



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
Vice Chairman
Secretary
District Treasurer
Student Representative

Marybeth Nearen
Thomas R. Polito, Jr.
Eric C. Erskine
Charles J. Gisondi
Andrew Bryant

SUBCOMMITTEES * Appointed by Chairman Nearen (7.11.17)

ATHLETIC & EXTRACURRICULAR
BUILDINGS, FACILITIES, SAFETY AND SECURITY
CURRICULUM & ADVISORY -
EVALUATION -
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION -
PERSONNEL & NEGOTIATIONS -
POLICY -
SCHOOL BUILDING.MSBA -
WARRANT -
WEBSITE & TECHNOLOGY

Members **Flahive**, Erskine, Fistori, Maguire,
Members Connolly, Erskine, Franzosa, and Polito
Members Connolly, Franzosa, Joyce and Maguire,
Members Erskine, Fistori, Flahive, and Polito
Members **Polito**, Franzosa, Maguire, Nearen
Members **Erskine**, Flahive, Maguire, and Polito
Members Fistori, Flahive, Franzosa and Nearen,
Members Connolly, Erskine, Franzosa, Polito
Members **Maguire** Fistori, Flahive, Franzosa,
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.

SPECIAL MEETING DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018

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. For the record, the 2.6.18 Regular Schedule meeting was cancelled. A Special Meeting on Friday, 2.9.18 was conducted at 2 p.m. as duly posted.

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School **Fifty-third District School Committee** Special Meeting was called to order at **7:04 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2018** 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 recorded by an in-person stenographer and adheres to all the conditions of the Open Meeting Law. (**Open Meeting Law regulations, 940 CMR 29.00-29.11**).

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, as follows: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Kevin L. Connolly and recited by all present. **Following the Pledge a moment of silence was extended by all present with the utmost respect to Milton Representative, Mr. Festus Joyce. Fess passed on Saturday, January 27, 2018, surrounded by his loving family.**

Attendance Members:

Marybeth Nearen	Aidan Maguire	Michael Franzosa,
Fran Fistori	Tom Polito	Kevin Connolly
Eric Erskine Andrew Bryant. Student REP	Charles J. Gisondi, Treasurer	Charles Flahive (Absent) Joanne Doyle Kuzborski, Recording Secretary

Others in Attendance:

S/D James Quaglia	Marybeth Joyce	Steve Moore
Sarah Kiefer	Rita Joyce	Mary-Elizabeth Mack
Nicole Flynn	Ryan Kiff	Robert Donnelly/Norwood Finance Commission
T. Fegan	Vicki DeMeo	Brendan Welch
T. Murphy/Math/Bhea	Michael Schantz	Michelle Barley
Eileen Dailey	Brian Gearty	

“Tribute to Mr. Festus Joyce, Town of Milton Representative”

On Sunday, January 27, 2018, the world lost a great man.

Following a moment of silence,

Members of the District School Committee expressed and shared their sentiments on the recent loss of Mr. Fess Joyce. Hearts are heavy with the loss of this amazing man. Rest in peace beloved Fess Joyce.

Members of the District School Committee, as well as Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia provided glowing accolades in memory of beloved Member, Mr. Fess Joyce.

2. **Public Comment** – Chairman Nearen recognized Mrs. Tina Fegan, Co-Chairman of the Blue Hills’ Boosters. Mrs. Tina Fegan appeared before the Board to remind members that the Winter Social is scheduled for March 24th and invite all members to attend. Mrs. Fegan stated: “What we need right now is help with the event’s ticket sales, which are on the low side presently.” Boosters are extremely grateful to the programs at BHRTS for providing donations. Boosters are also meeting tonight to discuss further details for this event. Following

questions and answers the Committee Members thanked Mrs. Fegan for the fine job that Boosters are supplying within all areas of the Blue Hills' Community.

3. **Student Representative Mr. Andrew Bryant** – Following recognition by Chairman Marybeth Nearen, Mr. Bryant presented a PowerPoint presentation that details student activities up to 2.27.2018

Sports

- **Boys Basketball-** The boys defeated a very good Lynn Tech in the Vocational Tournament semi-finals over break. The team then had to travel to play a tough Old Colony squad the next night and lost in the Finals. The boys play Cape Cod Tech tomorrow night at home at 6:30 in the first round of the state tournament.
- **Girls Basketball- (15-0)-** The girls lost to a tough Norfolk Aggie team in the Semifinals of the Vocational tournament. The team will play South Shore Voc Thursday night at 6:30 at home in the first round of the state tournament
- **Ice Hockey-** (11-5-1)- The team will play Greater New Bedford in the first round of the state tournament at the Canton Ice House on Friday at 5:30

Valentine's Day

- The Juniors hosted a matchmaking fundraiser
 - Students paid \$2 to find their most and least compatible matches in their own grade and \$3 to purchase the matches in their own grade AND the remaining grades.
 - SADD has been posting healthy relationship messages throughout the month of February SADD also sold roses to be delivered on Valentine's Day with the same messages attached

Galapagos Trip

- Plans for the trip are being finalized
- The current number of students attending is 47 along with 6 chaperones
- We are now gathering supplies for goodwill visit
- Looking for 6 older suitcases to fill with goods if anyone has one

Semi-Formal Dance

- Sophomores are planning this year's semi-formal dance
- The dance will be Thursday, March 22nd at the Randolph Elks
- The dance will run from 7-10
- Ads and sales will start in March

SkillsUSA

- a. Over 120 students will be competing in the district competition on Friday March 2nd at Greater New Bedford
- b. Brianna Lynch is a state officer candidate
- c. Rose Dacey and Kevin Rull are on the SkillsUSA Student Advisory Council
- d. Stay tuned for state competition April 26th-28th

Other

Juniors and seniors are hosting the annual Yankee candle fundraiser students receive 40% of their sales towards free or reduced prom tickets.

Members of the DSC commended Mr. Bryant on his report, following questions and answers.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS**

- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes. Chairman Nearen moved to the approval of previous meeting minutes. Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to approve the January 16 and February 9, 2018 Meeting

Minutes. Motion was taken to a vote, following the second made by Member Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., and by **MAJORITY**

Voted: To approve the minutes of the 1.16 and 2.9.18 Meeting Minutes.

(Member Michael C. Franzosa abstained from the vote because of absence.)

- Warrant Approval – Warrant Subcommittee Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., recommended approval of FY18, Warrant #15, as reviewed. Secretary Eric C. Erskine moved to approve FY18 Warrant #15 in the amount of \$1,209,315.34, dated February 27, 2018. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Without discussion, a vote was taken and the approval of the Warrant was:

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: to approve FY18 Warrant #15 in the amount of \$1,209,315.34, dated February 27, 2018.

5. Treasurer: Mr. Charles J. Gisondi

- MSBA Project Borrowing Update - Chairman Nearen recognized Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi. Reviewed 4 – step process. The first step has been completed successfully. The Blue Hills’ District Received the BEST rating from Standard & Poors which captured a 1.5% borrowing rate. Mr. Gisondi credited Mr. Steve Moore with the expertise he provided with Standard & Poor leading the District to the positive rate. Because the district has not had a bond floating for many years, it has no bond rating.
- Member Kevin L. Connolly stated that we should let all the towns know of the great ratings the district received.

6. DSC Chair Report: Chairman Marybeth Nearen spoke on the following:

- Enrollment numbers: Are a work in project. Preliminary numbers are being analyzed by Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia and a comparative report will be provided.
- BoardDocs Pro Presentation – 7:35 p.m. provided an intense review of the abilities and technical aspects of the service. “What happens with potential hacks/hijacks?” was a question asked by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Jacob replied: ,”BoardDocs invests \$10 Million to insure security for backup security. Hacking just isn’t going to occur.” Mr. Michael Schantz assisted in the presentation providing members the internet presentation.
 - “Presently a local vocational school, Southeastern Voc Tech, uses BoardDocs and can attest to the efficiency of the operation with seven years of service.”, . Members inquired regarding cost factors involved with membership. Reply from Jacob was that there are two levels of cost for the customers. Hard numbers are discounted through MASC, ranging from. Approximately \$4,000 and \$10,000 depending on the level of requirements and need. There are LT and PRO versions – with the differences being found with operational requirements. Presentation ended at 8:05 p.m. All Members have received backup documents regarding the services offered for their review.

Following the presentation, thanks were extended, especially to **Mr. Michael Schantz** for the technological expertise generated for this internet presentation.

Chairman Nearen requested that a Website & Technology Subcommittee Meeting be scheduled for further dialogue and recommendations to the full committee. A Website & Technology subcommittee meeting will be posted for Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 6 p.m.

Full Committee Vote in Open Session on Contracts approved within executive session:

- **SEIU Local 888 Blue Hills Cafeteria Employees:** A motion was made by Subcommittee Chairman (Personnel & Negotiation) Eric C. Erskine to approve the “Memorandum of Agreement, Between the Blue Hills Regional School Committee and SEIU Local 888, Blue Hills Cafeteria Employees, dated January 10, 2018”. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion to approve was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve the “Memorandum of Agreement, Between the Blue Hills Regional School Committee and SEIU Local 888, Blue Hills Cafeteria Employees, dated January 10, 2018”.

- **Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi:** Motion was made and seconded to approve a **three-year contract** Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi. Motion was taken to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY

VOTED: to approve a three-year contract Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi.

- **Recording Secretary Joanne Doyle Kuzborski:** A motion was made and seconded to renew the secretary’s contract which will conclude on June 30, 2018. Motion was seconded and taken to a vote: By MAJORITY

Vote: Mrs. Kuzborski’s contract was approved

NOTE: Mr. Polito and Mrs. Nearen voted against the contract approval. Mr. Polito also vocally declared his opinions for opposition.

7. Subcommittee Reports (As needed.):

- Finance and Administration Subcommittee Review – Subcommittee Chairman Thomas R. Polito, Jr., will report on recent FY19 Budget Meetings.
 - March 20th Open Public Meeting for the budget – This notice must be posted and published in a newspaper seven days in advance of the hearing. Consensus was to move forward with the budget.
- Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee Meetings: Subcommittee Chairman Eric C. Erskine reported that the BHAA contract negotiations have started and will continue to inform the entire Committee with progress reports.
- Warrant Subcommittee – Report from Subcommittee Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., on review documents relative to Warrant Approval.

8. Administrative Reports:

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

- Assistant Superintendent/Personnel and Business, Mr. Steven M. Moore provided an intense review of the FY19 Budget and provided the members with the FY19 Budget Books. Members participated in a question and answer session. Following discussions, although there was no formal vote of approval, it was the sense of the committee that the budget will proceed smoothly.

8.2 Principal – Ms. Jill M. Rossetti (No report.)

- Winter Sports: - Ed Catabia was recognized by Chairman Nearen and presented on the successes of the Winter 2017/18 athletes in great detail and answered questions directed to him by the Committee. .

8.3 Superintendent/Director: Mr. James P. Quaglia

- Decommission Requests for Obsolete Equipment, as requested by letter, were **unanimously** approved (voted) by the full committee (Mr. Connolly Moved and was seconded by Mr. Polito) (A vote is requested).

Mr. Quaglia read into the record the following letters.

- Thank you for outreach from Linda Wirta
- Letter from Scott Tingle's Mom.
- Brief Project Update – MSBA DOCUMENTS have been signed. Consigli visit will be done tomorrow with Gene Mastro. 90% submission will be completed this spring.

9. Unfinished Business and New Business

- Logo discussion. Member Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. stated that the new Logo doesn't make him happy as there are a number of versions existing. This will be addressed further.
- Request for a member of the Committee to sit on the graduation committee. This matter will be further discussed.

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

11. **Executive session:** By **UNANIMOUS roll call vote**, the Committee voted to move into executive session as provided under executive session 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 and requires executive session. Chairman Nearen advised the audience that the Committee would leave the executive session solely for the purpose of adjournment.

12. **Adjournment** – Following conclusion of all District School Committee's regular meeting and executive session. Chairman Maguire accepted a motion from Secretary Eric C. Erskine and seconded by Member Fran Fistori to close the Regular Session Meeting of the District School Committee.

It was **unanimously**:

VOTED: to adjourn the Regular Schedule Meeting, with all regular business concluded, at **8:14 p.m.**

The Committee's **next meeting** will be a **Regular Schedule Meeting, by the District School Committee** conducted in the **William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room (#207A)**, on **March 6, 2018** at **7:00 p.m.**, unless otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved:

Minutes submitted by:

Eric C. Erskine

Joanne Doyle Kuzborski

Next meeting dates: 3.6.18