



MINUTES of the “51st District School Committee”
Regular Schedule 2016 Meeting
AND
FY17 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

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 Charles W. Flahive, Randolph and Chairman Charles W. Flahive, Westwood.

“Transparency, Accountability and Fiscal Discipline”

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

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

- Evaluation Subcommittee – Report > Superintendent-Director Evaluation Process
- Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee – Report > Preliminary Discussions on the Contract Negotiation with the Superintendent-Director
- Warrant Subcommittee – Report > Subcommittee Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., will be reporting on the examination of the warrant documentation and subsequent recommendation.

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School **Fifty-First District School Committee Regular Schedule Meeting** was called to order, promptly, **on Tuesday, March 15, 2016** at the Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School, **William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room (#207A)**, 800 Randolph Street, Canton, Massachusetts by Chairman Charles W. Flahive.

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.

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 *

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Student Representative Geoffrey Ostman.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Messrs. Connolly, Erskine, Fistori, Flahive, Joyce, Maguire, McNeil and Polito

MEMBERS ABSENT Vice-Chairman Marybeth Nearen

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Geoffrey Ostman, Student Representative
Mr. Charles J. Gisondi, District Treasurer
Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director
Ms. Jill Rossetti, Principal
Mr. Steven Moore, Assistant Superintendent/Business & Personnel
Ms. Marybeth Joyce, BH Director of Admissions and Financial Aid
Mr. Matthew Siwik, Blue Hills’ Metal Fabrication Teacher

2. FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

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- **FY17 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING:** Chairman Flahive accepted a motion from Secretary Thomas R. Polito, Jr., to call the Public Hearing to order. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion to open the Public Hearing was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to call the Public Hearing to order at 7:01 p.m.

NOTE: There was no attendance at the Public Hearing.

Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to conclude the Public Hearing. Motion was seconded by Member Eric Erskine. Motion to conclude the Public Hearing was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: To conclude the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. and continue to the Regular Business of the District School Committee.

3. **Public Comment** – None.

4. **Student Report:** Acting Chairman Charles W. Flahive recognized Student Representative Geoffrey Ostman. Mr. Ostman review included:

- Reviewed recent school activities including student-athlete achievements. All spring sports are up and running but deterred with weather conditions (snow/rain).
- Semi-Formal: March 24th is on the calendar for the Spring Semi, with response for attendance going well.
- National Honor Society: Induction Ceremony is scheduled on April 12, 2012.

Following Mr. Ostman's report, the Committee thanked Mr. Ostman.

4. **Minute approval:** Past minutes were approved.

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

- Chairman Charles W. Flahive requested a copy of the contract earnings of all employees be supplied to all Committee members.
- Chairman Flahive stated that there are items to be addressed in executive session. This session will be conducted at the end of the meeting.
- The four finalists for the Legal Counsel position will be interviewed tomorrow (Wednesday, 3.16.16)

6. **Subcommittee Reports:**

- **Evaluation Subcommittee** – Report > Subcommittee Chairman Fran Fistori reported that Superintendent-Director Evaluation Process has begun and all members have received (or will receive/via Joanne) the significant documents pertaining to the Superintendent-Director's Evaluation. Subcommittee Chairman Fistori requested that all returns be submitted to him, no later than April 15, 2016 and results will be tallied and reported to the full Committee, as well as the Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee.
- **Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee** – Report > Subcommittee Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., reported that preliminary discussions on the Contract Negotiation with the Superintendent-Director. Subcommittee will wait for returns from the Evaluation Subcommittee relative to individual member's evaluations before moving forward.
- **Warrant Subcommittee** – Report > Subcommittee Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., recommended approval of

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the submitted Warrant, with one clarification regarding a contract salary. Mr. Moore and Mr. Quaglia provided explanation for expense.

7. Administrative Reports:

7.1 **Treasurer, Mr. Charles J. Gisondi** was recognized by Chairman Flahive. Treasurer Gisondi stated that the BANK OF CANTON is interested in coming in to a DSC Meeting and explaining all the advantages and improvements that are featured with the change of banking institutions, especially the ATM. A staff/student survey was implemented and there is considerable interest (as reported by Mr. Quaglia).

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

Secretary Thomas R. Polito moved to approve FY16 Warrant #16, dated March 15, 2016, in the amount of \$572,519.19. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion to approve was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve FY16 Warrant #16, dated March 15, 2016, in the amount of \$572,519.19.

7.3 Assistant Superintendent/Personnel and Business: Chairman Flahive recognized Mr. Steven M. Moore.

- **Town Finance Committee Visits:** Mr. Moore reported that six of the District Town Finance Committees have been visited and received the details of the FY17 Preliminary Budget, as approved by the District School Committee. “So far, the visits have produced seemingly positive results”, declared Mr. Moore.

7.4 Principal – Ms. Jill M. Rossetti was recognized by Acting Chairman Nearen. Principal Rossetti reported:

- **Rugby Start:** Principal Rossetti was pleased to announce the start of Rugby for the student athletes, after sound administrative review. A proponent of the program, **Mr. Matthew Siwik** spoke on the Rugby opportunity and declared his advocacy for the program. Mr. Siwik has been involved with Rugby for over 20 years, as a semi-professional player and coach. There were extensive questions and answers directed to Mr. Siwik on Rugby with interest of a positive nature expressed by the Committee. Mr. Siwik has 20-30 students expressing interest in this sport and is willing to do the work involved to see Rugby succeed at Blue Hills. Mr. Siwik is a “Certified Rugby Coach”. Member Fess Joyce extended the Committee’s thanks to Mr. Siwik for the fine job he has done in bringing this opportunity to the Blue Hills’ students.
- **Program of Studies:** Principal Rossetti presented the Program of Studies for the 2016-17 School Year and received praise from the Committee on the value of its content.
- **NEASC Report:** Ms. Rossetti reported that the report will be prepared by April 2nd.

Chairman Flahive thanked Principal Rossetti for her report.

7.5 Superintendent/Director: Acting Chairman Nearen recognized Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia.

- **Update:** The plan for the “50th Anniversary Celebration” commemorating the 50 years that Blue Hills has been educating students is in full swing. The date is set and will be Friday, June 10, 2016 and the place will be a highly decorated school cafeteria.

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8. **Unfinished Business and New Business –**

- **MSBA:** ‘A second vote is necessary for the MSBA matter, as well as a transfer from the ED Account”, reported Superintendent-Director Quaglia. As a result, the Committee requested that a Finance & Administration Subcommittee Meeting be set to discuss transfer.
- **Executive Session:** Superintendent-Director Quaglia stated that he has an item that requires executive session attention.

9. **Discussion or Suggestions** for the Good of the District, Including newsworthy educational items:

- **Winter Social** hosted by the Blue Hills’ Boosters: Member Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., stated that he attended the event (Saturday, March 5) and it was a wonderful time. The Committee should be proud to have this ambitious group of parents working hard to improve the Blue Hills’ Community, especially the students.
- **Audit: The Finance & Administration Subcommittee** will meet to discuss the Audit services for the District. Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi stated, “If you change providers, it will take approximately three years for the new firm to familiarize themselves with the District and its protocols.” Member Fess Joyce stated that the Committee should heed Mr. Gisondi’s words as Mr. Gisondi has always given good advice to the Committee.

10. **Executive session:** . A brief executive session was called, necessary 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. Chairman Flahive moved the meeting to Executive Session, declaring that the DSC would return solely to adjourn after the session at 8:20 p.m. Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to have the Committee move to executive session, with the Committee returning to the Regular Session purely to adjourn with no unfinished regular business on the table. Motion was seconded by Member Eric Erskine and taken to a **ROLL CALL VOTE. UNANIMOUSLY** by roll-call vote, the Committee

Voted: to have the Committee move to executive session, with the Committee returning to the Regular Session purely to adjourn with no unfinished regular business on the table.

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

Member Fran Fistori 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 **9:14 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, April 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