



**MINUTES of the “52nd District School Committee”
Special 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. Michael C. Franzosa, 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 13, 2016, Special Meeting

Prior to this District School Committee Meeting, the following subcommittee meetings were scheduled and conducted in Room 402:

- **5:30 p.m., Finance & Administration – FY18 Budget Review**
- **6:30 p.m.: Warrant Subcommittee - Review documents relative to Warrant Approval.**

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School **Fifty-Second District School Committee Meeting** was called to order, **on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.** in room 207A at Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School, located at 800 Randolph Street, Canton, Massachusetts by Chairman Charles W. Flahive. This meeting is a “Special District School Committee Meeting”, replacing the December 20, 2016 Regular Schedule Meeting. Ordinarily Regular Schedule Meetings of the District School Committees are conducted on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. When and if this changes ALL are advised of the change.

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, District Recording Secretary. and digital recorder. By sometime in January 2017, the meetings will be filmed.

1. ROLL CALL and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Charles Flahive, Westwood
Kevin Connolly, Norwood
Eric Erskine, Braintree
Francis Fistori, Avon
Fess Joyce, Milton
Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., Canton
Michael C. Franzosa, Holbrook
Marybeth Nearen, Randolph
Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Dedham

MEMBERS ABSENT

N/A

OTHERS PRESENT: Student Representative Andrew Bryant
 Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director
 Ms. Jill Rossetti, Principal
 Mr. Charles J. Gisondi, Treasurer
 Mr. Steven Moore, Assistant Superintendent/Business & Personnel
 Mr. Gene Mastro, Director of Facilities
 Ms. Marybeth Joyce, BH Director of Admissions and Financial Aid
 Mr. Matthew Morris, BHEA
 Ms. Nicole Flynn, BHEA
 Mr. Mike Sheehan, BHEA
 Mr. Tom McGrath, BHEA
 Ms. Stacy Hedges, BHEA
 Mr. Dan Jordan, BHEA
 Mr. X. Mahoney, BHEA

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Student Representative Andrew Bryant.

2. **Public Comment** – Chairman Charles W. Flahive thanked the members of the audience for their attendance, Member Fess Joyce stated that he wanted to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year.
3. **Student Representative Report:** Chairman Flahive recognized Student Representative Andrew Bryant.
 - Mr. Bryant presented a fantastic PowerPoint Presentation, detailing school and student activities. This presentation is part of the meeting record and will also be sent out to all in its entirety. Mr. Bryant, a Canton Resident, is providing intense, comprehensive, colorful presentations revealing the successful activities at the Blue Hills Campus. The Committee is ever-so pleased with the time and talent that Mr. Bryant is extending to his student updates and activities.
4. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** – The Minutes of the four previous DSC meetings were discussed primarily by Secretary Thomas Polito who stated he is unhappy about the number of mistakes that the secretary makes and mentioned factors. Mr. Polito also stated that the minutes make him look bad and are “one sided”. Mr. Polito wishes to have the Chairman and other offending parties look bad as well. The Minutes of the November 15, 2016 Meeting were put on the table for approval by the full committee. Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to approve the minutes of the 11.15.16 meeting. Motion was seconded by Member Fess Joyce. Motion to approve the minutes went to a vote and it was by **MAJORITY**

VOTE: To approve the Minutes of the 11.15.16 Meeting. **(Mr. Polito was the only no vote.)**

NOTE: It is so noted that although the 12.6.16 Meeting Minutes were prepared and presented, a postponement for approval occurred.

Mr. Polito also stated that he will be away for the 1.3.17 meeting and he does not want any minute approval implemented until the meeting of 1.17.17 when he will be present.

Chairman Flahive requested that Mr. Polito provide a written document stating all the alleged mistakes on the minutes.

- **Comments by Member Fess Joyce:** Member Fess Joyce courageously stated that what is going on at these (DSC) meetings is a disgrace and he shudders to think that soon these meetings will be video recorded. "As it is, it is appalling. "We don't want to have these meetings viewed on TV when mutual respect doesn't exist.", finished Member Joyce.

5. **DSC Chair Items:** Chairman Charles W. Flahive addressed the meeting:

- **Subcommittee Assignments:** Although assignments have been placed by Chairman Flahive, there was discussion on the matter of approval of the full committee placements. Some members are unhappy with their appointments (Connolly and Polito) and want changes to the Chairman's roster. A motion was made to accept the appointment to the subcommittees by Chairman Flahive, and result follows:
 1. **Result of Vote: 3 for, 3 against and 3 abstain occurred.** The subcommittee appointments by Chairman Flahive stand.
 2. Member Fess Joyce added: "The subcommittee appointments have always been done by the Chairman for years in this manner, with no debate."
- **MASC/MASS Presentation/In-House Workshop:** Joanne was requested to contact MASC to setup a "Workshop Meeting" on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. for the Committee. This has been done and MASC/MASS will be getting back to the DSC with availability for the target date of 1.17.17.
- **Finance & Administration: Reported by newly-elected Chairman, Marybeth Nearen, the F&A** met for the first time tonight after Chairman's subcommittee assignments and Marybeth Nearen was elected to Chair this Finance & Administration Subcommittee.
- **Warrant Subcommittee:** Subcommittee Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., will continue on as Warrant Subcommittee Chairman.
- **Annual School Council/DSC Business Dinner:** Joanne has been assigned to the responsibilities of this event. This is an annual event and allows Administrators, Citizens at Large and District School Committee Members an opportunity to brainstorm on creating additional positives for the students of Blue Hills' Regional Technical School.

6. **Subcommittee Reports:**

- **Finance and Administration Subcommittee:** The Subcommittee Discussed the FY18 Budget and agreed that the FY18 Budget requires additional discussions and F & A meetings. **An additional meeting will be posted for Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**
- **Warrant Subcommittee:** Chairman Aidan Maguire, on behalf of the Warrant Subcommittee, recommended approval of the submitted warrant as presented with a few questions to be answered by Assistant Superintendent-Director of Business and Personnel on distribution of funds.

7. **Administrative Reports:**

7.1 **Treasurer:** Mr. Charles J. Gisondi was recognized by Chairman Flahive.

7.1.1 **Warrant Approval:** Secretary Thomas Polito moved to approve **FY17 Warrant** Number 9, dated December 13, 2016, in the amount of \$569,554.26. Motion to approve **FY 17 Warrant** Number 9, dated December 13, 2016, in the amount of \$569,554.26 was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED to approve **FY17 Warrant** Number 9, dated December 13, 2016, in the amount of \$569,554.26.

7.2 **Assistant Superintendent/Personnel and Business:** Mr. Steven Moore was recognized by Chairman Flahive.

- **FY18 Budget:** Mr. Moore stated that he had met with the Finance & Administrations Subcommittee this evening with a review of the FY18 Budget goals and objectives.
- **PEC Letter will be distributed with a meeting of all concerned parties, before the 1.3.17 meeting.** Target date for distribution is by January 3, 2017.
- **Decommission School Vehicle/Van:** The entire matter is in the hands of the Assistant Superintendent/Business & Personnel, with all laws followed. Mr. Moore will provide a status report on the decommissioning when it is accomplished. A prior meeting provided the vote of the full committee for retirement of this vehicle.

7.3 **Principal:** Ms. Jill Rossetti was recognized by Chairman Flahive and stated:

- **Faculty and Staff CLIMATE REPORT** has been distributed to all Blue Hills' Employees and results will be forthcoming and reported to the District School Committee as soon as possible.
- **Military Officials' Meeting:** Members of the Armed Forces met with Ms. Rossetti and Mr. T.G. Cavanaugh to discuss respect and honor matters at Blue Hills' Graduation with regard to wearing of sashes and other recruitment identification items on graduation gowns during the graduation ceremony. Ms. Rossetti stated that the gentlemen actually do not want to interfere in any way with the protocols of the Blue Hills' Graduation ceremony. Ms. Rossetti stated that the annual Blue Hills Awards Ceremony would be the perfect place to recognize students who are enlisting in the armed services. At this time, photos could be taken honoring the enlistees.
- **Students:** Three Blue Hills' Students have suffered accidents. Ms. Rossetti stated that the healing is processing. Ms. Rossetti did not mention any of the students by name.

7.4 **Superintendent-Director:** Mr. James P. Quaglia was recognized by Chairman Charles W. Flahive. S/D Quaglia spoke on the following matters:

- Verified that school will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 and that will also be a DSC Regular Schedule Meeting.

8. **Unfinished Business and New Business:**

- **Joseph Family** – The recovery of Carly Joseph is moving in the right direction. Many members of the Blue Hills' Community have reached out to the family, including the District School Committee.
- **Policy BIA:** Chairman Flahive reviewed this Policy regarding New District School Committee Member Orientation. Joanne is taking care of this matter, at the request of the Chairman.
- **Messages:** It is the wish of the full committee to send acknowledgements to members of the Blue Hills' Staff and students when situations occur that warrant attention. Joanne was requested to keep up on this item and send cards from the DSC, as appropriate.
- **John & Abigail Adams Scholarship Event:** Members Connolly, Nearen and Polito attended the impressive ceremony that was conducted Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 8:45 a.m. where sixty senior students received scholarships for their academic talents.
- **Football/Sports Banquet:** Member Eric Erskine attended the banquet, representing the Committee, and applauded the accomplishments of Mr. Andrew Bryant, DSC Student Representative and also a multi-awarded "football star".
- **Hockey Game:** Member Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. attended a recent hockey game at the new hockey rink and was very impressed. Mr. Maguire urges members to make it to one of these exciting games at the new hockey rink.

9. **Discussion or Suggestions for the good of district, including newsworthy educational items-**

- **Annual DSC/School Council Dinner Meeting:** Joanne will be organizing this upcoming event and report back to the Committee with details and proposed date sometime (hopefully) in January 2017.

10. **Executive Session: None.**

11. **Adjournment.** Chairman Flahive called for adjournment, following the conclusion of all business. Member Fess Joyce moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin Connolly and motion to adjourn was approved **unanimously**.

VOTED: to adjourn the DSC Special Meeting, with all regular business concluded, at **7:55 p.m.** The Committee's **next meeting** will be a Regular Schedule Meeting, conducted in the **William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room #207** on **Tuesday, January 3, 2017** at **7:00 p.m.**, unless otherwise posted.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary