



**MINUTES of the “51st District School Committee”
Special Summer 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.

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

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

- **6:00 p.m.: Curriculum & Advisory Subcommittee (Cancelled/lacked quorum.)**
- **6:00 p.m.: Evaluation Subcommittee Meeting – Review of Returned Evaluation Documents for the Superintendent-Directors’ Annual Evaluation to be conducted within the 8.18.15 Open Session of the Special Summer Schedule Meeting. Final review of the Treasurer’s and Recording Secretary’s Evaluations. The Treasurer and Recording Secretary’s evaluations will be conducted within this evening’s full Committee meeting.**
- **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 Special Summer Schedule Meeting** was called to order, promptly, at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 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, with quorum met, at this his first 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 his first meeting as duly elected Chairman of the 51st 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 is also recorded by digital recorder and stenographer.

1. ROLL CALL and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *

MEMBERS PRESENT: Messrs. Connolly (Late arrival: 8:30 p.m.), Erskine, Fistori, Flahive, Joyce, Maguire, Mrs. Nearen (Late arrival: 7:37 p.m.) and Mr. Polito

MEMBERS ABSENT Mr. McNeil

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Charles J. Gisondi, District Treasurer
Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director
Ms. Jill M. Rossetti, Principal
Mr. Gene Mastro, Blue Hills Director of Facilities and Grounds

2. Public Comment – None.

3. Minute Approval – Motion to approve previous minutes was made by Member Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. Motion was seconded by Member Fess Joyce. Motion to approve was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

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VOTED: to approve previous meeting minutes.

4. **Student Representative** – Mr. Geoffrey Ostman, Student Representative has the summer off. Ostman will continue his duties through School Year 2015-16. Mr. Ostman will continue his duties upon school start.

5. **DSC Chair Report** –

Chairman Charles W. Flahive reminded members of the Summer Schedule Meetings (Specials):

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Chairman Charles W. Flahive further stated:

“There **will be three prominent goals** that will be prioritized by this Committee, under my Chairmanship. They are

1. Transparency on all matters
2. Fiscal Discipline
3. Accountability.

Each item is of equal importance.

When something is going on with District business, the Committee will know about it when it is going on and not after the fact.”

- **Chairman Flahive** also stated that he can be reached at his cell phone number from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week and urges all to use that number when anything is happening. Chairman Flahive also urged all members to contact him directly if there is something specific they wish to have included on meeting agendas. Timely communications will be of the essence.
- **LPN Graduation: Chairman Flahive and Member Fess Joyce attended the momentous, impressive graduation of the Class of 2015 Licensed Practical Nursing Program conducted on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at Blue Hills Regional Technical School. Member Joyce stated that it is wonderful to see such fine individuals prepared to go out into the world using their newly acquired skills to help those who aren't well. Chairman Flahive was also a guest speaker at this commencement, representing the District School Committee.**

Subcommittee Appointments: Chairman Flahive, the appointing official for all District School Subcommittees, appointed Member Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. and Member Eric C. Erskine to the Curriculum & Advisory Subcommittee. Further appointments will be made at the Tuesday, August 18, 2015 Special Summer District School Committee Meeting by Chairman Flahive. Chairman Flahive will continue appointments as soon as possible.

6. **Subcommittee Reports:**

- **Curriculum & Advisory Subcommittee** - The meeting did not have a quorum and will be rescheduled before the 8.18.15 DSC Summer Session Meeting.
- **Evaluation Subcommittee Meeting** – Subcommittee Chairman Fran J. Fistori provided the Committee with hard copies of the final tallies for the Treasurer and Recording Secretary's job performance. The evaluations were conducted in Open Session, as required. The Superintendent-Director's evaluation will be completed, also in open session, at the Tuesday, August 18, 2015 meeting.
 - **Decision of the Committee:** Following discussion and the recommendation of the Evaluation Subcommittee, the Committee **voted UNANIMOUSLY** to continue the

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employment of the Treasurer and Recording Secretary (as moved by Mr. Fistori and seconded by Mr. Polito).

- **Warrant Subcommittee Chairman Charles W. Flahive** reported on the reviewed documents and recommended the approval of the warrant presented at this evening's meeting with questions regarding the high cost of legal services and a gas meter. Mr. Gene Mastro, present at this meeting, answered questions on the necessity of the expensive gas meter and will provide additional information at a future meeting.

7. Administrative Reports:

7.1 **Treasurer:** Chairman Flahive recognized Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi. Mr. Gisondi, spoke on details of the current status of the Blue Hills Retirement Board.

Mr. Gisondi requested the vote of the Committee for the approval of two Warrants (FY15, #22 and FY16, #1)

7.1.1 **Warrant Approval:** Chairman Flahive moved the question of the approval of the Warrant.

Secretary Thomas R. Polito, Jr., moved to approve FY15, Warrant #23, in the amount of \$1,910,842.64, dated Tuesday, July 21, 2015 (Vouchers 1075-1078)..

Motion was seconded by Member Eric C. Erskine. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve FY15, Warrant #23, in the amount of \$1,910,842.64, dated Tuesday, July 21, 2015 (Vouchers 1075-1078).

Secretary Thomas R. Polito, Jr., moved to approve FY16, Warrant #1, in the amount of \$1,408,481.56 dated Tuesday, July 21, 2015 (Vouchers 1000 - 1002).

Motion was seconded by Member Eric C. Erskine. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve FY16, Warrant #1, in the amount of \$1,408,481.56 dated Tuesday, July 21, 2015 (Vouchers 1000 - 1002).

7.2 **Assistant Superintendent-Business and Personnel,** Mr. Steven M. Moore is on vacation.

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

Principal Rossetti continued with her comments on The School Year 2015-16 Parent-Student Handbook. A hard copy was provided to all members. Ms. Rossetti stated that she is carefully comparing the Handbook with the document returned by School Counsel after their review. As soon as tomorrow, this further reviewed document will be electronically sent to all District School Committee Members. Questions and answers were supplied. The Handbook will be up for a vote of approval by the DSC Full Committee at the Tuesday.8.18.15 meeting. Following approval, the Handbook will be posted on the school's website for student and parent reference. If any member has a further question, or suggestion, they were requested to contact Ms. Rossetti directly.

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- **Master Scheduling Update** – Is close to fruition.
- **AP Subject Score Roster (2015)** – Principal Rossetti presented the full Committee with a customized report on the Blue Hills' Regional Technical High School student participant scores, as requested by the Committee at a previous meeting. (AP = Advanced Placement, as Updated June 28, 2015).

7.4 Superintendent/Director: Chairman Maguire recognized Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia.

Appreciation Day –An appreciation day was conducted on Thursday, June 25th at 11:15 a.m. The event was well attended and occurred to demonstrate gratitude to the staff for the outstanding work they continuously do to make Blue Hills' Regional the fine school it is. Members of the District School Committee were included with the invitation.

Personnel Review: Mr. Quaglia supplied the full Committee with a document that declared the positions that are being filled, currently, with all factors included. Mr. Quaglia also took pleasure in announcing the hire of his Administrative Secretary, Mrs. Pamela Donnellan. Mrs. Donnellan started her new position on July 1st and comes to Blue Hills with high praises from many. Mr. Quaglia will continue updating the Committee on the hiring progress at the August 18th meeting.

MASS (Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents) Summer Institute: Mr. Quaglia reviewed the details of a professional development event that he attended from July 14-17, 2015. The Conference Title was “Serving All Children – Leading Healthy Schools”.

Conference focus was: Social and Emotional Well-being of Students and Mr. Quaglia attended the following breakout Sessions:

- Mental Health
- Behavioral Health
- LGBTQ Students
- School/Law Enforcement Partnering

Keynote Speakers:

- Mark Kennedy Shriver, President – Save the Children and Author “A Good Man”
- Doug Brinkley, History Professor
- Attorney Mike Long, Long & DiPietro – Legal updates
- Erika Glaster, MTRS – Update on Changes
- Mitchell Chester, Commission of Education (DESE) update on initiatives.

Contract Statuses:

- The BHAA Contract has been reviewed by School Counsel and shortly there will be three copies prepared for execution.

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- BHEA Contract is nearly ready for production and distribution to all concerned parties.

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

iPad Use: Chairman Charles W. Flahive continues to urge all members to bring their iPads to each meeting. All documents pertaining to upcoming meetings are provided in advance, instantly via email delivery. If anyone requires assistance with the capabilities of this meeting tool, please contact Joanne.

Showboat Resurrection – Members Kevin L. Connolly and Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. are hoping this event resurrects.

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

- **Curriculum and Advisory Subcommittee** was cancelled this evening. Additional information to be provided before 8.18.15 DSC Summer Session Special meeting. Members Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. and Eric C. Erskine, were appointed to this subcommittee by Chairman Charles W. Flahive at this meeting. Chairman Flahive stressed the importance of commitment to attendance on subcommittees. The past two Curriculum and Advisory Subcommittee Meetings were cancelled, lacking a quorum.
- **School Counsel Meeting:** The Committee wishes to have Attorney Matthew Tobin at their next meeting, if possible, to discuss litigation item status.
- **Paul Harris Award:** Secretary Thomas R. Polito, Jr. brought to the attention of the Committee the recent award to **Blue Hills' Coordinator of Career Planning and Co-op Kimberly Poliseno** of the Paul Harris Award for outstanding service to the Neponset Valley Sunrise Rotary. The Neponset Valley Sunrise Rotary is also a loyal advocate for the goals and objectives of the Blue Hills Regional School District and regularly offers awards and scholarships to Blue Hills' Students. Ms. Poliseno will receive a thank you from the Committee which will also be placed within her personnel record.

10. **Executive session:** Postponed to the Tuesday, August 18, 2015 Meeting.

11. **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 **9:37 p.m.**

The Committee's **next meeting** will be a **Special Summer Schedule Meeting**, conducted in the **William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room (#207A)**, on **Tuesday, August 18, 2015** at **7:00 p.m.**, unless otherwise posted.

Minutes approved by:

Respectfully submitted by:

Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary