



**MINUTES of the “51st District School Committee”  
Regular Schedule 2016 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, May 17, 2016**

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

- **Personnel & Negotiation – for Superintendent-Director’s Contract Negotiations.**
- **Curriculum & Advisory Subcommittee for discussion on “Off-Campus” Projects for SY16-17.**
- **Warrant Subcommittee –Report > Subcommittee Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., will be reporting.**

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School **Fifty-First District School Committee Regular Schedule Meeting** was called to order, promptly, **on Tuesday, May 17, 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 voice 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, Nearen and Polito

**MEMBERS ABSENT** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Charles J. Gisondi, District Treasurer  
Mr. Geoffrey Ostman, Student Representative  
Ms. Jill Rossetti, Principal  
Mr. Steven Moore, Assistant Superintendent/Business & Personnel  
Ms. Marybeth Joyce, BH Director of Admissions and Financial Aid  
Mr. Geoff Zini, Director of Academic Programs  
Mr. Ed. Catabia, Athletic Director/Coach  
Mr. Thomas Cavanaugh, Dean of Students,  
(Additional Attendance follows.)

Kathy Manning Staff Member	Eileen Dailey, BHEA/Resident	Courtney Wall SEIU888	Matt Manders Coach
Nicole Flynn Teacher	Kristy Littlehale Teacher	Tom McGrath Teacher	Bob Foley Teacher

Rick Montgomery, Teacher	Ryan Kiff, Teacher	Jamie Arnstein, Teacher
Dwight Seaman, Teacher	Kimberly Lavoie, Teacher	

**NOTED:** There were attendees at this meeting that did not sign the attendance sheet.

Chairman Charles W. Flahive welcomed the meeting attendees and praised the group for their appearance at this meeting.

At 7:07 p.m. Chairman Flahive called Executive Session out of order. A roll-call vote was taken and passed **UNANIMOUSLY**.

**to return to the Open Session, the Committee returned to Open Session and regular business of the DSC at 7:47 p.m.**

2. **Public Comment** – None.
3. **Student Report:** – Student Representative Geoffrey Ostman reported an assortment of student activities and stated that this is his final meeting before the expiration of his term with graduation. Members of the full committee thanked Mr. Ostman for his service to the Committee over the past two school years, stating that Mr. Ostman always brought enthusiasm with his comprehensive presentation.
4. **Minute approval:** Minutes of previously presented minutes were approved.
5. **DSC Chairman's Report/Comments:** Called to executive session for a portion of the discussions, as permitted by the **Open Meeting Law**.
6. **Subcommittee Reports:**
  - o **Curriculum & Advisory Subcommittee: Met with Bob Foley and discussed proposed School Year Projects for 2016-17. The Curriculum and Advisory Committee Chairman, Kevin L. Connolly recommends the following projects:**

Richard Stagnone  
7 Sprague Ave.  
Holbrook, MA

Dedham Housing Authority  
163 Dedham Blvd.  
Dedham, MA 02026

Following discussion, questions and answers, Chairman Flahive requested a move on the recommendations. Member Robert A. McNeil moved to approve the project recommendations for School Year 2016-17 as recommended to Richard Stagnone and the Dedham Housing Authority. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** to approve the project recommendations for School Year 2016-17 as recommended to Richard Stagnone and the Dedham Housing Authority.

**Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee** – Report > Subcommittee Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., reported that a meeting was conducted on May 2, 2016 and this evening. The Committee recommends the approval of the Superintendent-Director's Contract for three years, as requested. The matter and contract was discussed within Executive Session resulting in the decision to recommend. Vice Chairman Nearen moved to approve the Superintendent-Director's three year contract. Motion to approve was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion was taken to a VOTE and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** to approve the Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia's three-year contract, as of July 1, 2016.  
**The contract will be executed as soon as possible.**

- **Warrant Subcommittee** – Report > Subcommittee Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., recommended approval of the submitted Warrant, following examination of submitted warrant details and the reply of Assistant Superintendent/Personnel & Business Steven M. Moore.

#### 7. Administrative Reports:

7.1 **Treasurer, Mr. Charles J. Gisondi** was recognized by Chairman Flahive. Treasurer Gisondi was recognized by Chairman Flahive and requested the approval of the FY16, Warrant #20:

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

Secretary Thomas R. Polito moved to approve FY16 Warrant #20, dated May 17, 2016, in the amount of \$234,206.92 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 #20, dated May 3, 2016, 2016, in the amount of \$234,206.92 .

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

- **FY17 BUDGET VOTE: following discussion and review as well as learning of the approval of six of the nine member towns for the FY17 Budget, Assistant Superintendent Finance and Personnel requested the vote of the full District School Committee.**

**Chairman Flahive moved the question of the vote for the approval of the FY17 Budget .**Secretary Polito moved to approve the FY17 Budget in the amount of \$19,069,373. Motion to approve was seconded by Member Robert A. McNeil. Motion to approve the FY17 Budget in the amount of \$19,069,373. Was taken to vote without further discussion. **UNANIMOUSLY THE DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE:**

**VOTED:** to approve the FY17 Budget in the amount of \$19,069,373.

Mr. Moore will also provide the members School-to-Career Program recommendations at a June Meeting.

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

- **Senior Art Show** – Reminded the members that Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. is the date and time of the Senior Art Show
- **Graduation is June 7, 2016:** Ms. Rossetti would like the count for members attending to accommodate seating.

Chairman Flahive thanked Principal Rossetti for her report.

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

- **Athletic Program Investigation:** Mr. Quaglia reported that an intense investigation had been accomplished with recommendations for coach training. This investigation occurred resulting from parent complaints.
- **MSBA:** A School Building Committee is set with seven members, including members of the current DSC Buildings, Facilities, Safety and Security Subcommittee (Mssrs. McNeil, Erskine and Polito).

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

**Executive Session:** Conducted earlier in the meeting as called by Chairman Flahive.

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

- **Commendation to Kim Polisen and Dan Jordan:** Member Robert A. McNeil stated that a student in the Blue Hills' Cooperative Education Program has been working at his Company and the "Student is amazing."

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 to complete regular session business at 7:15. Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to have the Committee move from executive session, with the Committee returning to the Regular Session. 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 from executive session, with the Committee returning to the Regular Session to continue regular business.

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 **8:42 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 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.,** unless otherwise posted.

Minutes approved by:

Respectfully submitted by:

Thomas R. Polito, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary