



**MINUTES of the “51st District School Committee”  
Regular Schedule 2015 Meeting**

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

***“Transparency, Accountability and Fiscal Discipline”***

**Tuesday, December 1, 2015**

Prior to this Regular Schedule Meeting, a subcommittee meeting was scheduled to be conducted. Meeting and report/recommendations will be forthcoming, resulting from its conduct. The subcommittee were:

**\*Subcommittee Meetings, prior to Regular Schedule Meeting:**

- **5:30 p.m.: Curriculum & Advisory Subcommittee – Curriculum discussions.**
- **5:30 p.m.: Finance & Administration Subcommittee – 2017 Budget Goals**
- **6:00 p.m. – Legal (ad hoc) Subcommittee – Review and distribution of returns.**
- **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 **Fifty-First District School Committee Regular Schedule Meeting** was called to order, promptly, at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2015** at the Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School, **William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room (#207A)**, 800 Randolph Street, Canton, Massachusetts. Chairman Charles W. Flahive presided at this meeting, as duly elected Chairman...

**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 Charles W. Flahive, conducting this meeting as duly elected Chairman of the 51<sup>st</sup> District School Committee, 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's notes were taken by Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary and digital recorder.

**1. ROLL CALL and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE \***

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Messrs. Connolly, Erskine, Fistori, Flahive, Maguire, Nearen and McNeil

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Members Joyce and Polito

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Charles J. Gisondi, District Treasurer  
Student Representative Geoffrey Ostman  
Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director  
Mr. Steven Moore, Assistant Superintendent/Business & Personnel  
Ms. Jill M. Rossetti, Principal  
Mr. Brian Gearty, BHEA, Teacher, Golf Coach  
Mrs. Susan Grant – Science Teacher  
Ms. Elizabeth J-G, Science Teacher

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Ms. Stacey Hedges – Science Teacher BHEA  
Mrs. Joann Murphy, DVC

2. **Public Comment** – Chairman Charles W. Flahive acknowledged the attendance of teachers present and thanked them for their participation and interest.

3. **Student Report** – Chairman Flahive recognized Student Representative Geoffrey Ostman. Mr. Ostman reviewed student activities:

**SPORTS** – Fall sports made it to the playoffs, but no championships this year.

- Boys Soccer 7W 6T 5L
- Girls Soccer – 8W 2T \*L
- Best season ever for Blue Hills Golf Team 9W 2T 3L
- Volleyball 10 W and 10 L
- Football finished 5-2, losing to BP on Thanksgiving 20-16

**Winter Sports are just starting with swimming, basketball (girls and boys) and Hockey.**

- **Toy Drive** is being conducted by the National Honor Society and will run through December 15.
- **SADD day** will be conducted and is stressing the importance of making good decisions during the holidays.
- **Veterans' Day** – Student Council decorated the school bridge in honor of staff members that have served in the military and recognize family members as well. Students demonstrated that they are very grateful to **USA Service Men**.
- **Annual Food Drive** is underway with Westwood and Dedham pantries receiving proceeds.
- **Cookie Dough Fundraiser** – Students are selling dough to raise funds for student projects.

4. **Minute approval:** Minutes of the Tuesdays, October 20, 2015 and November 3, 2015 meetings were presented for approval. Chairman Flahive accepted a motion from Member Kevin L. Connolly, seconded by Member Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., to accept and approve the presented minutes. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** to accept and approve the minutes of the Tuesdays, October 20, 2015 and November 3, 2015.

### 5. **DSC Chairman's Report/Comments:**

Chairman Charles W. Flahive spoke on the following items:

**1) Annual DSC/School Council Joint Dinner Meeting was set for Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the school's renowned Chateau de bleu Restaurant. Invitations will be sent out and Chef John Haelsen contacted.**

**2) ad hoc Legal Subcommittee Meeting:** Receiving packets from interested parties.

**2) MASC/MASC Joint Conference:** Chairman Flahive spoke on his attendance at the event and requested Member Eric C. Erskine to report on the impact of Mr. Erskine's attendance: Mr. Erskine replied: "I learned much about School Committee operations, not only at the workshops but also in the informal hall talks that were conducted before and after the workshop/meetings."

**3) Open House, November 18, 2015:** Chairman Flahive urged members to attend this event scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. tomorrow, 11.18.15. Members may report to Room 402 before touring. **6) Music**

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Program: Chairman Flahive stated this has been an ongoing conversation discussed a number of times and he wishes to hear more on the subject. Superintendent-Director Quaglia stated that Principal Rossetti will provide additional information at the next meeting. A number of members have also inquired about this program.

4) ***John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Presentation Ceremony and Reception***: Members are invited to the Presentation Ceremony and Reception to be held in the school Cafeterium on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 8:45 a.m. Chairman Charles W. Flahive will be a guest speaker at this event.

### 6. Subcommittee Reports:

- **ad hoc Legal Subcommittee Meeting**: Chairman Flahive stated that returns are coming in with interested law firms. When deadline is passed, review meeting will be set.
- **Warrant Subcommittee Member**, Mr. Eric C. Erskine reported on the review of the documentation of the Warrant this evening. Member Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., had a few questions that were answered by Assistant Superintendent/Business and Personnel Steven M. Moore, with satisfaction. The Warrant Subcommittee recommended the approval of the submitted warrant.

### 7. Administrative Reports:

**7.1 Update/Status Report on Student Cell-Phone Policy including comparatives with nine district member town schools**: Chairman Charles W. Flahive recognized Dean of Students Thomas G. Cavanaugh. Mr. Cavanaugh reviewed the cell-phone policy and impact on campus. The teachers informed him that 25-30% of students are using their cell phones and it seems to be working well. "Phones are a fact of life now and responsible use is being observed and implemented within Blue Hills." Mr. Cavanaugh stated that the students of Blue Hills are abiding by the rules and there are few infractions of the rules and consistent accountability. Mr. Cavanaugh stated, "Digital responsibility is being taught."

Following the presentation, questions and answers; Member Robert McNeil stated that he is in complete approval of the cell phone policy. Following the question and answer period, members of the District School Committee thanked Dean of Students for his presence and input.

**7.2 Treasurer, Mr. Charles J. Gisondi** was recognized by Chairman Flahive. Treasurer Gisondi stated that the transition from Bank of America to Bank of Canton is nearing completion. The transition will be smooth with over 23 links redirected. Mr. Gisondi wishes to leave the meeting after this report to continue work on this most important transition. Mr. Gisondi continues to receive complete cooperation from the Bank of Canton. Mr. Gisondi's target for completion of this project is December 7, 2015.

- **Warrant Approval** – Chairman Charles W. Flahive accepted a motion, as follows:

Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to approve FY16 Warrant #8, dated November 17, 2015, (Vouchers 1020-1021) in the amount of \$496,340.00. Motion was seconded by Member Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. Motion to approve was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

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**VOTED:** to approve FY16 Warrant #8, dated November 17, 2015, (Vouchers 1020-1021) in the amount of \$496,340.00.

**Mr. Gisondi was excused from the remainder of the meeting to return to his desk and bank transfer work.**

**7.3 Assistant Superintendent/Personnel and Business:** No report.

**7.3 Principal – Ms. Jill M. Rossetti** was recognized by Chairman Flahive.

- **Drama Club:** Teacher Stacey Hedges is laying the foundation for a group of students to participate in a Drama Club.
- **Power Point Presentation with comparative of MCAS/PARCC Scores,** following a 3 p.m. Public Release from DESE. PARCC Scores are no longer embargoed. Blue Hills received a Level 4 in English. There was a question and answer session conducted.

**7.4 Superintendent/Director:** Chairman Charles W. Flahive recognized Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia.

- **SchoolDude:** Mr. Quaglia, in turn, recognized and introduced Mr. Gene Mastro, Director of Facilities and Maintenance. Director Mastro addressed the Committee and requested permission to attend a SchoolDude Seminar to be conducted from March 19<sup>th</sup> through March 23, 2016, stating that this seminar will enable the District to realize additional benefits with the use of this system. Following questions and answers, a motion was made by Chairman Charles W. Flahive to approve the professional development activity of Director Mastro. Motion was seconded by Member Robert A. McNeil. Motion was taken to a vote and it was UNANIMOUSLY

**VOTED:** to approve the professional development activity of Director Mastro, as presented.

- **Music Program:** Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia, suggested that a Curriculum & Advisory Subcommittee post a meeting for an intense discussion on establishing a music program. It was decided to post a meeting for Tuesday, December 1, 2015 @ 5:30 p.m. Mr. Quaglia proceeded to review an area of the school that could accommodate the “proposed music room/center” and sketched a sample blueprint on a white board for the perusal of the Committee.

**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:** Was conducted regarding an ongoing personnel matter.

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

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

**VOTED:** to adjourn the Regular Schedule Meeting, with all regular business concluded, at **7:27 p.m.**

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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, December 1, 2015** at **7:00 p.m.**, unless otherwise posted.

Minutes approved by:

Respectfully submitted by:

Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary

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