



MINUTES of the “52nd District School Committee”
Regular 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”

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Prior to this District School Committee Meeting, the following subcommittee meeting was scheduled and conducted:

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

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School **Fifty-First District School Committee Meeting** was called to order, **on Tuesday, September 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 Pamela Donnellan, Administrative secretary to the Superintendent-Director and digital recorder.

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 Maguire, Jr., Canton
Robert McNeil, Holbrook
Secretary Thomas Polito, Jr., Dedham

MEMBERS ABSENT Vice Chair Marybeth Nearen, Randolph

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director
Ms. Jill Rossetti, Principal
Mr. Steven Moore, Assistant Superintendent/Business & Personnel
Ms. Marybeth Joyce, BH Director of Admissions and Financial Aid
Mr. Charles Gisondi, Treasurer
Mr. Gene Mastro, Facilities Director
Mr. Ed Catabia, Athletic Director

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Ms. Paula Walsh, Teacher	Ms. Grace Magnani, Teacher	Mr. Matthew Martino, Teacher
Mr. Michael Sheehan, Teacher	Mr. Brian Gearty, Teacher	Mr. Burke Doherty, Teacher
Ms. Linda Fortunato, PE & Guidance	Mr. Andrew Bryant, Student Ambassador	Miss Jilena Deitsch, Student Ambassador
Ms. Nicole Flynn, Teacher		

2. **Public Comment** – None.
3. **Introduction of new Coaches and Teachers**
Principal Rossetti introduced new teachers Burke Doherty – Construction, Matthew Martino – History, Grace Magnani – English and Paula Walsh – Health Assisting.
Athletic Director Mr. Catabia introduced Linda Fortunato – Girls JV Soccer Coach and Student Athlete Ambassadors Jilena Deitsch and Andrew Bryant, both Tri-Athletes.
4. **Dore and Whittier/ Owner’s Project Manager:** Presentation tabled until next meeting, Tuesday September 20, 2016.
5. **Elevator Fine Explanation**
Gene Mastro, Facilities Director provided a history and up to date information on how and why a fine was issued to BHR for a handi-cap lift located in the Library (failed state inspection and for an expired inspection sticker) and the process that he went through this past year and a half to have the fine reduced from \$16,000 to \$3,600. There is no more recourse to be taken from school other than bringing to court where the cost of doing so will be most likely more than the fine. A lengthy discussion ensued about what possibilities there are available to us including removal of the lift, building a ramp and internal checks and balances to ensure timely inspections and issuance of inspection certificates. Mr. Mastro’s actions over this past year and a half in regard to this issue were both responsive and timely. The most obvious problem noted is the inability for school personnel to speak directly to the state inspection personnel. This must be done through the company maintaining the school elevator and lift (Delta). Turnaround time for communication is historically very slow. Secretary Polito commended Mr. Mastro on his hard work and recommendations for future oversight of inspections.
6. **Approval of Meeting Minutes: August 17, 2016**
 - Chairman Charles Flahive moved to approve the August 17, 2016 minutes of the DSC Special Summer Schedule Meeting. The Motion was seconded by Member Aidan Maguire, Jr. Motion taken to vote and was approved unanimously.
7. **Student Representative Report:** None, Student Representative has not been named to date.
8. **DSC Chair Report**
 - Chairman Flahive asked the present administration for clarification that it was customary for a DSC representative to be part of the back to school welcome. Administration present stated that it was. Secretary Tom Polito said he was present and welcomed people back to school this year. Mr. Flahive said he was concerned because he was not aware of this.
 - Trip to Las Vegas: Mr. Flahive asked some questions about the number of people attending and the break out between administration and non-administration. It was clarified that the numbers matched the grant application and approval.
9. **Subcommittee Reports:**
 - **Policy Subcommittee:** N/A Did not meet, Chair Marybeth Nearen out sick
 - **Warrant Subcommittee:** Chairman Aidan Maguire, Jr., recommended approval of the submitted warrants as presented.
10. **Administrative Reports:**
 - 10.1 **Treasurer:** Mr. Charles Gisondi:

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- Secretary Thomas Polito moved to approve FY 16 Warrant Number 26, dated September 6, in the amount of \$165,936.60. Motion to approve was seconded by Member Kevin Connolly. Motion taken to vote where it was approved unanimously.

VOTED: to approve Warrant Number 26, dated September 6, 2016 in the amount of \$165,936.60

- Secretary Thomas Polito moved to approve FY17 Warrant Number 03, in the amount of 606,416.14. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin Connolly. Motion was taken to vote where it was approved unanimously.

VOTED: to approve Warrant Number 03, dated September 6, 2016 in the amount of \$606,416.14

10.2 Assistant Superintendent/Personnel and Business: Mr. Steven Moore

- Mr. Moore passed out a Schools to Career (STC) handout and asked that the group review it before the next scheduled meeting (09/20). He stated that Katherine Touafek would be at the next meeting to answer any of their questions and because this STC issue has been discussed numerous times, he wanted to remind group that the issue they were voting on was not on particulars of the program but rather one of oversight/guidance. The committee then posed several questions and concerns. Mr. Moore redirected group back to reviewing the handout given and to bring questions to the next meeting to clarify concerns so that the committee would be able to vote on September 20th.

10.3 Principal: Ms. Jill Rossetti

- Principal Rossetti informed the committee that the start of school ran very smoothly as expected.
- Reported that mandatory training was going well and was being done on-line.
- Tools for Schools: training was excellent and well received by everyone. Very helpful in starting year off strong and prepared.
- Homecoming game is scheduled for October 14th against South Shore.
- Principal Rossetti will discuss test scores at next meeting (09/20/2016)

10.4 Superintendent-Director: Mr. James P. Quaglia

- Mr. Quaglia informed DSC that he will have a MSBA update at the September 20th meeting
- Provided a hiring update informing the committee that there was only one open position remaining and that was for Auto Collision and that they had a recommendation and anticipated that the position would be filled within the next couple days.

11. Unfinished Business and New Business:

Member Kevin Connolly asked that the committee review list of subcommittees and perhaps get rid of ad-hoc legal committee. The committee agreed to look at this sometime in October.

After a short discussion about whether or not an agenda item/topic could be heard at a DSC meeting without the 48 hour posting/notice rule in place if the topic could not reasonably have been expected earlier and is deemed important to school, Thomas Polito asked for a vote from the DSC to approve that school council review policy and give guidance and answer the question. Certain members felt an agenda item did not have to be tabled, while others felt it should. Thomas Polito asking for a vote, specifically for an opinion in writing from legal counsel. Member Kevin Connolly seconded the motion. **VOTE taken:** 4 (four) voted in favor (McNeil, Connolly, Polito and Erskine); 3 opposed (Flahive, Joyce and Maguire) and 1 abstain (Fistori). Committee voted in favor of obtaining an opinion in writing.

12. Executive Session: N/A

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

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and **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to adjourn the DSC Meeting, with all regular business concluded, at **9:00 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 20, 2016** at **7:00 p.m.**, unless otherwise posted.

Minutes approved by:

Secretary Thomas R. Polito, Jr.

Respectfully submitted by:

Pamela Donnellan