



BLUE HILLS REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
 800 Randolph Street
 Canton, MA 02021-9103
 “Fifty-Second District Committee”
www.bluehills.org

Minutes, Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Membership:
 Francis J. Fistori, Avon; Eric C. Erskine, Braintree; Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., Canton;
 Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Dedham; Michael C. Franzosa, Holbrook; Fess Joyce, Milton; Kevin L. Connolly,
 Norwood; Marybeth Nearen, Randolph and Charles W. Flahive, Westwood.

“Transparency, Accountability and Fiscal Discipline”

ORGANIZATION:

Chairman	Charles W. Flahive
Vice Chairman	Marybeth Nearen
Secretary	Thomas R. Polito, Jr.
District Treasurer	Charles J. Gisondi
Student Representative	Andrew Bryant

SUBCOMMITTEES * As appointed 11.30.16 by Chairman Charles W. Flahive	
ATHLETIC & EXTRACURRICULAR	Members Maguire, Erskine and Joyce
BUILDINGS, FACILITIES, SAFETY AND SECURITY	Members Erskine, Franzosa, and Polito
CURRICULUM & ADVISORY -	Members Erskine, Maguire, Nearen
EVALUATION -	Members Fistori, Franzosa and Joyce
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION -	Members Nearen , Franzosa, Maguire, Polito
PERSONNEL & NEGOTIATIONS -	Members Erskine , Maguire, and Nearen
POLICY -	Members Nearen, Fistori and Joyce
WARRANT -	Members Maguire , Franzosa and Polito
WEBSITE & TECHNOLOGY	Members Connolly, Erskine and Polito

Superintendent / Director	James P. Quaglia
Principal	Jill M. Rossetti
Assistant Superintendent/Business & Personnel	Steven M. Moore

* Subcommittee Chairmen are first and bolded. Elected by subcommittee upon their **first meeting** after appointment. The Chairman of the District School Committee and Superintendent-Director serve as *Ex-officio* members on all subcommittees.

***Subcommittee Meeting, prior to Regular Schedule Meeting:**
4:00 p.m. – Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee – BHEA Negotiations
6:30 p.m.: Warrant Subcommittee - Review documents
relative to Warrant Approval.

FY18 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
Regular Schedule Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Vice Chairman Marybeth Nearen will act as Chairman for the conduct of this meeting.

1. Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT Eric Erskine, Braintree
 Francis Fistori, Avon
 Kevin Connolly, Norwood



Fess Joyce, Milton
 Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., Canton
 Michael C. Franzosa, Holbrook
 Marybeth Nearen, Randolph
 Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Dedham
 Charles J. Gisondi, Treasurer
 Andrew Bryant, Student Representative
MEMBER ABSENT Chairman Charles Flahive, Westwood

Others Present:

Steven M. Moore, Assist.Super./Business and Personnel
 Ms. Jill M. Rossetti, Principal
 Mr. Gene Mastro, Director of Facilities

Mr. Bernard H. Baher, Blue Hills' Permanent Consultant, 52 Year Volunteer and Advocate for the Blue Hills Regional District

Marybeth Joyce-Director of Admissions	Jim Danielson, BHEA	Eileen Daley, Canton Resident/Bhea
Jason Winchell, BHEA	Julie Pica	Marie Russo
Nicole Flynn – BHEA	Trish Murphy – BHEA	

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School **Fifty-Second District School Committee Meeting** was called to order, **on Tuesday, March 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 Acting Chairman Marybeth Nearen. 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.

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.

<u>Moment of Silence:</u> Mrs. Eileen Warner, a "First Lady" of Blue Hills, passed on February 22, 2017, was respectfully honored with a Moment of Silence by the District School Committee and all present.

Pledge of Allegiance: All present rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Student Representative Andrew Bryant.

- FY18 BUDGET – PUBLIC HEARING** – Called to order by Acting Chairman Marybeth Nearen. Assistant-Superintendent Steven M. Moore was recognized and led the review of the FY18 Budget for the audience, including a detailed pass out on the budget's details.

Mr. JOE GREELEY from the Norwood Finance Commission stated that he is impressed with the quality of the budget preparation and presentation. Mr. Greeley continues to support the opportunities that are offered to the citizens of the nine district towns to prepare students for advanced education and working trades.

ASD Steve Moore opened the dialogue, assisted by Principal Rossetti, reviewing the strategic review of the FY18 Budget which has an increase of 3%. The actual budget is going up 6.8% which is because of the school building project. (MSBA Project). Reviewed the budget over prior years with particular focus on the MSBA project implementation. This presentation was presented to clearly clarify the integrity of the budget. (Full Presentation Attached.)

3. **Presentation:** Mr. Bernard H. Baher – Advocate for Blue Hills Regional for 52 Years. Mr. Baher requested that the Committee complete their business before his presentation. Mr. Baher was introduced by Joanne. Joanne has known Mr. Baher for 40 years. Mr. Baher is an exceptionally good person who has done thousands of hours of volunteer service, with a good portion of his volunteering extended to the Blue Hills Regional Technical School including District School Committee Membership and co-founding the Blue Hills Foundation. Presently, Mr. Baher teaches a special class to Blue Hills Seniors and presents them with folders that will assist them in their future engineering tasks. Mr. Baher presently holds the position, without remuneration, of “Permanent Consultant to the District”.
4. **Public Comment-** None.
5. Student Representative Mr. Andrew Bryant – Report. Powerpoint presentation. This presentation is distributed to BHR Staff and Faculty to apprise them of details of student activities. STUCO Report 3.7.17

Sports

Boys Basketball-Mayflower league champions (first since 2008-2009)

Lost playoff game last Thursday, March 2nd vs. Southeastern

Girls Basketball-

Lost playoff game last Tuesday February 28th vs. Cohasset

Hockey- Did not make the playoffs

Spring Sports

Start towards the end of this month

Boys Basketball

- Senior G Jack Kiley wins league MVP
- Senior G Jack Kiley, Senior G John Payne, and Senior C Austin Niles League All-Stars

National Honor Society

NHS Members volunteered their time at Hollis School in Braintree for “Fun Day” during February break

Senior Brianna Martinez has begun her service project collecting prom dresses (using collection bins around the school), and bringing them to Anton’s Cleaners, where they will be cleaned and distributed to girls in need.

All Student Assembly: Dr. Mykee Fowlin Psychologist, poet and performer Mykee Fowlin visited the school on Monday February 28th and did his presentation about diversity and his own personal experiences

White Ribbon Campaign: The school hosted white ribbon day where all students wore white and the male students took a pledge to end violence against women

6. **Vote on Warrant.** Approval recommended by members of the Warrant Subcommittee. Secretary Thomas Polito moved to approve FY17 Warrant Number 14 (Vouchers 1034-1036, dated March 7, 2017 in the amount of \$1,208,072.60. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Without discussion motion was taken to a vote and it was by MAJORITY

VOTED: to approve FY17 Warrant Number 14 (Vouchers 1034-1036, dated March 7, 2017) in the amount of \$1,208,072.60.

Note: Member Maguire abstained from the vote.

7. **Approval of Minutes** – Postponed.

8. **Water Testing** – Director of Facilities & Buildings, Mr. Gene Mastro – After the incident in Flint Michigan everyone is concerned about water quality and safety. Water testing has been done at Blue Hills and the water is safe. Mr. Mastro stated that there is grant money available for this water safety project. All suspicious water faucets and bubblers have been removed. District School Committee Members were provided pass outs by Director Mastro. The report provided to the District School Committee will be published at www.bluehills.org

9. **DSC Acting Chairman Items:**

- MASC Workshop Update – Report by Acting Chairman Marybeth Nearen on Workshop conducted on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 with Director of MASC/MASS, Mr. Glenn Koocher. Acting Chairman Nearen reviewed the details of the meeting with regard to responsibilities of the District School Committee.
- MENTIONED WINTER SOCIAL hosted by Boosters for 3.10.17 at 7 p.m. Members are invited to attend. Event will be conducted at the Randolph Elks Club.

10. Subcommittee Reports (As needed.):

- Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee – Report by Subcommittee Chairman Eric C. Erskine on recent meetings. A BHEA Negotiation Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21st at 4 p.m. All parties of interest have been notified.
- Warrant Subcommittee – Report by Subcommittee Chairman, Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., pertaining to review of documents relative to Warrant Approval.

11. Administrative Reports:

11.1 Assistant Superintendent/Personnel and Business: Mr. Steven M. Moore reported on recent visits to District Towns

Reviewed recent visits to district towns. Avon and Holbrook have received visits. Norwood and Canton are coming up. Towns of Avon and Holbrook have been visited. Town of Norwood is this Thursday. A reminder notice will be sent to all members.

Continuing Education Report > Postponed. Will be presented at the Tuesday, March 21st Regular Schedule meeting.

11.2 Principal – Ms. Jill M. Rossetti

- Tools for School Career Tree: Budget Spent (to date) and Forecast Budget; Update about program. Was included in a six-page, fact sheet document. (Attached to this set of minutes for review.)

- Out of State Field Trip – Secretary Thomas R. Polito, Jr. moved to approve an out of state field trip for 24 students of the Culinary Arts Program to Johnson and Wales University in Rhode Island. Motion was seconded by Member Eric C. Erskine Motion to approve was by UNANIMOUS

VOTE: to approve an out-of-state field trip for 24 students of the Culinary Arts Program to Johnson and Wales University in Rhode Island

Professional Development Review: Jill reviewed her attendance and that of teacher, Carol Hartnett at the ACTE Professional Development event. November 27-December. 3rd. The ASVAB CEP (Career Exploration Program) The goal of this event was to further empower students nationwide to discover their strengths and interests then map out post-secondary plans that worked. Carol Hartnett attended also.

Total Placement of first choice freshmen and placement of non-choice freshmen was reviewed by Principal Rossetti (Part of attached report).

11.3 Superintendent/Director: Mr. James P. Quaglia

- Spoke of Bernie Baher's service to the DSC. Tonight (March 7) marks the completion for his 52 years of service to the Blue Hills' Community. Founder of Blue Hills' Foundation. Has been giving an Engineering Presentation to Senior Engineering Students to benefit the students' futures. Dr. Meyers prompted Mr. Baher to take on this adventure and each year the presentation exceeds itself! Mr. Baher is donating two significant awards to be available for view in the School's Thomas Mellett Memorial Library. The receipts of these gifts immortalizes some of Mr. Baher's accomplishments in the pursuit of establishing vocational education as a tremendous benefit to citizens of the District and nation. Mr. Baher also presented gifts to all attendees of the meeting of one of his many writings:

IT WAS YESTERDAY

The old saying says that "Tomorrow Never Comes" because when the "Tomorrow" we've waited for comes
It's TODAY.

That says that there are Never any "Tomorrows", but there are "YESTERDAYS"! As each of your days
pass you only have TODAY and YESTERDAY.

The best day is always with you until the end of your time and that day is YESTERDAY!

Those Yesterdays are stored in your memory and are there always for you to retrieve.

We try to forget the Bad days but remember the Good with delight.

Some of the Good are very special and we remember them over and over again.

As we age our Yesterdays increase and multiply in our memory bank.

If our days have been productive, and we have made others feel good and special, we will treasure many

Yesterdays in our memory to recall to brighten our days and will say

"THAT SEEMS LIKE IT WAS YESTERDAY"!

Our goal in life is to try to have pleasant days, be productive, help make others smile and feel good,
so that when our time comes the LORD will smile on us.

(by Bernard H. Baher, Avon, MA, August 14, 2010)

- Acting Chairman Nearen thanked Mr. Baher for his 52 years of service and presentations!!!

12. **Unfinished Business and New Business** – Member Aidan G. Maguire wants to know when the music room will be up and running. Mr. Quaglia stated that it would be soon.

Member Maguire also asked about the status of the filming of the meetings.

13. Discussion or Suggestions for the Good of the District, Including newsworthy educational items.

- Fourteen Construction Technology students accompanied by Mr. Burke Doherty went out to Braintree for Construction Project observation. This field trip was suggested by Member Eric C. Erskine (also a Building Inspector for Braintree). The students were exemplary and attentive.

14. An executive session – None.

15.. **Adjournment:** Member Fess Joyce moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by Member Fran Fistori. **Motion to adjourn was VOTED and UNANIMOUSLY passed at 8:45 p.m.**

The next District School Committee Regular Session Meeting will be conducted on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7 p.m., unless otherwise notified.

Minutes Approved by:

Thomas R. Polito, Jr.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary

NOTE: THERE ARE TWO LENGTHY ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED WITH THESE MINUTES, AS AFOREMENTIONED.