



## 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”*

Before the Regular District School Committee, the District School Committee conducted a business dinner meeting with the Blue Hills School Council at the school’s Chateau de Bleu Restaurant under the direction of Chef John Haelsen, Chef David Green and the phenomenal talents of the Culinary Arts Program Students. The meeting was very well attended with menu and atmosphere spectacular. All guests expressed their sincere appreciation for this event.

### Tuesday, December 15, 2015

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

- **5:00 p.m.: Finance & Administration Subcommittee reviewed proposed staffing plan and salary budget.**
- **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 15, 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. Erskine, Fistori, Flahive, Maguire, Nearen, McNeil and Polito

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Members Connolly and Joyce

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Geoffrey Ostman, Student Representative  
Mr. Charles J. Gisondi, District Treasurer

## **DSC.MINUTES. Tuesday, 12.15.15. Regular Schedule Meeting**

Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director  
 Mr. Steven Moore, Assistant Superintendent/Business & Personnel  
 Ms. Jill M. Rossetti, Principal  
 Mr. Ed Catabia, Athletic Director  
 Mr. Gene Mastro, Director of Facilities  
 Ms. Elaine Couto, BHR Teacher

2. **Public Comment** – Chairman Charles W. Flahive addressed the full committee stating that the **ad hoc Legal Subcommittee** has received numerous (9) interest statements, including qualifications, from legal firms. At this time, the ad hoc Legal Subcommittee is thoroughly exploring the submissions and will schedule a meeting in January to discuss deliberations and possible recommendations and review of subcommittee members score sheets for submitted candidates. Chairman Flahive reported that he had heard from Member Fess Joyce. Member Joyce was unable to attend this evening's meeting because of illness.

- **Bank Transfer Project:** Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi continues work on the transfer from Bank of America to Bank of Canton. Thus far, the project has required 145 hours of additional services from the District's Treasurer. Following discussion, Chairman Flahive accepted a motion from Secretary Thomas R. Polito, Jr. Secretary Polito, moved to compensate Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi for an additional 145 hours of service that he has extended for the bank transfer. Motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Marybeth Nearen. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** moved to compensate Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi for an additional 145 hours of service that he has extended for the bank transfer.

Assistant Superintendent/Business & Personnel, Steven Moore, requested a memo be sent with a request for Mr. Gisondi's compensation.

- **BHEA Contract Ratification:** The BHEA Contract, previously approved, was signed by the District School Committee.

3. **Student Report:** Chairman Flahive recognized Student Representative Geoffrey Ostman. Mr. Ostman reviewed current activities of the students, many with the spirit of Blue Hills' altruism:

- **National Honor Society run "Toy Drive"** will be delivering toy contributions to DCF tomorrow (Wednesday, December 16, 2015) to bring joy to children this holiday season.
- **"Turkey Raffle"** once again spear-headed by Teacher Michael Sheehan, with contributions also provided by District School Members. A special event with a history of 35 years.
- **"Can Drive"** a/k/a Food Drive is preparing to send donations and is run by the Student Council.
- **Blue Hills' Hockey Team** has begun its winter sport season.
- **SkillsUSA** has a meeting this Thursday (12.17.15) to plan and prepare for the Massachusetts State Conference in May 2016 in Marlboro, MA.

Member Aidan Maguire, Jr., asked about the **"Parents' Night Out"** event. Mr. Ostman stated that this is a new student activity under the supervision of Teacher Rebecca Ray. This event will offer parents with young children an opportunity to do last minute shopping while students babysit younger children (ages 4 – 10).

Following Mr. Ostman's report, members of the District School Committee extended their thanks.

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4. **Minute approval:** None.

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

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6. **Subcommittee Reports:**

- **Warrant Subcommittee:** The Warrant Subcommittee recommended the approval of the submitted warrant.
- **Finance & Administration Subcommittee:** Subcommittee Chairperson Marybeth Nearen reported that the Committee has met with administrators and will have recommendations at the next DSC Meeting in January 2016. All members have received FY17 Budget Documents for their review.

7. **Administrative Reports:**

7.1 **Athletic Director** – Mr. Edward Catabia, Jr., was recognized by Chairman Flahive. Director Catabia reviewed the results of the Fall Season. Five teams made the playoffs and numerous student athletes received awards. Mr. Catabia provided the Calendar of games and events for all winter sports teams that are already up and running. Following a question and answer session, the Committee thanked Mr. Catabia for his report and wish the coaches and athletes success for winter sports.

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 has met the deadline date for transfer of bank accounts.

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

Secretary Thomas R. Polito moved to approve FY16 Warrant #10, dated December 15, 2015, (Vouchers 1024-1025) in the amount of \$535,409.95. Motion was seconded by Member Fran Fistori. Motion to approve was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

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**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: Chairman Flahive recognized Mr. Steven M. Moore.**

- **Introduction of Ms. Patty Querin-Guerin** Mr. Moore was pleased to announce that Ms. Querin-Guerin is now a member of the Finance Department. This position was open after the position became vacant and was advertised properly.

**7.4 Principal – Ms. Jill M. Rossetti** had no report this evening, but mentioned recent professional development activities she has recently attended, including a suicide prevention program presented by parents that had lost a child tragically. There was intense discussion about the composition of the School Council and the place it plays in the operation of the Blue Hills' operations.

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

- **ACTE Vision Conference Professional Development Event Attendance Report (11.19-11.22.15):** Mr. Quaglia turned the primary report of the ACTE Professional Development Event, attendee, Principal Jill Rossetti. Mr. Quaglia and Ms. Rossetti had attended this professional development event in November. This event focused on the place that vocational education is playing in the success of the nation and recommendations for technological advancements in the vocational areas. Mr. Quaglia also attended this event and continued speaking on his fruition with the information acquired. A slide presentation was presented to the Committee with highlights of the seminars and focus on creative technological careers that are being fostered. Software reviews were included through this PD event and advancements are being planned to further enhance the education of the Blue Hills' Students. Concluding the discussions, Mr. Quaglia thanked the Committee for allowing attendance at this conference.

**9. Unfinished Business and New Business –**

- **Shirts for Students:** Chairman Flahive questioned Mr. Moore on the resolution of proposed student shirts and was assured that this topic will be addressed at a January meeting.
- **Member Bios:** There are members that have not submitted their bios. Members are requested to submit to Joanne, or directly to Ms. Judy Bass.
- **Music Elective:** Presently, Ms. Rossetti and Mr. Zini are working on this item.
- **Members' Shirts:** DSC Members received Blue Hills' shirts to wear to an assortment of activities they attend.

**10. Discussion or Suggestions for the Good of the District, Including newsworthy educational items –** Chairman Flahive discussed the possibility of increasing the numbers of the subcommittee members to insure quorum and conduct of subcommittee meetings.

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11. **Executive session:** Determined unnecessary.

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

Member Rob McNeil moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Member Fess Joyce, taken to a vote and **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** to adjourn the Regular Schedule Meeting, with all regular business concluded, at **8:30 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, January 5, 2016 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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