



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

PLEASE NOTE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS PRIOR TO REGULAR SCHEDULE MEETING

***Subcommittee Meetings, prior to Regular Schedule Meeting:**
4:00 p.m.: Personnel & Negotiations Subcommittee
6:00 p.m. Curriculum and Advisory Subcommittee
6:30 p.m.: Warrant Subcommittee - Review documents
relative to Warrant Approval.
6:50 p.m.: Finance & Administration Subcommittee

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

Regular Schedule Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Conducted in the William T. Buckley District School Committee Meeting Room, #207A

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.



1. **Pledge of Allegiance AND Roll Call**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Charles Flahive, Westwood
 Eric C. Erskine, Braintree
 Francis J. Fistori, Avon
 Marybeth Nearen, Randolph
 Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood
 Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., Canton
 Michael C. Franzosa, Holbrook

MEMBERS ABSENT Fess Joyce, Milton
 Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Dedham

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director
 Mr. Charles J. Gisoni, Treasurer
 Ms. Jill M. Rossetti, Principal
 Mrs. Michelle Sylvia, Director of Vocational Programs
 Mr. Ed Catabia – Athletic Director BHEA
 Mr. Brian Gearty, BHEA President
 Mrs. Carol Hartnett, BHEA Teacher
 Ms. Emily Peterson, BHEA Student and Special Item Presenter
 Mrs. Ana Peach, BHEA Teacher
 Mrs. Julie Peterson
 Mr. Robert Foley, BHEA Teacher
 Mr. Greg Peterson
 Ms. Karimah Land (Student BHR and *SKILLS/USA* Officer)
 Mr. Tom McGrath, Drafting/CAD Teacher
 Mr. Brendan Welch, BHEA Teacher
 Mr. Nicole Flynn, BHEA Teacher

PLEASE NOTE: This meeting is video AND audio tapped (5.16.17).
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Note: Assistant Superintendent-Director/Business & Personnel was attending the Town of Avon, Town Meeting, representing the District's interests.

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School **Fifty-Second District School Committee Meeting** was called to order, **on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at 7:22 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 recorded, as well as video taped.

- Vice Chairman Nearen stated that the subcommittee meetings should be spaced apart differently than they are presently.
- This evening, Mr. Moore is attending the Town Meeting in Avon to answer any questions that may occur.

2. **Special Speakers** – Introduced by Principal Jill M. Rossetti

- **Trip to Ecuador Highlights** – Mrs. Ana Peach provided an oral report on the multi-successful April 2017 trip to Ecuador.

Ms. Peach reviewed some of the highlights of the trip and stated that:

- **Places visited as well as adventures** – Along the way we had a soccer game with locals. This experience was tremendous for all parties concerned. The participants brought in others from their families to the soccer game.
- Many of the students had a bit of **culture shock** with what doesn't exist in Ecuador; electricity and plentiful water. Although the people of Ecuador that the students visited are poor, they exhibit exuberance and gratitude. Many of the Blue Hills' Students learned that happiness does not always come from material riches.
- A number of the students began their stay in Ecuador with **bug phobias** and ended up feeling real comfortable with many species. Many of the bugs in Ecuador actually provide protein nutrition for its people.
- **"Ecuador has been the most adventurous trip so far".:** (Stated Mrs. Peach) The majority of the chaperones joined students and tried the "swing" and zip lining. It was a majestic sight. White water rafting adventure was phenomenal.
- Local Ecuador **School Visits** were the most impressive for the students. These visits were just one of the ways students realized just how much more they have at home. Blue Hills' Students took great pleasure with teaching the song "Itsy Bitsy Spider" to the local school children to the Ecuadorian's thrill.
- **Worm Eating** was a featured elective. Pure protein was the value for those that imbibed.
- "Local school children painted faces for BH's students with artistic flair and joyful hearts", stated Ms. Peach. Our students were so impressed by the show of abilities demonstrated by local students, in spite of poor circumstances.
- Many quiet Blue Hills' students blossomed into adventurers through the opportunities offered throughout each facet of this trip.
- **Worldly knowledge** was a huge benefit produced by this trip and will benefit all traveling students throughout their lives.
- **Mrs. Peach extended thanks to chaperones; Rebecca Cygielnik, Bob Foley, Greg Boufard and Tom McGrath. Stating: "They made this trip a reality."**
- **NOTE:** Because of technical difficulties, the following was not shown at the meeting. Ms. Peach sent along directly after the meeting for all readers and DSC Members to enjoy. This link supplies visual and audio trip remembrances and feats:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1BLbn8fZmKiDgnZdd-hPLT6cp1LUDPdB5DHtqIDTczHQ/mobilepresent?slide=id.p>

Following presentation, Ms. Peach took questions and supplied answers to the District School Committee Members and others. Upon conclusion, the Members of the District School Committee thanked Ms. Peach for her meeting attendance and enthusiastic thorough trip review.

- **SkillsUSA Student Leader** – Ms. Karimah Land was introduced by Principal Rossetti and recognized by Chairman Flahive. Ms. Land is a Junior Cosmetology student and proponent of SkillsUSA. Ms. Land's involvement has been since 2014 and states that the benefits she has received from involvement with SkillsUSA are numerous. In Ms. Land's case, she stated: "It just takes one person to believe in another to create a success." For her that person was and is **Mr. Bob Foley**. "**My Hero is Bob Foley**," stated Ms. Land. Mr. Foley's encouragement and enthusiasm brought Ms. Land to a new plateau with skill and leadership, right to her present position as State Officer.

Presently, Ms. Land holds another position as a Student Ambassador visiting district middle schools and speaking of the opportunities that exist with a Blue Hills' Education. DSC congratulated Ms. Land for her many successes and magnificent, well prepared presentation.

- **Senior Project Workbook** → **Vocational Director Michelle Sylvia**: Principal Jill Rossetti introduced Director Sylvia to the Committee. The Senior Project Workbook was provided to all members of the District School Committee for their perusal. This workbook is completing its tweaking sessions and will soon be a part of upcoming senior's portfolios and prototypes.

In turn, Vocational Director Michelle Sylvia introduced Ms. Emily Peterson. Ms. Peterson's presence resulted from a request by Chairman Charles W. Flahive and implemented by Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia.

- **Senior Project Presentation: Ms. Emily Peterson** presented a PowerPoint presentation in lieu of the absence of the conference room screen using her laptop on the topic of **T1D, also known as Juvenile Diabetes**.

Ms. Peterson explained that T1D is an autoimmune disease that strikes both children and adults at any age. It occurs when the body's own immune system destroys the beta cells in the pancreas. Beta cells produce insulin, which is an essential hormone needed by the body to obtain energy from food. The onset of T1D has nothing to do with diet or lifestyle. T1D strikes suddenly, causes lifelong dependence on injected or pumped insulin, and carries the constant threat of devastating complications

Ms. Peterson spoke about her goals and aspirations for working on JD1 Diabetes Project Emily explained many of the challenges and ramifications of dealing with this permanent, life-changing disease.

The Committee was honored with and by comments by Mr. & Mrs. Peterson on their experiences with T1D. Ms. Peterson is a Senior, Early Education Program, graduating this June, and has done herself, family and school very proud (Stated by Chairman Flahive and others.)

Currently, there is no cure for Type 1 diabetes. Ms. Peterson received a round of applause from the members and attendance. Ms. Peterson will also send her PowerPoint Presentation for additional viewing. Ms. Peterson received a round of applause from the members and attendants of the meeting following her presentation and questions and answers.

3. **Public Comment** – None.
4. **Warrant** – Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi, Chairman Flahive recognized Treasurer Gisondi. Warrant #18 was presented for approval.

Member Eric C. Erskine read into the record the details of Warrant #18. A motion was made by Member Kevin L. Connolly to approve Warrant #18, dated May 16, 2017, in the amount of \$972,954.00. Motion was seconded by Acting Chairman Marybeth Nearen. Motion to approve was taken to a vote and

UNANIMOUSLY

VOTED: to approve Warrant #18, dated May 16, 2017, in the amount of \$972,954.00.

Discussion on Treasurer's compensation: Because of increasing responsibilities, the Treasurer has requested his hours be increased to 14 hours per week. Treasurer Gisondi has provided his justifications for increase at previous recent meetings and directly to the District membership.

5. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to approve the Minutes of the May 2, 2017 Minutes, as submitted. Motion was seconded by Member Eric C. Erskine. Motion to approve minutes was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve the Minutes of the May 2, 2017 Minutes, as submitted.

6. **Student Representative Report** - School Year 2016-17 Student Representative Andrew Bryant - NONE
7. **DSC Chair Report**

- **Curriculum and Advisory Subcommittee**, newly – elected Chairman. Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., reported on the outcome of this evening's meeting, prior to this full committee meeting. The subcommittee recommends a proposed project for the addition to Stagnone Family home. (Holbrook, MA)

Motion to accept the Stagnone addition for school year 2017-18 Off Campus Project was made by Member Eric Erskine. Motion was seconded by Kevin L. Connolly and taken to a vote without further discussion. Resulting in a **UNANIMOUS**

VOTE: to approve the Stagnone Family Home Addition, Holbrook MA, for SY17.18 Off-Campus Project.

There was also discussion regarding the possibility of a second off-campus project and also an on-campus garage build. Discussion will occur at a future Curriculum & Advisory Subcommittee Meeting with subsequent recommendations.

8. **DSC Subcommittee Reports** (as needed):

- **Curriculum & Advisory Subcommittee** – Subcommittee Chairman Maguire election was announced. The Curriculum & Advisory Subcommittee recommended the Stagnone Family Home (Holbrook, MA) for School Year 2017-18 Off-Campus Project.
- **Finance & Administration Subcommittee** – Subcommittee Chairman Marybeth Nearen reported to full committee on recent meeting and transfer discussions.

Subcommittee Chairman Marybeth Nearen reported that discussions have occurred with Assistant Superintendent for Business and Personnel, Mr. Steven M. Moore and recommendations for transfers are being analyzed and a recommendation for approval is requested for the following:

Budget Amendment Request

Request to decrease the 5000 Series Fixed Charges expense budget line by \$118,000 and to increase the 1000 Series District Leadership and Administration budget line by \$118,000.

- **Rationale**

The funds are needed to cover the cost of ISP services and ISP security measures. These are new costs and were not anticipated nor budgeted for in the FY17 budget.

- **Source of Funds**

The district's Retired Teacher's Health Insurance budget line is projected to have a surplus in excess of \$200,000. Funding in the amount of \$118,000 can be transferred from the budget line and still allow the district to meet all of its obligations for insurance costs.

Motion was requested:

Motion to decrease the 5000 Series Fixed Charges expense budget line by \$118,000 and to increase the 1000 Series District Leadership and Administration expense budget line by \$118,000 was requested by Finance & Administration Subcommittee Chairman Marybeth Nearen. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion was taken to a ROLL-CALL VOTE AND it was UNANIMOUSLY

VOTED: to decrease the 5000 Series Fixed Charges expense budget line by \$118,000 and to increase the 1000 Series District Leadership and Administration expense budget line by \$118,000.

No other budget transfers were requested at this time.

- **Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee** – Report → Subcommittee Chairman Erskine will report on negotiation status.
 - Subcommittee Chairman Eric C. Erskine reported on recent meetings with teachers/BHEA Negotiation Committee and received a request for percentage increases over three-year upcoming contract, changes in Article 5. and amenities. To safeguard the integrity of the negotiations, Chairman Eric C. Erskine, called executive session.
- **Warrant Subcommittee** – Report > Subcommittee Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., recommended the approval of the presented warrant.

9. **Administrative Reports** (as needed):

9.1 Assistant Superintendent for Business and Personnel – Mr. Steven Moore

FY18 Budget Approval: Following discussion, Chairman Flahive moved to the question of the FY18 Budget.

- Member Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. moved to approve the FY18 Budget in the amount of \$20,374,021.00 Member Eric C. Erskine seconded the motion. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve the FY18 Budget in the amount of \$20,374,021.00.

9.2 **Principal** – Ms. Jill M. Rossetti was recognized by Chairman Flahive.

Happened and Happening: (As reported in Principal Rossetti's Weekly Report.)

- Monday: **Graduation Rehearsal** at 8:30 AM in the Cafeteria and **X2 Opens for Senior Grading**
- Tuesday: **Senior Art Show** from 5:30 - 8:00 in the Gym
- Wednesday: **Senior Scholarship and Awards Ceremony** at 6:30 PM in the Cafeteria
- Thursday: **In Service:** 10:40 AM Student Arrival &
- Friday: **Graduation Rehearsal** at 8:30 AM in the Cafeteria.
- **Jeans for Troops**, \$5.00 to wear your jeans for a great cause: Mr. Cavanaugh and Ms. Poliseno are spearheading this activity.

Some of the Great Things From Last Week at Blue Hills:

- Ms. J. Murphy sent a communication to Principal Rossetti: DVC students entered the **Massasoit Arts Festival High School Juried Competition:**
 - Christopher Paine: **1st place** for The Presidents Banner
 - Christopher Paine: Stalingrad Infographic won **3rd Place**

Honorable mentions:

- Lindsey Reissfeidler,
- Alexandra Dilligent: two
- Alissa Carey: two
- Katherine Walsh
- Danielle Grieco
- Jason Yactayo

Graduation Update: Tuesday, June 6 at 6 p.m. (with a rain date of Wednesday, June 7th at 6 p.m.)

- **An out-of-state Student Field trip** was UNANIMOUSLY approved by the Committee to Newport Rhode Island.
- **Awards' Night:** Wednesday, May 24th at 6:30 p.m. will recognize outstanding students. Chairman Charles W. Flahive will present award. All members are graciously invited to attend.

9.3 **Superintendent/Director:** J. Quaglia – Superintendent-Director Quaglia was recognized by Acting Chairman Nearen. Mr. Quaglia continued:

- **Obsolete Equipment:** Request to retire obsolete equipment. A vote tabled.
NOTE: Significant information has been sent via email.
- **LPN Program certification:** In order to meet the regulations for LPN Program Certification, Director Marybeth Joyce and Program Director Roxanne Mihal must travel to Salt Lake City, UTAH to attend a Council on Education, accrediting body on July 21 and 22nd 2017. Mr. Quaglia requested the vote of the full committee. Acting Chairman Nearen from Member Fran Fistori to approve the trip as presented. Motion was seconded by Member Eric C. Erskine. Motion was taken to a vote and it was by **MAJORITY**
VOTED: to approve the out-of-state travel for professional purposes to Director Marybeth Joyce and LPN Program Director Roxanne Mihal to Salt Lake City, UTAH to attend a Council on Education, accrediting body meeting on July 21 and 22nd 2017.

10. **Unfinished Business and New Business:** None.

11. **Discussion or Suggestions** for the Good of the District, Including newsworthy educational items.- Discussion occurred on the establishment of a uniform logo. Dialogue will continue at a later date.

12. **Executive session:** A brief executive session was called, necessary 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. Chairman Flahive moved the meeting to Executive Session, declaring that the DSC would return solely to adjourn after the session at 9:07 p.m. Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to have the Committee move to executive session, with the Committee returning to the Regular Session solely to adjourn with no unfinished regular business on the table. Motion was seconded by Member Eric Erskine and taken to a **ROLL CALL VOTE. UNANIMOUSLY** by roll-call vote, the Committee

Voted: to have the Committee move to executive session, with the Committee returning to the Regular Session **solely to adjourn** with no unfinished regular business on the table.

NOTE: When and if necessary, meetings may be called to executive session pursuant to Exemption #3 under the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c 30A, Section 21(a)(3) as discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body, and pursuant to Exemption # 7 under the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c 30A, Section 21(a)(7), to comply with or act under the authority of a Massachusetts General Law by receiving legal advice from counsel protected from disclosure under Massachusetts General Law with the relevant citations of law being M.G.L. c. 4, Section 7, clause twenty-sixth, and MGL. c. 30A, s. 21 (a) (3). The Committee RETURNS to open session after the conclusion of the executive session, EITHER to continue regular business or adjourn.

13. **Meeting Adjournment.** Chairman Flahive called for adjournment, following the conclusion of all business.

Member Fran Fistori moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Member Aidan Maguire, Jr., taken to a vote and **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to adjourn the Regular Schedule Meeting, with all regular business concluded, at **10:03 p.m.**

The Committee's **next meeting** will be a **Regular Schedule Meeting**, conducted in the **William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room (#207A), on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.,** unless otherwise posted. This meeting will begin early in order to accommodate Graduation 2017.

Minutes approved by:

Thomas R. Polito, Jr.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joanne Kuzboski, Recording Secretary