



**MINUTES of the “52nd District School Committee”
Regular Schedule 2017 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, February 7, 2017 Regular Schedule Meeting

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

***Subcommittee Meetings, prior to Regular Schedule Meeting:**

5:00 p.m. Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee Meeting

5:30 p.m. : Finance & Administration, Review of Proposed FY18 BUDGET

**6:30 p.m.: Warrant Subcommittee - Review documents
relative to Warrant Approval.**

***(Conducted in Meeting Room #402)**

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School **Fifty-Second District School Committee Meeting** was called to order, **on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 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 “Regular District School Committee 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. Soon, the meetings will be filmed.

1. ROLL CALL and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *

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

MEMBERS ABSENT Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Fess Joyce, Milton

OTHERS PRESENT: Student Representative Andrew Bryant
 Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director
 Mr. Charles J. Gisondi, Treasurer
 Mr. Steven Moore, Assistant Superintendent/Business & Personnel
 Ms. Elizabeth Joyce-Grikis- BHEA
 Ms. Nicole Flynn – BHEA
 Ms. Cindy Fama, Clerical
 Ms. Tracey Monti, Clerical
 Mr. Brian Gearty, BHEA
 Mrs. Sara Titus, BHEA
 Mr. Angelo Dimitriou – Special Services
 Mr. Joe Greeley, Town of Norwood
 Mr. Dwight Seaman BHEA

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

Mr. Daniel J. Jordan: It was with great respect the members of the District School Committee and others expressed their condolences for the loss of an outstanding teacher, Mr. Daniel J. Jordan. All present participated in a moment of silence, honoring Mr. Jordan. Mr. Jordan was a beloved Graphic Communications Teacher and coached LaCross and Soccer. His absence and untimely passing is felt by all. BHEA President Brian Gearty addressed the Committee stating that scholarships are being set up in Mr. Jordan's Memory (at the request of the family) and also a Jordan Family Fund, to assist with financial needs during this time of deep mourning for the family. Mr. Gearty has specifics and directions for submitting donations and may be contacted.

Permission was granted by the Committee, to have District Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi set up an endowment account for the Jordan Scholarship proceeds.

2. Public Comment - None
3. Student Representative Mr. Andrew Bryant – Report – Chairman Flahive recognized Mr. Bryant who proceeded to present a PowerPoint Presentation to the Committee, as follows: STUCO Report

Sports Update

- Boys Basketball- Record of 11-4, Qualified for tournament
- Girls Basketball- Record of 11-5, Qualified for tournament

- Ice Hockey- Record of 4-8-3

Swim:

- Boys finish 3rd overall
- Girls finish 5th overall
- Team finished 5th in the league

Student Activities:

- Cookie Dough Fundraiser

- Juniors and Seniors are collaborating on a fundraiser selling:
Cookie Dough Soups Desserts and More!

Valentine's Day

- Hallway Decorations
- Roses
- Cookie Grams
- Raffle Baskets
 - Proceeds to Mr. Jordan's scholarship fund

NHS Service Projects

- Frenika Valcin- Haiti relief project
- Molly O'Leary Blanket Drive

Upcoming Events

- White Ribbon Campaign
- Boys and Girls Basketball tournament games
- Prom, May 11

Members of the DSC thanked Mr. Bryant for his well prepared and informative report.

The PowerPoint Presentation will also will be distributed to all in its entirety and is a part of the meeting record..

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: The Chair moved to the approval of previous meeting minutes. The minutes of the 12.6.16 and 12.13.16 minutes were postponed. Marybeth Nearen moved to accept the minutes of the Tuesday, January 17, 2017 Minutes, as submitted. Motion was seconded by Member Eric Erskine. Motion to approve the minutes of the 1.17.17 meeting as presented were **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the 1.17.17 meeting as presented

5. DSC Chair Items:

- DSC/School Council Joint Business Dinner – Update – Tuesday, January 31, 2017 dinner was cancelled because of unforeseen circumstances. An April date was discussed for the enactment of this postponed event.
- MASC Workshop Update – Executive Director Glenn Koocher will direct a **workshop** on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Possible secondary date will be set for weather conditions. There will also be a brief special meeting conducted for the District School Committee business, either before or after the workshop. This date happens to fall on school vacation week, but Joanne will insure that entrance to the building is secured.
- Video Production of DSC Meetings: There was lengthy discussion on the planned videotaping of the DSC meetings. Four years ago the District School Committee approved this by vote. Now there seems to be some need for further discussion. It was determined that the Tuesday, 3.21.17 would continue the dialogue on the videotaping matter.
- Finance & Administration Subcommittee appointment: Chairman Flahive appointed Secretary Thomas R. Polito to the Finance and Administration Subcommittee. Subcommittee Chairman Nearen stated that the Subcommittee has discussed the budget with administration.

7. Subcommittee Reports (As needed.):

- **Finance & Administration Subcommittee** – Report – by Subcommittee Chairman Marybeth Nearen. Mrs. Nearen reported that the Finance & Administration Subcommittee had met tonight to Review 2018 proposed Expense and Salary Budgets & Review of 2018 Proposed 3-Year Capital Projects Plan & MSBA Budget. Mr. Moore will have additional details in his report on the F&A Meeting.
- **Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee** - Will conduct its first meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. At this meeting a Chairman will be elected. Also, BHEA representatives will attend for a (meet and greet session) in preparation upcoming contract negotiations.
- **Warrant Subcommittee** - Documents relative to Warrant Approval. Subcommittee Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. stated that all was fine with an explanation of Assistant-Superintendent Business and Personnel, Steven M. Moore, supplying information on an engineering part.

8. Administrative Reports:

- **FY18 Budget Presentation**, Discussion and subsequent request for a vote on the preliminary FY18 Budget and presented documentation entitled: [FY18 BUDGET BOOK.2.7.17.pdf](#) (Part of this meeting's record and a PowerPoint Presentation.) Following the thorough examination of the submitted documents, questions and answers, Chairman Flahive moved the question of the approval of the preliminary FY18 Budget. Member Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., moved to approve the preliminary budget in the amount of \$20,374,021. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Marybeth Nearen and taken to a **ROLL-CALL VOTE**. Motion to approve the preliminary budget in the amount of \$20,374,021 passed **UNANIMOUSLY**. (Note: Members Connolly and Joyce were absent.)
- Continuing Education Program Report: This item was postponed and will be moved to the Tuesday, March 21st 2017 Meeting.

8.4 Principal – Ms. Jill M. Rossetti – Chairman Flahive recognized Principal Rossetti. Ms. Rosette placed a request for the Construction Program to attend a conference in Rhode Island on March 24. A motion was made, seconded and passed UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THIS OUT OF STATE TRIP.

A request for an AutoBody Instructor to attend an out of state professional development event second week in March was presented. . Member Fran Fistori stated that in his opinion the field that Dwight Seaman will be versed in (paint- less dent repair) is a skill that all students in Auto Body should master for future success in the industry. Following conclusion of discussion, questions and answers; Member Fran Fistori moved to approve the professional development out-of-state trip for the purpose of paint less dent repair training be approved. Motion was seconded by Member Maguire; taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve the professional development out-of-state trip for the purpose of paint less dent repair training

Brief SPED Presentation by Special Services Director Angelo Dimitriou: Chairman Flahive recognized Mr. Dimitriou. Mr. Dimitriou presented fact sheets that demonstrated an acute need for an additional employee in his department. This need occurs because of the intricate needs of the students requiring services for emotional and mental needs. Following discussion, questions and answers, Chairman Flahive moved the question of the increase of an employee in the SPED Department. Member Aidan Maguire, Jr., moved to approve the increase with this position. Motion was seconded by Member Fran Fistori. Motion was taken to a VOTE AND **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: the increase of an employee in the SPED Department.

9.5 Superintendent/Director: Mr. James P. Quaglia

9.5.1 Mid-Year Goal Review (Document for review emailed.) – Postponed.

9.5.2 Presentation of [ACTE](#) Conference, by J. Quaglia: The Conference attended by Mr.

Quaglia, Principal Rossetti, Teachers David Tapper and Carol Hartnett (Nov. 30-December 4)

There were hundreds of presenters representing trades, industries and technical institutes from all over the world. The full report is contained within the meeting record for all interested.

(Sample of presenter at conference.)

We Continually Research Equipment Options



The conference represents many trade and CTE areas.

Shown here are the latest developments and products for additional virtual welding equipment, from one of America's largest suppliers.

Mr. Quaglia read the entire following letter into the meeting record:

“Dear Superintendent Quaglia and Principal Rossetti:

On behalf of my entire family, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude for the tremendous outpouring of support from the Blue Hills community. We were truly so touched by the sheer number of students, staff, administrators, parents and alumni who stood in the cold for hours at the wake, and who attended the funeral to pay their respects to our beloved brother. You shared stories, told us of how he affected your lives, made us laugh (and cry,) and helped us have an even better understanding and appreciation of the special person we had the honor of calling husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend. We were all so extremely impressed by the many current and former students and student athletes who were so respectful and so touching in extending their condolences to us. You should be so very proud of them. When talking about Dan's role as a teacher, we always said 'The kids must love him,' judging by how his own nieces and nephews simply adored him. Now we know this is true. We ask God to bless each and every one of them as they strive to live by Dan's example of kindness, compassion, humor, integrity, hard work, enthusiasm, joy, and selflessness. So many said that he made them be the best they can be. Our prayer is that he lives on in their memories to encourage and support them on their life's journeys. Finally, to the teachers and support staff, if you ever question if what you are doing is making a difference in the lives of young people, the answer is a resounding yes. Thank you for being Dan's friends as well as coworkers, he was so proud of your school and the work you are all doing. We would be most appreciative if you would share this email with your entire school community. Thank you for being Dan's 'other family,' and may God bless you all.

Gratefully,
Ellen Jordan Lonergan
(proud to be forever Dan's sister)”

10. Unfinished Business and New Business – There was a brief discussion regarding increase of fees for students. There was a consensus that this would not be a sensible move for Blue Hills and would inhibit participation in school activities.
11. Discussion or Suggestions for the Good of the District, Including newsworthy educational items. – None.
12. **Executive session:** By **UNANIMOUS roll call vote**, at 8:47 p.m., the Committee voted to move into executive session as provided under executive session 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 and requires executive session. Chairman Maguire advised the audience that the Committee would leave the executive session solely for the purpose of

adjournment.

13. **Adjournment** – Following conclusion of all District School Committee's regular meeting and executive session. Chairman Flahive accepted a motion from Member Eric C. Erskine and seconded by Member Michael C. Franzosa to close the Regular Session Meeting of the District School Committee.

It was **unanimously**:

VOTED: to adjourn the Regular Schedule Meeting, with all regular business concluded, at **9:43 p.m.**

The Committee's **next meeting** will be a **Regular Schedule Meeting, by the District School Committee** conducted in the **William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room (#207A)**, on **Tuesday, February 21, 2017** at **5:15 p.m.**, unless otherwise posted. The next meeting will be a brief meeting with an extensive Workshop included.

Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Secretary

Respectfully recorded and submitted by:

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary