



**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, June 16, 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:

- 4:30 p.m.: Curriculum & Advisory Subcommittee
- 6:00 p.m.: Evaluation Subcommittee Meeting – Review of Returned Evaluation Documents
- 6:30 p.m.: Warrant Subcommittee - Review documents relative to Warrant Approval

(NOTE: 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, Mrs. Nearen and Mr. Polito

MEMBERS ABSENT Mr. McNeil

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
Athletic Director Edward Catabia

2. Public Comment – None.

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3. **Minute Approval** – None.

4. **Student Representative** – Mr. Geoffrey Ostman, Student Representative was recognized by Chairman Maguire. Mr. Ostman will continue his duties through School Year 2015-16. Mr. Ostman reported:

- School Council has already set in plan to assist with the September 2015 incoming freshmen class.
- The Senior/Junior Prom was fantastic, with all students enjoying the event.
- The further plan is to start the School Year 2015-16 with numerous productive activities as this past school year accomplished.

Committee Members commended Mr. Ostman for his job well done and their appreciation for his continuance with this position.

5. **Presentation: Report on the Spring 2015 Athletic Accomplishments** – Athletic Director Edward Catabia was recognized by Chairman Maguire. I started off with a thank you to Mrs. Rossetti and the support she gave the coaches and the athletic department this year. Mr. Catabia first thanked Mrs. Rossetti on her first year as Principal and the great job she has done.

- **Winter Season:** The winter season and the boys basketball team made the state tournament in which they have not done in a few years and it was great to see a couple of teams make the playoffs that have not made it in a few years **Girls softball** also entered the playoffs this year.
- **Boys Baseball Team:** Played a great game and gave their all in a game vs Marion. Blue Hills ended up losing in the bottom on the 7th on a bunt. Although it was not a win, it was a great game.
- **Hockey Status** Mr. Catabia informed the Committee that Blue Hills Hockey is practicing in Canton and playing out of Randolph. Mr. Catabia will keep Principal Rossetti apprised of this situation. and I will keep Mrs Rossetti updated on this situation.
- **Coaches** were praised by Mr. Catabia. “All coaches did a fine job this year: I was very proud of all of them. Further, the spring coaches deserved a lot of credit for how they handled the practice sessions, because of the amount of snow. Each day the coaches prepared practice plans. The way all the coaches worked together throughout the difficult time was just A-1 and I could not ask for a better coaching staff. I am very proud of them.”

Following presentation, Mr. Catabia opened the conversation to questions and answers. The Members extended

6. **DSC Chair Report** – Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., reported on the most impressive graduation ceremony. The Graduation was forced to call on the weather date of June 10th. Attending DSC Members led the Class of 2015 on to the field and its commencement.

Chairman Maguire reminds members of the Summer Schedule Meetings (Specials):

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

Canopy Suggestion: Chairman Maguire also attended the impressive recent Track Meet that was hosted at Blue Hills and suggested the possibility that the School provide Blue Hills with an identification canopy.

7. District School Committee **51st Annual** Organization

- **“Fifty-first** District School Committee Reorganization”

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Nominations and Elections of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary (Effective: Wednesday, July 1, 2015) were conducted as directed and provided through District School Committee Policy File: BDA (attached), as follows:

Charles W. Flahive, Chairman

Marybeth Nearen, Vice Chairman

Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Secretary

Congratulations were extended by all present. Sincere thanks were provided to Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. for the fantastic job he has done as District School Committee Chairman.

8. Subcommittee Reports:

- **6.16.15 Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.: Curriculum & Advisory Subcommittee Chairman Flahive** reported a most-productive meeting was conducted, including a PowerPoint Presentation prepared by Principal Jill M. Rossetti. Another meeting will be conducted to tie up loose ends and allow additional research. An additional meeting will be called on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 6 p.m.
- **6.16.15 Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.: Evaluation Subcommittee Meeting –** Review of Returned Evaluation Documents was implemented with another meeting called before full disclosure and open session, full meeting review; as required. An additional meeting will be called on 7.21.15 at 6 p.m.
- **6.16.15 Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.: Warrant Subcommittee Chairman Charles W. Flahive** reported on the reviewed documents and recommended the approval of the warrant presented at this evening's meeting.

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 #22, in the amount of \$843,130.28, dated June 16, 2015 (Vouchers 1072-1074)..

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

Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive moved to approve FY15, Warrant #22, in the amount of \$843,130.28, dated June 16, 2015 (Vouchers 1072-1074).

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

UNANIMOUSLY

VOTED: to approve FY15, Warrant #22, in the amount of \$843,130.28, dated June 16, 2015 (Vouchers 1072-1074)..

Summer Voucher and Invoice Approval: Treasurer Gisondi and Assistant Superintendent Steve Moore are pleased to learn that the full Committee has approved the 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 announced that FY15 Budget concludes on June 30th. The fiscal year of the District begins July 1, 2015 and concludes on June 30, 2016.

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

Principal Rossetti continued with her comments on recent activities, now and forthcoming:

- **Curriculum and Advisory Subcommittee** was conducted this evening with a most productive outcome and additional information to be provided at a July 21st meeting.
- **Graduation** was perfect, although weather caused the use of the alternate date of June 10th. Ms. Rossetti commended the individuals that worked so hard to have this Class of 2015 have a most memorable graduation ceremony.
- **“End-of-the-Year Appreciation Celebration”**, Thursday, June 25th at 11:15 a.m., outside of the cafeteria. Ms. Rossetti reminded all members that they are most graciously invited to this event.
- **MCAS Biology** testing is tomorrow (June 3rd)
- **Master Scheduling Update** – Will schedule at the end of July after analyzing a few items. Initial presentation is close to fruition.

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

Report - – Mr. Quaglia provided the Members with a report entitled **“Technology Integration Specialist (TIS) Position at Blue Hills Regional Technical High School”** at the June 2nd DSC Meeting. This report has provided a comprehensive and concise detail of just what this position will offer the Blue Hills’ Students, now and in the future. Additional comments will be provided at the July 21st Curriculum & Advisory Subcommittee Meeting and subsequently the following Full Subcommittee Meeting.

Appreciation Day –An appreciation day will be conducted on Thursday, June 25th at 11:15 a.m. District School Committee Members are most welcome to attend. This event is open to all individuals, especially the most respected District School Committee Members.

10. **Unfinished Business and New Business –**

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

Showboat Resurrection – Member Kevin L. Connolly recalled the great success of a drama/musical production that at one time was created by Blue Hills. Chairman Maguire also recollected this well attended and orchestrated event. Both members would like to see this type of production resurrected.

11. **Discussion or Suggestions** for the Good of the District, Including newsworthy educational items –

REMINDER → Blue Hills Athletic Hall of Fame Golf Tournament→ will be conducted on Monday, July 20th at the Ponkapoag Golf Course in Canton, MA. This is an opportunity for Blue Hills’ friends, neighbors and colleagues to support an organization that supports Blue Hills’ Athletic

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endeavors and wholly self-supporting. “Hole Sponsorship” is offered and all interested my contact bgarty@bluehills.org and/or rkiff@bluehills.org Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

12. **Executive session:** Unnecessary this evening.

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 Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive, taken to a vote and **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to adjourn the Regular Schedule Meeting, with all regular business concluded, at **9:42 p.m.**

The Committee's **next meeting** will be a **Special Summer Schedule Meeting**, conducted in the **William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room (#207A)**, on **Tuesday, July 21, 2015** at **7:00 p.m.**, unless otherwise posted.

Minutes approved by:

Respectfully submitted by:

Marybeth Nearen, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary