



**MINUTES of the “50th District School Committee”
Regular Schedule 2014 Meeting**

Membership: Mr. Francis J. Fistori, Avon; Secretary Germano John Silveira, Braintree;
Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. Canton; Thomas R. Polito, Dedham;
Mr. Robert A. McNeil, Holbrook; Mr. Fess Joyce, Milton; Mr. Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood;
Mrs. Marybeth Nearen, Randolph and Vice-Chairman Charles W. Flahive, Westwood.

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

Prior to this Regular Schedule Meeting, subcommittees conducted meetings and recommendations will be forthcoming, resulting from their conduct. The subcommittees were:

- Warrant @ 6:30 p.m.
- Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee Meetings.

(Subcommittee Meetings were 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, October 7, 2014** 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.

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. The recording secretary was present and the meeting was also recorded with a digital recorder.

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.

Multi-talented, Ms. Judy Bass, appeared and captured an up-to-date photograph of the District School Committee present to post on the www.bluehills.org website. Members of the Committee thanked Ms. Bass.

1. ROLL CALL and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *

MEMBERS PRESENT: Messrs. Connolly, Fistori, Flahive, Maguire, McNeil, Mrs. Nearen and Mr. Polito
MEMBERS ABSENT: Messrs. McNeil and Silveira
OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Geoffrey Ostman, Student Representative
Mr. Charles J. Gisondi, District Treasurer
Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director
Ms. Jill M. Rossetti, Principal
Mr. Steven M. Moore, Assistant Superintendent/Finance and Personnel
Mr. Francis X. Howley, Director of Vocational Programs
Mr. Geoff Zini, Director of Academics
Ms. Judy Bass, Publicist
Mrs. Sarah Titus, Blue Hills Lead Guidance Counselor
Mr. Tom McGrath, Blue Hills Teacher
Mr. Bob Foley, Blue Hills Teacher
Mr. Brian Gearty, Blue Hills Teacher

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2. **Public Comment** – None.
- 3.. **Minute Approval** – Chairman Maguire called for the approval of the Tuesday, September 16, 2014 meeting. Motion was made by Vice Chairman to approve previous meeting minutes: Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive moved Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion to approve the minutes was taken to a vote and it was UNANIMOUSLY **VOTED:** to accept and approve the minutes of the Tuesday, September 16, 2014 Regular Session Meeting.
4. **Student Representative** - School Year 2014-15 Student Representative Geoffrey Ostman was recognized by Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. Mr. Ostman provided a report on current and upcoming Blue Hills Student Activities:
- **Spirit Week**
 - Tuesday, October 14th, “Tacky Tuesday
 - Wednesday, October 15th “**On Wednesdays We Wear Pink**” for Breast Cancer Awareness
 - Thursday, October 16th – “Throwback Thursday
 - Friday, October 17th :Rep ‘Yo Flag Friday
 - Contest for best dressed through pictures posts.
 - **Homecoming Week: September 20th through 24th.**
 - Penny Wars
 - Raffles during lunches
 - Friday October 24th – BHR Colors (Spirit Day)
 - Pep Rally 1:30 – 2:20 p.m.
 - **Homecoming Day is October 24, 2014**
 - Banner Contest at Warriors Football half time.
 - Pep Rally
 - Homecoming Game 5:30 p.m.
 - Homecoming Dance – 8- 11 p.m.

Blue Hills’ Boosters’ Endorsement

On behalf of the Student Body, Mr. Ostman urged the Committee to become members of the Boosters. Following endorsement, Chairman Maguire moved the question of membership to the Boosters Organization. Member Fran Fistori moved that the District School Committee become official Blue Hills’ Boosters’ Members. Motion was seconded by Member Fess Joyce. Motion was taken to a vote and **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to become members of the Blue Hills’ Boosters’ organization.

Pashmina Time is here:

Students are raising funds for their Caribbean trip and Pashmina Scarves are available. Mr. Ostman urged members to support the students’ effort with purchases for wives, girlfriends, daughters, etc. This is a fundraiser that will help support the expenses of the students’ trip. Pashima sales are being overseen by Teacher Ana Peach.

Concluding his report Chairman Maguire and the Members of the Committee thanked Mr. Ostman for his report.

5. **DSC Chair Report** – Chairman Maguire thanked Ms. Judy Bass for her attendance at this evening’s meeting.
- **Blue Hills’ Athletic Fields’ Project** -Chairman Maguire stated that he wants to see something special occur along with the opening of the newly refurbished Football Field. “This is a momentous event and should be recognized”, stated Maguire. Ideas from all are welcome. The first game on the new field will be the Homecoming Game on Friday, October 24 at 5:30 p.m. Members, if able, are urged to attend.

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- **50th Anniversary Celebration** - The Committee is excited about the achievement of Blue Hills Regional Vocational School District reaching their “Golden Anniversary” and would welcome ideas geared to celebrating this momentous event from any and all sources. This is a huge event for the District and School and should stimulate many ideas.

6. Subcommittee Reports

- **Warrant** – Chairman Charles W. Flahive was present and recommended approval of tonight’s FY15 Warrant #5,
- **Personnel & Negotiation** – The Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee continues union negotiation meetings. Chairman Charles W. Flahive will provide a status report within executive session.
- **Policy Subcommittee** – Policy Subcommittee Chairman Marybeth Nearen has met with Attorney Paige Tobin to fine tune the document and will call a subcommittee meeting shortly to prepare for the full committee vote. All are anxious to see this approval quickly.

7. Administrative Reports:

7.1 **Treasurer:** Chairman Charles J. Gisondi was recognized by Chairman Maguire. Treasurer Gisondi presented the warrants.

7.1.1 **Warrant Approval:** A motion was made by Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive to approve the following

FY15, Warrant, #5, dated October 7, 2014 in the amount of \$1,570,251.50.

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

VOTED: to approve FY15, Warrant, #5, dated October 7, 2014 in the amount of \$1,570,251.50.

7.2 **Principal’s Report** – Ms. Jill M. Rossetti was recognized by the Chairman and Committee.

- **“Jeans Day for Our Troops”** – Principal Rossetti stated that the school will be participating in a “Jeans Day for Our Troops” honoring our soldiers on the occasion of Veteran’s Day. The Program is also listed at the school’s website. **Jean’s Day** will allow all to wear their favorite jeans for a mere \$5 on Wednesday, November 12, 2014. Additional information is on the School’s website. www.bluehills.org All are welcome to participate and proceeds will be used to make soldier’s lives better. Principal Rossetti introduced members of the faculty and their subsequent reports.

7.2.1 – **Student PSAT and SAT Testing / Past three years.** – Sarah Titus, Lead Guidance Teacher was recognized by Chairman Maguire and supplied the Committee on the averages of the Blue Hills’ Students taking the SATs over the past three years (report on file). Mr. Flahive stated that he would have preferred seeing individual student scores rather than averages and was given permission to visit the Guidance Office for additional information not provided through this report. Following question and answers, the Committee thanked Mrs. Titus for her report.

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7.2.2 – **MCAS Tests** – Academic Director Geoffrey Zini reported on the MCAS test returns and provided a comparative with other years.-Director Zini presented a PowerPoint Presentation detailing the curves and stated that the entire report, as presented, would be electronically provided to all members.

7.2.3 - **Summer 2014 Reading Program** – Academic Director Geoffrey Zini reported on the success of the Blue Hills Summer Reading Program, 2014, and Academic Enrichment Program. This program is implemented to keep students minds sharp and ready to return to school in September and is mandatory.

7.2.4 – **Program Enrollment** - Chairman Maguire recognized Vocational Program Director Francis X. Howley. Mr. Howley presented the **new Chateau de Bleu Restaurant placemat**. This placement was designed by Students of the DVC Program under the directorship of their teacher, Mrs. Joann Murphy. The placement depicts famous places of interest at the nine district towns served by Blue Hills. Mr. Howley advised the Committee that there are 861 students presently enrolled at Blue Hills. Freshmen students are currently participants of the mandatory exploratory program and receiving a sample of what each of the 16 programs have to offer before January placements. Mr. Howley reported on the high demand that the industries have for qualified, well trained individuals. Mr. Howley has harvested a group of area businesses that are actively seeking students for internships. A question and answer session evolved. Following discussion, questions and answers, the Committee thanked Mr. Howley for his presentation and the statistical pass out (on file).

7.2.5 – **Implementation of Credit/Debit Card Purchases** - Mr. Howley reported that credit card purchases are now enabled. Mr. Howley further announced that the Automotive Repair Program is now equipped to perform mandatory inspections and provide sticker for passing.

Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive questioned Mr. Howley if he is involved with exploring new program opportunities to the curriculum such as plumbing to name one? Mr. Howley replied, “Yes, we are.”

Member Marybeth Nearen stated that she wants to see more student internship programs and co-op placements implemented. Mr. Howley replied that Ms. Kim Poliseno is doing a phenomenal job in this area and has recruited numerous businesses to recruit interns. The Chairman and full Committee expressed their appreciation to Director Howley for the fine job he is doing.

7.3 **Assistant Superintendent-Business and Personnel** — Mr. Moore was recognized by Chairman Maguire. Assistant Superintendent/Business and Personnel

- **Revolving Transportation Account** - Mr. Moore has provided significant information for the amendment to Section 16C of Chapter 72 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, including the following language

“Regional School Districts may establish a regional School Transportation Reimbursement Fund. Reimbursements made by the Commonwealth pursuant to this section may be deposited into said fund and may carry forward for one fiscal year.”

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Mr. Moore recommends the approval of the District School Committee to establish a revolving fund for the purpose of depositing and expending Regional Transportation Reimbursement funds. State Transportation Reimbursements deposited into this fund may carry forward for one fiscal year and shall be expended on transportation-related items.

Following discussion, questions and answers, Chairman Maguire moved the question of approval. Member Marybeth Nearen moved to approve the *establishment of a regional School Transportation Reimbursement Fund. Reimbursements made by the Commonwealth pursuant to this section may be deposited into said fund and may carry forward for one fiscal year. Motion was second by Member Kevin L. Connolly and it was UNANIMOUSLY*

VOTED: to establish a regional School Transportation Reimbursement Fund. Reimbursements made by the Commonwealth pursuant to this section may be deposited into said fund and may carry forward for one fiscal year

Scholarship Program – Vice Chairman requested information on the school scholarship placements at the September 21, 2014 and wishes to spend some time reviewing protocols well before the next group of scholarships recipients choices.

7.4 Superintendent/Director: Chairman Maguire recognized Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia. Mr. Quaglia in turn addressed the Committee

- **Decommission** – Mr. Quaglia advised the Committee that an obsolete piece of equipment from the Graphic Communications Program is being exchanged with another school for an excess piece of equipment that is needed by the Graphic Communications Program. .
- **MASC/MASS** - Along with Principal Rossetti, Mr. Quaglia will present a workshop at the upcoming Conference in Hyannis (November 5-8, 2014). Preparation is well underway for this workshop.
- **Grant** – DESE has granted \$60,000 that will be administered through the Continuing Education Program in Auto Body/Collision Program with individuals from the Department of Youth Services (DYS). This is a reach-out service.
- **NESDEC** – When questioned by Vice Chairman Flahive, Mr. Quaglia stated that the final report from the recent NESDEC visit has not been received.

8. Unfinished Business and New Business:

- **MASC/MASS CONFERENCE** – Member Marybeth Nearen has been chosen to participate on the voting matters and will review the questions at the November 4th meeting. The conference is scheduled from Wednesday, November 5th through Saturday, November 8th.
- **Blue Hills Foundation** – October 29th will be the Blue Hills Foundation Meeting (at 7 p.m.). Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive, Member Marybeth Nearen and Student Representative Geoff Ostman are members of the Foundation.
- **Policy** – Subcommittee Chairman Marybeth Nearen will be conducting a Policy Subcommittee Meeting as soon as possible.
- **“Make a Wish” Benefit** - Is scheduled for Saturday, October 25, 2014. Blue Hills Graduate Mikey Riley is running this event for the benefit of ill children. Members are urged to support and pass the word around to assist Mr. Riley with this altruistic effort.

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- **The Arts at Blue Hills** – Vice Chairman Charles W. Flahive still wants to see introductions of arts and music introduced into the curriculum Mr. Flahive is quite adamant about the need for the arts to meet the needs of the multi-talented students attending Blue Hills; now and in the future.

9. **Discussion or Suggestions for the Good of the District ,**

- **State Legislators** – Member Kevin L. Connolly is continuing lobbying with a number of individuals for the best interests of the District and its students.
- **MASC/MASS Conference:** Mrs. Marybeth Nearen was nominated as voting delegate to the Conference scheduled from November 5-8, 2014 in Hyannis MA.

10. **Executive session:** Chairman Maguire moved to enter into executive session at 8:33 p.m. The Chairman moved to executive **session** to discuss collective bargaining, strategies and/or possible litigation under Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) (b), 2, 3 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Laws. Open meeting discussion may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and is subsequently declared by Chairman Pascarella. By **UNANIMOUS** Roll-Call Vote, the Committee moved into executive session and will return to the regular meeting solely for an the open session adjournment.

11. **Adjournment** – Following conclusion of all District School Committee’s open meeting business. Chairman Maguire accepted a motion from Member Fess Joyce and seconded by Member Fran Fistori to close the Summer Session Meeting of the District School Committee.

It was **unanimously:**

VOTED: to adjourn the Regular Schedule Meeting, with all regular business concluded, at **8:45 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 October 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.,** unless otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved:

Minutes submitted by:

Germano John Silveira, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary