



**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 2, 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:

- Building, Facilities, Safety & Security, Chairman Robert McNeil — 5:30 p.m.
- Personnel & Negotiation – Chairman Charles W. Flahive – 6:15 p.m.
- Warrant – Chairman Charles W. Flahive – 6:30 p.m.

(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
Mrs. Caroline Dynan – Teacher/Librarian
Mrs. Rebecca Ray – Teacher
Mr. Dan Jordan, Teacher

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Ms. Elaine Coutu, Teacher
 Ms. Margaret Khueler – BHR Student
 Mr. Sam Nesselle – BHR Student
 Mr. Steven Marmanides – BHR Student

2. **Public Comment** – None.

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3. **Presentation: April Trip to Costa Rica and Nicaragua** – Teachers: Mrs. Ana Peach (was unable to attend), Mrs. Rebecca Ray, Mrs. Caroline Dynan, Mr. Greg Bouffard (unable to attend) and Mr. Dan Jordan → and Student Travelers → Sam Nesselle (created and will present video). Margaret Khueler and Steven Marmanides will orally and visually presented the trip experiences they encountered on their April 2015 adventure. Students realized the differences in the cultures while learning and growing with the comprehension of their world.

Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., recognized members of the faculty and students present to present a review of the hugely successful trip to Costa Rica and Nicaragua. Mrs. Rebecca Ray presented a thorough review of the activities covered during this trip to the record number of 38 students and their chaperones. Mrs. Ray stated, “This was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience” that provided the students with an opportunity to travel and see a part of the world that is gloriously beautiful along with exceedingly poor. Along with this, Ms. Ray, stated: “This trip allowed the teacher chaperones to witness their students enthusiasm in a different kind of learning environment.” Mrs. Ray added: “All the students behaved admirably and there were no problems.” Student Margaret Khueler spoke of the school visit they made as part of their trip to present gift packs with items to provide betterments for the students’ learning experiences at an impoverished school. The excitement that was generated with the receipt of school supplies by the students was recorded in the visual and oral presentations. Ms. Khueler stated that when she earns her future college teaching degree Margaret plans to return to teach these wonderful children. The Committee was also provided a video highlighting all aspects of the trip and “Pictures in Motion” created by Sam Nesselle. Student Steve Marmanides extended thanks and gratitude to all for the support that has occurred for these trips, especially to Mrs. Ana Peach. Mr. Dan Jordan extended his thanks to all and especially Mr. Greg Bouffard who made sure that “Chris” got to go on a phenomenal volcano climb. Chairman Maguire learned that the favorite part of the trip was meeting the kids and being able to make their lives better even in a small way, as they did with their gifts.

Following the presentation, the members of the DSC expressed their thanks and appreciation for the review provided.

4. **Minute Approval** – Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., moved for the approval of the Tuesday, May 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes. Motion was made by Member Kevin L. Connolly to accept the minutes. Motion was seconded Motion was made by Motion was seconded by Member Nearen. Motion to approve was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: To approve the Tuesday, May 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes, as presented.

5. **Student Representative** – No report.

6. **DSC Chair Report** – Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., looks forward to the 2015 Graduation for Blue Hills Seniors. Seven of the nine members are planning to attend on June 9th at 6 p.m. (rain/weather delay date – June 10th).

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

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

Chairman Maguire urged fellow members of the Committee to attend the Class of 2015 High School Graduation to be conducted on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 6 p.m., weather permitting. District School Committee Members will lead the graduating class to the field and subsequent ceremony. Chairman Maguire will assist with the distribution of diplomas on this momentous occasion.

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7. **FY16 Budget Approval:** Following discussion, Chairman Maguire moved the question of the FY16 Budget Approval a motion was made by Member Thomas R. Polito, Jr. to accept the FY16 Budget in the amount of \$18,525,533.00. Motion was seconded by Member Fran Fistori. Motion was taken to a vote and it was

UNANIMOUSLY

VOTED: to accept the FY16 Budget in the amount of \$18,525,533.00.

It was so noted by Assistant Superintendent/Business & Personnel, that seven of the nine towns have also approved the FY16 Budget at their town or municipal meetings.

8. **Subcommittee Reports:**

- **Building, Facilities, Safety & Security,** Subcommittee Chairman Robert McNeil was recognized by Chairman Maguire and proceeded to review the content of the BFS&S Meeting conducted this evening and recommended the following, as a motion: "I move that the District School Committee approve the transfer out from the General Fund Operating Budget Accounts \$433,206.37; from the Capital Improvement Site/Land Account and \$59,864.70; from the Capital Improvement Special Project Account: Into the Special Projects Fund (Fund 34) for the purpose of funding the completion of the Football Field Project at \$120,000 and the Switch Gear Project and associated electrical/cabling work at \$375,160.92." Motion to approve was seconded by Member Fess Joyce. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve the transfer out from the General Fund Operating Budget Accounts \$433,206.37; from the Capital Improvement Site/Land Account and \$59,864.70; from the Capital Improvement Special Project Account: Into the Special Projects Fund (Fund 34) for the purpose of funding the completion of the Football Field Project at \$120,000 and the Switch Gear Project and associated electrical/cabling work at \$375,160.92.
- **Evaluation Subcommittee** – Subcommittee Chairman Fran Fistori was recognized by Chairman Maguire. Chairman Fistori stated that he has not received all members' returns on the evaluations that include evaluations for the Superintendent-Director, Treasurer and Recording Secretary. Chairman Fistori wishes to promulgate the returns and come to the full Committee with results. A meeting will be posted for Tuesday, June 16th, hopefully, to analyze and scrutinize the tallies.
- **Personnel & Negotiation** – Subcommittee Chairman Charles W. Flahive was recognized by Chairman Maguire. Mr. Flahive announced that the Blue Hills Administrative Association (BHAA) contract has come to agreement among all parties. The recommendation of the Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee is for the full Committee to approve the recommendation of the subcommittee to approve. In its entirety, Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia reviewed the conditions of the contract (orally) and will prepare a Memorandum of Understanding relative to the contract, having School Counsel review. Following discussion, Chairman Maguire moved the question of the approval of the three-year contract with the members of the BHAA, as recommended and conditioned by the Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee. Secretary Marybeth nearen moved to accept the recommendation of the Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee with the approval of the mutually agreed settlement, AS DETAILED in the forthcoming Memorandum of Agreement, prepared by Superintendent-Director James P. Qualia and reviewed by School Counsel.

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Motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman and Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee Chairman Charles W. Flahive. Without further discussion, the motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to accept the recommendation of the Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee with the approval of the mutually agreed settlement, AS DETAILED in the forthcoming Memorandum of Agreement, prepared by Superintendent-Director James P. Qualia and reviewed by School Counsel.

- **Warrant** – Subcommittee Chairman Charles W. Flahive was recognized by Chairman Maguire. The Subcommittee had two questions on the submitted warrant: The \$900 for Advanced Placement Exams: Is this a fee that is paid by the students? Also, an additional \$1K for a training session. What was this for? Assistant Superintendent/Business & Personnel Steven Moore will research and return with answers. Other than these two points, the Warrant Subcommittee recommended the approval of Warrant #21.
 - **Warrant Approval** – It was agreed by the full Committee that the Warrant Subcommittee may come in to sign the warrant, if necessary when meetings are not conducted twice a month. This will insure that vendors are paid in a timely manner.

9. Administrative Reports:

9.1 **Treasurer:** Treasurer Charles J. Gisoni was recognized by Chairman Maguire. Mr. Gisoni requested the vote of the Committee for FY15, Warrant #21, in the amount of \$641,156.30, dated June 2, 2015 (Vouchers 1070-1071)..

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

Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive moved to approve Warrant #21, in the amount of \$641,156.30, dated June 2, 2015 (Vouchers 1070-1071)..

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

VOTED: to approve Warrant #21, in the amount of \$641,156.30, dated June 2, 2015 (Vouchers 1070-1071).

Summer Voucher and Invoice Approval: Treasurer Gisoni 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 was recognized by Chairman Maguire. Mr. Moore stated that town finance committee visits have been completed. There are still two towns that must complete their town meetings, but seven of the nine have voted favorably with approval of their assessment for the FY16 Budget.

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

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

- **Girls' Track** Coach of the Year for the Mayflower League: NICOLE FLYNN
- Mayflower League Sportsmanship Award **Boys' Track**: JONATHAN PALMER
- **Baseball Team** is traveling to Bowditch Field in Framingham to play Marion at 7 p.m. on June 5, 2015.
- **Softball Team** is hosting Millis tomorrow (June 3rd) at 3:30 p.m., here at Blue Hills.
- “**End-of-the-Year Appreciation Celebration**”, Thursday, June 25th at 11:15 a.m., outside of the cafeteria. All are welcome and a District invitation will be forthcoming.
- **Graduation** is Tuesday, June 9th at 6 p.m. (Members gather at 5:15 p.m. in Boardroom #402). If necessary, rain date is Wednesday, June 10th.
- **MCAS Biology** testing is tomorrow (June 3rd)
- **Master Scheduling Update** – Scheduled 10th, 11th, 12th Graders; waiting for 9th Grade requests to be entered by Guidance. Will schedule at the end of July after analyzing a few items.

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**”. This report provides a comprehensive and concise detail of just what this position will offer the Blue Hills' Students, now and in the future. Members will be given time to digest this report and render questions to the Superintendent-Director, if necessary. This position will further improve the technical integration of all Blue Hills' Students and assist in properly transiting them into the future careers of their choices.

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.

Council on Occupational Competency (Also oversees the activities of Admissions and Ms. Marybeth Joyce will attend): This program will be conducted in Reno Nevada and S/D Quaglia asked for the permission of the Committee to attend this professional development event. Chairman Maguire entertained a request for a motion. Secretary Nearen moved to approve the participation of the Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia to attend the out-of-state professional development event, **Council on Occupational Competency** to take place in Reno, Nevada. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion was taken to a vote and it was by MAJORITY (Member Joyce abstained.)

Voted: to attend the out-of-state professional development event, **Council on Occupational Competency** to take place in Reno, Nevada.

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.

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Town of Milton Project – Member Fess Joyce stated that the Town of Milton has a construction project they would like to have done by the Construction Technology Program. Member Joyce requested that Mr. Quaglia pursue this request and let the Committee know of the outcome.

11. **Discussion or Suggestions** for the Good of the District, Including newsworthy educational items –
→ 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 endeavors and wholly self-supporting. “Hole Sponsorship” is offered and all interested my contact bgearty@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 **9:18 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 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** unless otherwise posted.

Minutes approved by:

Respectfully submitted by:

Marybeth Nearen, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary