



BLUE HILLS REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
 800 Randolph Street
 Canton, MA 02021-9103
“Fifty-Third 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.

Goals: **“Transparency, Accountability and Fiscal Discipline”**

ORGANIZATION:

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

SUBCOMMITTEES * Appointed by Chairman Nearen (7.11.17)

ATHLETIC & EXTRACURRICULAR	Members Flahive, Maguire, Erskine and Joyce
BUILDINGS, FACILITIES, SAFETY AND SECURITY	Members Connolly, Erskine, Franzosa, and Polito
CURRICULUM & ADVISORY -	Members Connolly, Franzosa, Joyce and Maguire,
EVALUATION -	Members Erskine, Fistori, Flahive, and Polito
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION -	Members Franzosa, Maguire, Nearen, , and Polito
PERSONNEL & NEGOTIATIONS -	Members Erskine, Flahive, Maguire, and Polito
POLICY -	Members Fistori, Flahive, Franzosa and Nearen,
SCHOOL BUILDING.MSBA -	Members Connolly, Erskine, Franzosa, Polito
WARRANT -	Members Fistori, Flahive, Franzosa, Maguire
WEBSITE & TECHNOLOGY	Members Connolly, Fistori, Franzosa and Maguire

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 serves as *Ex-officio* member on all subcommittees.

MINUTES– Tuesday, October 17, 2017, Regular Schedule Meeting
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, as follows:

Attendance Members:

Marybeth Nearen	Aidan Maguire	Michael Franzosa
Fran Fistori	Tom Polito (Absent)	Kevin Connolly



Eric Erskine	Fess Joyce (Absent)	Charles Flahive/attending Finance Meeting in Westwood for District
Andrew Bryant. Student REP	Charles J. Gisondi, Treasurer	

Others in Attendance:

S/D James Quaglia	Elaine Coutu	Susan Grant
Bob Foley	Stacy Hedges	Chris Flynn
Linda Varraso	Brian Gearty (BHEA)	E. Joyce-Grikis
S. Ginthwain	Nicole Flynn (BHEA)	Angelo Dimitriou

Before this evening, prior to the Regular Meeting, subcommittees conducted meetings and recommendations will be forthcoming, resulting from their conduct. The subcommittees were:

- Warrant Subcommittee
- Evaluation Subcommittee

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School **Fifty-third District School Committee Regular Meeting** was called to order at **7:08 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17, 2017** at the Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School, William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room 207A, 800 Randolph Street, Canton, Massachusetts. Chairman Marybeth Nearen presided. 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. This meeting is video/audio recorded, as well as by a stenographer.

2. Public Comment - None

3. CONSENT ITEMS

- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: (10.03.17 and 9.19.17)

Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to approve minutes with a second by Secretary Eric C. Erskine,

As presented, the minutes of the 10.3.17 and 9.19.17 meetings were approved **UNANIMOUSLY by a vote of the Committee, as presented.**

4. **Warrant Approval** – Warrant Subcommittee Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. recommended the approval of Warrant Number 17.

Motion was made by KLC to approve Warrant Number 07, \$916, 760.63, Vouchers 1016 – 1017, dated October 17, 2017. Motion to approve was seconded by Secretary Eric C. Erskine. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve **Warrant Number 07**, \$916, 760.63, Vouchers 1016 – 1017, dated October 17, 2017.

5. Treasurer: Mr. Charles J. Gisondi - No report.

6. Student Representative Report: Mr. Andrew Bryant was recognized by Chairman Nearen recognized Student Representative Mr. Andrew Bryant andrew.bryant@bluehills.org and proceeded to present a PowerPoint presentation that included the following information relative to recent student activities:

STUCO Update 10-17-17

By Andrew Bryant

Sports Update

- Football- (2-4) The boys will face Tri-County RVTHS this Friday at 6:00 under the lights at Home

DSC MINUTES Regularly-Scheduled MEETING, Tuesday, October 17, 2017

- Girl's Soccer- (7-6-1) Four games left, need to win two to qualify for the tournament. Senior night is Thursday under the lights.
- Boy's Soccer- (6-7-1) The boys are 3-1 in their last four games and are playing their best soccer of the season. The team could earn a tournament berth with a strong finish in their final four games
- Volleyball- (11-5) The team qualified for the MIAA tournament with a win over Diman last Wednesday. The girls play today at Southeastern and are in the running to qualify for the State Vocational Tournament.
- Golf- (6-8) The team will compete this Thursday in the MAC Tournament. So. Jordan Kanes took home a medal for finishing in the top-10 in low scores in the Massachusetts State Vocational Tournament last week.

Pep Rally

Sports teams participated in various events on the field

- Boy's Soccer - Tug of War
- Girl's Soccer - Beach Ball Relay
- Volleyball - Hula Hoop Race
- Golf - Spoon Race
- Freshmen Football - Crab Race
- Football - Skin the snake and Wheelbarrow Race

Other events included a **dance competition**, Students vs Teachers "bubble head" game, performance by BHR Cheerleaders

MC'd by Mr. Siwik

DJ Gurdy provided music for pep rally as well

Homecoming

Football- Boys defeated Upper Cape Tech 22-0 for their third straight homecoming game victory
Sold over 400 tickets for the dance!

DJ Gurdy provided music for the dance

Freshmen Class helped to run a concession stand and there was a photobooth

Tuesday - 'Merica Day/Fruit Roll-Up Challenge

Wednesday - Costume Day/Donut Eating Challenge

Thursday - Pajama Day/Musical Chairs

Friday - Boston Sports Day/Bouncy Houses

Student Council

Breast Cancer Awareness Day

Oct 25th breast cancer awareness day - students will wear pink and donations will be accepted for research - ribbons will be sold during 1st period by all STUCO members

Friends 4 Life -

Sponsored by SADD

SADD is promoting Friends for Life Week - they are selling friendship bracelets for 4\$ to promote friends making safe choices.

A round of applause was rendered along with the thanks of the full committee upon the conclusion of the thorough report provided by Mr. Bryant.

7. **Skills USA Student National Delegate & Representative: Karimah Land, re: Washington Trip**



- Chairman Nearen recognized Ms. Karimah Land who proceeded to present a PowerPoint Presentation pictorial and vocal. Ms. Rossetti requested the approval of the District School Committee for an Out of State Presented a PowerPoint presentation from her recent trip to Washington, September 23-27, 2017.
- Ms. Land now holds the office of SkillsUSA State President, as well as a Senior Blue Hills Student of the Cosmetology Program. Ms. Land has diligently worked to achieve and attain her present position, working up from her freshman membership when she first recognized the opportunities offered through SkillsUSA.
- Ms. Land enthusiastically described the goals and objectives of SkillsUSA and how it brings the best of all to the skills and characters of its membership. Learning to work hard with honor and integrity produces the best results is constantly instilled within all competitions.

Once again, upon the conclusion of Ms. Land's oration and presentation, a round of applause exploded from the membership and meeting attendees.

8. **Athletic Director: Ed Catabia** – Present plans and protocol to sell old BHR Sports Banners as a fundraiser. Chairman Nearen recognized Athletic Director Ed Catabia. Director Catabia proposed that athletic award banners be used for Athletic Activities, including the honors' banquets. Following questions and answers, Chairman Nearen accepted a motion from Member Michael C. Franzosa to permit the requestors to generate sales of the old BHR Sports Banners as presented. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion went to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

Voted: to permit the requestors to generate sales of the old BHR Sports Banners, as presented.

9. Director of Special Services: **Director Angelo Dimitriou** was recognized by Chairman Marybeth Nearen and proceeded with a presentation advocating for the position of a .4 Speech Therapist, as follows providing recommendation, justification and definition, including a comprehensive review and update of special services:

Recommendation: Over the past decade Speech and Language services have been delivered via a contracted provider. BHR utilized **CHARMS Collaborative** for the previous two school years and **Futures Inc.** prior to that. After consultation with the business office, the recommendation is to classify the support via a part-time employee.

BHR Population	June 2015	Sep. 18, 2017
Total Number of Students at BHR	842	857
Total Special Education Population (IEP) at BHR	195 (23%)	231 (27%)
Students w/ Communication Impairment/ Disability	25	33 (15 in 9 th grade)
Students w/Intellectual Disability	7	11 (1 in 9 th grade)
Students w/Autism Spectrum Disorder	7	11 (4 in 9 th grade)

There are also a number of students with specific learning disabilities (SLD) in the area of language. This is a different diagnosis than "communication impairment".

Additional 9th grade information as of 9/18/17

- 70 students, out of the 231 (30%) have an IEP
- 14 students, of the 231 (6%) have a 504 plan

Speech and Language Caseload 9/18/17 - Direct Services

Grade	Number of Students
9th	12*
10th	9
11th	11
12th	6

* Speech and Language services are often discontinued at the end of 8th grade Caseload and service delivery has been rather consistent over the last several years

Evaluations of students with disabilities

Initial Evaluations

Re-evaluations – 30 during the 2016/17 school year

Steady Increase over the last few years given diagnosis of students

A word about Independent Evaluations and Compliance

Budget: Continued use of Medicaid Funds

**Proposed Job Description
Speech and Language Pathologist
.4 FTE / 2 days per week**

The following list of job duties is neither exclusive nor exhaustive, and the employee will be required to undertake such tasks as may be reasonably expected within the scope of the position:

- Maintain and manage a caseload comprised of communication impaired students by providing direct services in various small group settings.
- Work collaboratively with other members of the special education evaluation team to develop Individual Education Programs (IEPs) that include communication specific goals.
- In accordance with updated industry standards and Department of Education regulations, administer formal speech and language assessments as part of the special education initial evaluation and reevaluation processes.
- Collaborate with the evaluation team to diagnose speech-language specific disorders, as well as other disabilities, using culturally and linguistically appropriate methods.
- Collaborate with IEP teams on the planning and delivery of social communication instruction.
- Provide consultation, collaboration and guidance to parents, teachers, and students regarding speech and language disabilities.
- Serve as a resource to school staff members in the development of classroom based accommodations and strategies which focus on receptive and expressive language skills for school success.
- Attendance and involvement in IEP meetings, in compliance with Federal and State rules and regulations.
- Assist in proper referrals of individuals to agencies and specialists in the community as appropriate.
- Maintain thorough and ongoing records for individual students receiving speech-language services.
- Maintain a list of referred, screened, and eligible students, as well as a directory of outside agencies, consultants, specialists and related services.
- Keep track of all inventories, including speech-language evaluation tools and intervention materials in the school.
- Willingness to perform any and all other responsibilities as assigned by the Director.

Following discussion, questions and answers, Chairman Nearen entertained a motion. Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to approve the position of .4 Speech Therapist as requested. Said motion was seconded by Secretary Eric C. Erskine. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve the position of .4 Speech Therapist as requested.

Following Director Dimitriou's presentation, the Committee extended their thanks and appreciation.

10. **DSC Chair Report** – Discussion on the upcoming MASC Conference – **Chairman Marybeth Nearen** addressed the meeting, stating that the District's voting delegate has changed. Chairman Nearen will now tend to the responsibilities as the District's Voting Delegate.

Randolph Town Council Meeting: Chairman Nearen spoke of the successful meeting with the members of the District Town of Randolph Town Council members to discuss the Blue Hills School Renovation Project that will be financed with MSBA matching dollars. The Council Members voted, by majority, voted in favor of the project. Chairman Nearen thanked Superintendent-Director Quaglia for his intercession.

Open Meeting Law: New regulations will streamline, modernize, and clarify Open Meeting Law (OML) compliance while simultaneously sustaining the law's spirit of transparency.

- [New OML Regulations \(Clean version\)](#)
- [New OML Regulations \(Red-lined version\)](#)
- [Explanation of Changes](#)

All members were urged to visit the site of the new laws to familiarize themselves with the changes.

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/new-open-meeting-law-regulations-effective-october-6-2017>

To conclude a thorough and transparent regulatory review process, the Attorney General has issued new Open Meeting Law regulations, 940 CMR 29.00-29.11. The changes will take effect on October 6, 2017, upon publication in the Massachusetts Register.

New regulations will streamline, modernize, and clarify Open Meeting Law (OML) compliance while simultaneously sustaining the law's spirit of transparency.

Open Meeting Law Change: The way of posting has changed resulting in a request for a vote by the full committee vote in order to activate facets of the new law that directly affects the operation of regional school with postings.

Chairman Nearen requested a motion on the question of activating the facets of the law, Open Meeting Law Regulations, 940 CMR 29.00-29.11. Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to accept the provisions of the Open Meeting Law Regulations, 940 CMR 29.00-29.11 that directly affect the posting of Regional/District Schools REQUIRING a full-committee vote. Motion was seconded by Secretary Eric C. Erskine. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to accept the provisions of the Open Meeting Law Regulations, 940 CMR 29.00-29.11 that directly affect the posting of Regional/District Schools REQUIRING a full-committee vote.

11. Subcommittee Reports (As needed.):

- Evaluation Subcommittee – Results of evaluation tallies presented and discussed by Subcommittee Chairman Fran Fistori. Summarization will be provided at next meeting.
- Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee – Chairman Eric C. Erskine reported on the status of recent meetings. Met with the Clerical Union tonight and are moving forward. Contact Eric for calendar.

12. Administrative Reports (As needed.)

12.1 Assistant Superintendent/Personnel and Business: Mr. Steven M. Moore - NO REPORT

12.2 Principal: Ms. Jill M. Rossetti – N/A

12.3 Superintendent/Director: Mr. James P. Quaglia

Chairman Nearen recognized S/D Quaglia. Mr. Quaglia presented the following requests:

- Request for approval of out-of-state travel & professional development for Metal Fab teacher **Matt Siwik** sponsored by Torch Mate. KLC Mike

Motion was made by Member Connolly to approve the professional development, out-of-state event. Motion was seconded by Member Michael C. Franzosa, taken to a vote and **UNANIMOUSLY**

Voted: to approve the professional development, out-of-state event.

Request for approval of out-of-state travel and professional development for **Ana Peach** to attend an out-of-state professional development out-of-state event.

Motion was made by Member Michael C. Franzosa, seconded by Secretary Erskine to approve the professional development, out-of-state event. Motion was seconded by Member Michael C. Franzosa, taken to a vote and **UNANIMOUSLY**

Voted: to approve the professional development, out-of-state event.

- May require a DSC Vote to enable Chapter 71, 16 (n), district-wide ballot relative to the BHR Renovation project – There was a brief discussion on this matter.
- **Notice to Committee of presentation at MASC/MASS** - Superintendent-Director Quaglia will be presenting at the MASC/MASS Conference (November 1 – 4, 2017).

13. Unfinished Business and New Business – A vote was taken for the following:

“To conclude a thorough and transparent regulatory review process, the Attorney General has issued new Open Meeting Law regulations, 940 CMR 29.00-29.11. The changes will take effect on October 6, 2017, upon publication in the Massachusetts Register.

(3) Requirements Specific to Regional or District Public Bodies. (a) Notice shall be filed and posted in each city and town within the region or district in the manner prescribed for local public bodies in that city or town. (b) As an alternative method of notice, a regional or district public body may post a meeting notice on, by majority vote, adopt the regional or district public body's website. as its official notice posting method. A copy of each meeting notice shall be filed and kept by the chair of the public body or the chair's designee. in accordance with the applicable records retention schedules. The public body shall file and post notice of the website address, as well as directions on how to locate notices on the website, in each city and town within the region or district in the manner prescribed for local public bodies in that city or town. (4) Requirements Specific to Regional School Districts. (a) The secretary of the regional school district committee shall be considered to be its clerk. The clerk of the regional school district committee shall file notice with the municipal clerk of each city and town within such district and each such municipal clerk shall post the notice in the manner prescribed for local public bodies in that city or town. (b) As an alternative method of notice, a regional school district committee may post a meeting notice on, by majority vote, adopt the regional school district's website. as its official notice posting method. A copy of the each meeting notice shall be filed and kept by the secretary of the regional school district committee or the secretary's designee in accordance with the applicable records retention schedules. The regional school district committee shall file and post notice of the website address, as well as directions on how to locate notices on the website, in each city and town within the region or district in the manner prescribed for local public bodies in that city or town.”

14. Discussion or Suggestions for the Good of the District, Including newsworthy educational items. – None.

15. An executive session was not necessary for this meeting.

16. Adjournment: At 8:37 p.m. Chairman Nearen called for adjournment. Motion was made by Member Fran Fistori to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. Motion was taken to a vote and it was unanimously passed **to adjourn the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted:

Eric C. Erskine, Secretary

**Joanne Doyle Kuzborski, Recording
Secretary**

Next meeting dates: November 7, 2017 November 21, 2017