeting will be called to continue discussions.
- **Warrant:** Subcommittee Chairman Charles W. Flahive recommended the approval of this evening's Warrant #20.

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 #20, in the amount of \$981,175.35 dated May 19, 2015.

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

Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive moved to approve FY15, Warrant #20, in the amount of \$981,175.35 dated May 19, 2015. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve FY15, Warrant #20, in the amount of \$981,175.35 dated May 19, 2015

Summer Voucher and Invoice Approval: Treasurer Gisondi repeated his request for Warrant Subcommittee consideration to the approval of the warrants with an extra Warrant Subcommittee Meeting due to the abbreviated summer full committee meetings, if necessary.

9.2 Assistant Superintendent-Business and Personnel, Mr. Steven M. Moore – Mr. Moore was recognized by Chairman Maguire. Mr. Moore stated that town finance committee visits are just about complete.

The Committee did not approve the FY16 Budget. The approval and vote will occur at the Tuesday, June 2, 2015 DSC Meeting.

Braintree Representative Eric C. Erskine stated that the Braintree Council/Finance were very happy with the presentation given by Mr. Moore.

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

Principal Rossetti continued with her comments:

- **“Alice Drill”** was conducted and the dogs will be doing an inspection some time next week. **“Senior Awards”** will be conducted tomorrow evening at 6:30 p.m. with all Committee Members graciously invited.

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

Vocational Track Meet - – Mr. Quaglia stated that the large number of students on campus today were from a multitude of schools participating in a track meet. Blue Hills is becoming by reputation a premium school to conduct events. School field improvements have enhanced athletic performance.

Appreciation Day – Mr. Quaglia stated that before the end of this school year, an appreciation day will be conducted and presently the plans are in the works.

10. Unfinished Business and New Business –

iPad: Chairman Maguire urged all members to bring their iPads to each meeting. All documents pertaining to upcoming meetings are provided in advance, instantly via email delivery.

Passout – Mr. Quaglia provided all members with a pass out document reporting on the status of one of his goals and will provide an additional document for review at the Committee's next meeting, with an electronic copy provided beforehand.

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

12. Executive session: ~~Not required.~~Conducted at the beginning of the meeting.

13. 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 Regular Schedule Meeting, with all regular business concluded, at **9:18 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, June 21st, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise posted.**

Minutes approved by:

Respectfully submitted by:

Marybeth Nearen, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary