



**MINUTES of the “52nd District School Committee”  
Summer Schedule Special 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. Robert A. McNeil, 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”*

**Wednesday, August 17, 2016**

Prior to this Special Summer Schedule Meeting, subcommittee meetings were scheduled and, conducted. The subcommittees were:

- **5:30 p.m. , Evaluation Subcommittee - Review of evaluation returns.**
- **6:30 p.m.: Warrant Subcommittee - Review documents relative to Warrant Approval.**

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School **Fifty-First District School Committee Special Summer Schedule Meeting** was called to order, **on Wednesday, August 17, 2016** at 7:02 p.m. the Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School, **Cafeterium** 800 Randolph Street, Canton, Massachusetts by Chairman Charles W. Flahive at 7 p.m.. The meeting place was moved from Room 402 to the Cafeterium and place change posted at entrance doors.

**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, Recording Secretary and digital recorder.

**1. ROLL CALL and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE \***

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Messrs. Connolly, Erskine, Fistori, Flahive, Joyce, Maguire, Nearen and Polito

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Mr. McNeil

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director  
Ms. Jill Rossetti, Principal  
Mr. Steven Moore, Assistant Superintendent/Business & Personnel  
Mr. Angelo Dimitriou, Director of SPED  
Ms. Marybeth Joyce, BH Director of Admissions and Financial Aid  
Mr. Thomas Cavanaugh, Dean of Students,  
Mr. Geoff Zini, Director of Adademics  
Mr. Matt Manders, Athletic Department

Ms. Michelle Sylvia, Director of Vocational Programs	Ms. Judy Bass, Publicist	Stacy Hedges, Teacher
Mr. Michael Sheehan, Teacher	Mr. Brian Gearty, Teacher	Mrs. Eileen Daily, Teacher
Ms. Kim Polisenno, Career Coordinator	Ms. Nicole Flynn, Teacher	Mr. Mark E. Perna, CEO, Tools for Schools

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2. **Public Comment** – None.
3. **Minute approval:** None.
4. **Student Report – No report. (Term will begin in September 2016)**
5. **Chairman’s Report/Comments:** Chairman Charles W. Flahive stated that a guest speaker, Mr. Mark Perna, founder and **CEO of Tools for School in Cleveland, Ohio**, will present, out of order. Mr. Perna’s presentation was requested by the District School Committee.

**Introduction:** Mr. Mark C. Perna was introduced and immediately provided an intense overview of the program he offers for improvement of enrollments, engagements and retention of students in careers offered through vocational educations with motivation technique enhancements. Mr. Perna has operated his business for 18 years with the “Career Tree” concept operating for approximately two years. Mr. Perna’s program is in operation locally at two vicinity vocational schools: Minuteman and Southeastern. Although the presentation was brief, it allowed for a thorough question and answer session between members of the audience, as well as District School Committee Members, and Mr. Perna. Mr. Perna targeted substantial advantages of creating opportunities for students to enhance their learning experiences and possibly establish a fervent passion for their futures and job growths through the vocational programs offered at Blue Hills. Mr. Perna also supplied a PowerPoint presentation describing some of the facets of the program. Further note: All may receive additional information at the web site: TFSresults.com as supplements to this presentation. Mr. Perna does not require a contract for his services and operates with a per hour cost and expense charge. Principal Jill M. Rossetti spoke in favor of this method being introduced to the students and also stated that there is a team of fourteen members of the Blue Hills Faculty ready to move forward with its implementation with excitement and enthusiasm for the benefits that will be realized with Blue Hills students. Following the conclusion of the presentation, questions and answers; Members of the District School Committee thanked Mr. Perna for the presentation and information provided.

**MASC/MASS:** Chairman Flahive would like to have MASC/MASS conduct an off-site workshop for the District with MASC/MASS on mutual items for clarification of roles and responsibilities. Target date would be some time in October 2016 for this professional development event.

**District Policy:** Chairman Flahive requests the membership familiarize themselves with the content of the District Policy book and bring forward items to be clarified or added. Presently, the state is mandating a drug-awareness policy be added at all schools. The following is significant: **Substance Use Policies – Submission and Guidance:**

“Governor Baker signed An Act Relative to Substance Use, Treatment, Education and Prevention into law on March 14, 2016 as [Chapter 52 of the Acts of 2016](#). This law requires that each public school shall have a policy regarding substance use prevention and the education

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of its students about the dangers of substance abuse. The school shall notify the parents or guardians of all students attending the school of the policy and shall post the policy on the school's website. The policy, and any standards and rules enforcing the policy, shall be prescribed by the school committee in conjunction with the superintendent or the board of trustees of a charter school.

This section also requires that each school district and charter school shall file its substance use prevention and abuse education policies with the ESE. The anticipated submission date will be mid-late October 2016. The Department expects to share submission details and further guidance in August."

6. Subcommittee Reports (As needed.):

- **Evaluation Subcommittee Meeting** – Subcommittee Chairman Fran Fistori presented the tallied results of the members' evaluations of the Treasurer and Secretary. Contracts for these positions expired June 30<sup>th</sup> and a Personnel & Negotiations' Subcommittee meeting is required to negotiate and finalize contracts.
- **Warrant Subcommittee** – Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. – Recommended approval of the submitted Warrants, as presented.
- **School Building Committee** – Chairman of this Committee is Superintendent-Direct James P. Quaglia. This Committee met yesterday. It is noted that this Committee is formed and operated to meet the mandates of the Massachusetts School Building Association (MSBA).
- **Policy Subcommittee:** Chairman Marybeth Nearen stated that she has been researching the issue of military sashes being allowed to be worn at graduations, on her own, and will call a Policy Subcommittee meeting to further discuss.

7. Administrative Reports:

7.1 Treasurer: Mr. Charles J. Gisondi

7.1.1 Warrant Approval

- Secretary Thomas R. Polito, moved to approve FY16 Warrant Number 25, in the amount of \$239,672.09, DATED August 17, 2016. Motion to approve was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion was taken to a vote and it was UNANIMOUSLY

**VOTED:** to approve FY16 Warrant Number 25, dated August 17, 2016, in the amount of \$239,672.09.

- Secretary Thomas R. Polito, moved to approve FY17 Warrant Number 2, in the amount of \$1,047,288.89. Motion to approve was seconded by Vice-Chairman Nearen. Motion was taken to a vote and it was UNANIMOUSLY

**VOTED:** to approve FY17 Warrant Number 2, dated August 17, 2016, in the amount of \$1,047,288.89.

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

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Charles W. Flahive. Mr. Moore stated that the Nine District Towns have received a reduction in the FY17 Assessments and supplied the Committee Members with the listing of towns and reduction.

**School -To -Career Program:** Mr. Moore stated that the School Attorney has been consulted for two questions to be answered and the next meeting (September 6, 2016) will include fact findings and clarifications.

### 7.3 Principal – Ms. Jill M. Rossetti

7.3.1 Tools For Schools: Presentation by Mr. Mark Perna (Called out of order and presented close to the beginning of the meeting.)

### 7.4 Superintendent/Director: Mr. James P. Quaglia. Mr. Quaglia was recognized by Chairman Flahive:

- **Hiring Update:** Going well. Superintendent-Director Quaglia is hopeful to have all new hires placed with the start of School Year 2016-17.

**Request** was made for the waiver of policy (GBEA) in order to allow a close relative of the Superintendent to temporarily fill the position. Following discussion, questions and answers; the Committee voted on permitting the waiver of Policy GBEA. Chairman Flahive accepted a motion from Member Kevin L. Connolly to permit a waiver of Policy GBEA to allow a close family member to be hired for a temporary position. Motion was seconded by Member Fran Fistori. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** to allow a close family member to be hired for a temporary position, as requested and explained by Superintendent-Director Quaglia, allowing a waiver to Policy GBEA.

**MSBA Project Update** – A School Building Committee Meeting was recently conducted supplying a status report on the Project.

- **Elevator Fine Explanation** – Gene Mastro – Director of Facilities, Gene Mastro was unable to attend this evening's meeting. Mr. Mastro provided all members of the Committee with a detailed history of what has transpired with this matter. Mr. Mastro will attend the 9.6.16 DSC Meeting to answer additional questions by Members.

**Marine Technology Program** – Superintendent-Director Quaglia explained to the full Committee that in order to proceed with the design phase of the Blue Hills Regional Technical School District's

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building project, the District School Committee must approve the Superintendent-Director's action to take necessary steps toward the formation of a Chapter 74 Marine Technology Program. The steps include an initial communication to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in conjunction with an MSBA-associated project design. The Committee further gives approval for the Superintendent-Director to engage in the Chapter 74 application and approval process for the Marine Technology program at the appropriate time. This is the appropriate time and must be done now. There were numerous questions and answers as well as a debate on the proposed program. **Following the conclusion of discussions, Chairman Flahive accepted a motion from Secretary Thomas F. Polito, Jr.: “ In order to proceed with the design phase of the Blue Hills Regional Technical School District's building project, the District School Committee hereby votes to take necessary steps toward the formation of a Chapter 74 Marine Technology Program. The steps include an initial communication to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in conjunction with an MSBA-associated project design. The Committee further gives approval for the Superintendent-Director to engage in the Chapter 74 application and approval process for the Marine Technology program at the appropriate time.” Motion to approve was seconded by Member Kevin L. Conolly. Motion was taken to a vote and it was by MAJORITY**

**VOTED: to approve the request to proceed with the design phase of the Blue Hills Regional Technical School District's building project, the District School Committee hereby votes to take necessary steps toward the formation of a Chapter 74 Marine Technology Program. The steps include an initial communication to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in conjunction with an MSBA-associated project design. The Committee further gives approval for the Superintendent-Director to engage in the Chapter 74 application and approval process for the Marine Technology program at the appropriate time. By Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia**

- (VOTED YES: Messrs. Connolly, Erskine, Fistori, Flahive, Joyce, Maguire, Nearen and Polito
- Voted no: Member Maguire
- Abstained: Members Flahive and Nearen) Vote: 5 – 3 (Abstain = NO)

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8. **Unfinished Business and New Business** – Chairman Flahive questioned the administration regarding “Music and Theatre” subjects being activated at school start.

- **Recording Secretary:** Joanne informed the full Committee that she will be out of the country and unable to tend to the Committee’s support from 9.5 through 9.26. Chairman Flahive requested that the Superintendent-Director arrange coverage for the Committee throughout this period to include attendance at meetings and transcription of meeting minutes.

9. Discussion or Suggestions for the Good of the District, including newsworthy educational items. None.

10. An executive session was called 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.

- Executive Session requested for one pending personnel matter only

~~11. Adjournment~~

~~12. Executive session: An executive session was postponed.~~

~~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 Fess Joyce, taken to a vote and **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** to adjourn the Summer Special Meeting, with all regular business concluded, at **9:52 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, September 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**, unless otherwise posted.

Minutes approved by:

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Secretary Thomas R. Polito, Jr.

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary

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~~Marine Technology Program Vote Wording:~~

~~*In order to proceed with the design phase of the Blue Hills Regional Technical School District's building project, the District School Committee hereby votes to take necessary steps toward the formation of a Chapter 74 Marine Technology Program. The steps include an initial communication to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in conjunction with an MSBA-associated project design. The Committee further gives approval for the Superintendent-Director to engage in the Chapter 74 application and approval process for the Marine Technology program at the appropriate time.*~~