



**MINUTES of the “52nd 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. 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 6, 2016

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

- **5:30 p.m., Finance & Administration – STC Program Proposed Budget and Document 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 6, 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.

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 Gisondi, Treasurer
Mr. Steven Moore, Assistant Superintendent/Business & Personnel

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Mr. Gene Mastro, Director of Facilities
 Ms. Marybeth Joyce, BH Director of Admissions and Financial Aid
 Mr. Ed Catabia, Athletic Director
 Mr. Allan Butters, Retired (17 Years of Service), Westwood Representative
 Ms. Elizabeth Joyce-Grikis, Teacher
 Mr. Brian Gearty, President BHEA
 Ms. Susan Grant, Teacher

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

2. **Public Comment** – Chairman Charles W. Flahive thanked the members of the audience for their attendance, especially Mr. Al Butters, the past Westwood Representative for 17 years.
3. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** – The Minutes of the November 15, 2016 meeting were requested for postponement by Mr. Polito due to clarification issues..
4. **Student Representative Report:** Chairman Flahive recognized Student Representative Andrew Bryant. Once again, Mr. Bryant presented a spectacular presentation, including a lengthy pictorial PowerPoint detail of the students recent activities (This PowerPoint Presentation is part of the meeting record and will be sent out to “everyone”. Following the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Bryant received a round of applause.
5. **DSC Chair Report by Chairman Charles W. Flahive:**
 - **Subcommittee Assignments:** New assignments have been instituted. The Chairman accepted a motion from Mr. Connolly, seconded by Member Erskine to dissolve the ad hoc Legal Subcommittee. A vote was taken and it was UNANIMOUSLY
VOTED: to dissolve the ad hoc Legal Subcommittee.
 - **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.
 - **Turkey Raffle:** Chairman Flahive stated that the “Turkey Raffle” is up and running under the direction of Teacher Michael Sheehan. An envelope was passed around for member donations. This event is totally supported by staff donations.
 - **Meeting Cancellation: The December 20, 2016 meeting is cancelled. In its place will be a Special District School Committee Meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2017 at 7 p.m.** Joanne will post the cancellation notice. The next Regular Session District School Committee Meeting will be conducted on **Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7 p.m.**
 - **Graduation:** Chairman Flahive stated that a number of DSC Members wish to be more involved in the annual graduation planning and events.

- **Moments of Respect and Silence: Member Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., brought up the subject of recent personal losses suffered by Blue Hills’ Community Members and it was with deep sadness that the Members of the District School Committee learned of the recent passings of Julie Woods brother-in-law, Michelle Sylvia’s mother, and Nicolle Flynn’s grandmother. Moments of respect were extended.**

6. Subcommittee Reports:

Finance and Administration Subcommittee: Subcommittee Chairman Marybeth Nearen reported that the Subcommittee Discussed the FY18 Budget and agreed that the FY18 Budget requires additional discussions

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and F & A meetings. **The December 20th Meeting will be changed to Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. A notice, with change of date, will be distributed.**

- **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 **FY 17 Warrant** Number 8, dated December 6, 2016, in the amount of \$1,623,585.54. Motion to approve was seconded by Member Kevin Connolly. Motion taken to vote where it was **PASSED (5 Yes, -0 4 abstains) APPROVED.**

(Members abstaining from vote: Erskine, Flahive, Maguire and Nearen)

- 7.2 **Assistant Superintendent/Personnel and Business:** Mr. Steven Moore was recognized by Chairman Flahive. Mr. Moore stated that he had met with the Finance & Administration Subcommittee with a review of the FY18 Budget goals and objectives. He stated that the School to Career (STC) Program budget and personnel review is ongoing. A recommendation was made to move forward with continuous review of this program and updates. Chairman Flahive moved the question. Motion was made by Member Kevin L. Connolly, and seconded by Member Fistori and taken to a vote. Motion passed by MAJORITY

Vote: to accept the recommendations of Mr. Moore with reference to the STC Program PASSED..

(Chairman Flahive abstained from the vote.)

- **PEC Letter is prepared but not distributed to all parties at this time.** Target date for distribution is by January 3, 2017. (PEC=Public Employee Committee).

7.3 **Principal:** Ms. Jill Rossetti, had no report.

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

- **ACTE Convention/Conference:** Attended along with Principal Rossetti and two teachers last weekend. Mr. Quaglia stated he is preparing a PowerPoint Presentation to review the many assets acquired through the attendance at this conference. Mr. Quaglia will let Joanne know when he will be ready to present this PowerPoint to the District School Committee and have it placed on a future meeting agenda.
- **MSBA – School Building Committee** – Mr. Quaglia read a detailed status report on the meeting details that have occurred at the five meetings that have been conducted. Mr. Robert A. McNeil is no longer a DSC Member representative on the School Building Committee. The MSBA has very significant criterions for moving forward with their funding and everything is being done to insure compliance with this project. (Part of the meeting record.)
- **LPN Site Discussion:** No further information is available at this time. Mr. Quaglia will keep the members abreast with this situation.

8. Unfinished Business and New Business:

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- **School Vehicles:** There will be one school van decommissioned at this time. Chairman Flahive entertained a motion for this decommissioning. Member Kevin Connolly moved to decommission the recommended school van. Motion was seconded by Member Joyce. Motion to decommission went for a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to decommission the recommended school van.

The second vehicle will remain in use.

Assistant-Superintendent Moore will be in charge of decommissioning/disposal process.

- **Michael C. Franzosa** spoke on the campaign he ran for election to the Committee and also his background which included being an alumnus of Blue Hills. Mr. Franzosa ran his own successful campaign and looks forward to service on the Committee.
- **Subcommittee Appointments** – Secretary Thomas Polito, Jr. was upset with his subcommittee appointments and questioned the subcommittee appointment policy. Mr. Flahive and Mr. Polito were discussing when Mrs. Nearen ruled the discussion out of order.
- **Adams Scholarship Event** – Tomorrow (November 7 @ 8:45 a.m.) 60 Students will be awarded Scholarships. Members of the District School Committee are invited to attend. Vice Chairman Marybeth Nearen will speak on behalf of the Committee.

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

- **Student Margo Mallet:** Numerous newspapers honored Ms. Mallet's courageousness in handling an enormous challenge. This was done in Newspapers, including "The Boston Globe".
- **"Eagle Scout" Recipients:** Presently, there are three Blue Hills' Students that have acquired the highest Boy Scout Award; Eagle Scout. Students will be requested to attend a future meeting for the acknowledgement of this event in their lives by the District School Committee.
- **Annual DSC/School Council Dinner Meeting:** Joanne will organize this upcoming event and report back to the Committee with details and possible dates.

10. **Executive Session: N/A**

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 Meeting, with all regular business concluded, at **8:28 p.m.**

The Committee's **next meeting** will be a **Special Meeting**, conducted in the **William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room #207 on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**, unless otherwise posted.

Respectfully submitted by:

T.Polito, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary