



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; Matthew P. O’Malley, 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  
TBA – September 2018

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, and O’Malley  
Members Connolly, Erskine, Franzosa, and Polito  
Members **Franzosa**, Connolly, and Maguire,  
Members **Fistori**, Erskine, 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  
Principal

James P. Quaglia  
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.

PLEASE NOTE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS PRIOR TO REGULAR MEETING

**MINUTES – Tuesday, June 19, 2018**

**\*Subcommittee Meetings, prior to  
REGULAR SCHEDULE Meeting: (in DSC MEETING ROOM #207A)**

**6:00 p.m.: Evaluation Subcommittee Meeting – Review of Evaluation returns.:**  
**6:30 p.m.: Warrant Subcommittee – Review of Warrant Backup Information**

**Regular Schedule Meeting –Minutes**

**Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 7 p.m.**

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



**NOTE:** Not all items listed on the agenda 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 was led by Dean of Students/Acting Principal Thomas G. Cavanaugh., Roll Call followed.

Moment of Silence: With sincere sympathy a Moment of Silence was dedicated to **Allyson Morgan** upon very sad news:

Upon receiving word that Allyson Morgan of Milton, a very recently-graduated BHR student passed away from complications of her surgery.

Allyson was a DVC senior who received her diploma in Student Affairs on Monday before her surgery on Tuesday.

**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 → Cancelled

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School **Fifty-third District School Committee Regular Meeting** was called to order at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**).

**FOR THE RECORD: The DSC Meetings (Regular and Subcommittees) scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2018 were cancelled.**

Marybeth Nearen	Aidan Maguire	Michael Franzosa
Fran Fistori	Tom Polito	Kevin Connolly
Eric Erskine	Matthew P. O’Malley Treasurer, Charles J. Gisondi	Charles Flahive

Others Present: Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia, Assistant-Superintendent Business and Personnel Steven M. Moore, Director of Facility and Grounds, Dean of Students Thomas G. Cavanaugh, Director of Academics Geoff Zini.

Melissa Taksar	Chandler Rudert	Christian Riordan
Nancy Finnell	Mike Burton	Cathy Mohan
	Diane Lyon	

- 2. Public Comment – None.
- 3. Student Representative: To be announced at school start.(September 2018)

4. DSC Organizational Meeting, **Fifty-Fourth District School Committee**, July 1, 2018

The following were nominated and **elected UNANIMOUSLY** as Officers of the DSC from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 to the 54<sup>th</sup> District School Committee:

Chairman Marybeth Nearen

Vice Chairman Thomas R. Polito, Jr.

Secretary Eric C. Erskine

5. CONSENT ITEMS

- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Postponed (6.5.18 Meeting)
- Warrant Approval – Upon Warrant Subcommittee recommendation. A motion was made by Secretary Eric C. Erskine to approve Warrant #22 (FY18, Dated June 19, 2018) in the amount of \$2,576,861.00. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion was taken to a full committee vote, without discussion and it was UNANIMOUSLY

**Voted:** to approve Warrant #22 (FY18, Dated June 19, 2018) in the amount of \$2,576,861.00.

6. Treasurer: Mr. Charles J. Gisondi - Treasurer Gisondi is preparing to set up prerequisites for bond issue required for the School Improvement/Renovation Project and will provide a status report at the 7.17.18 meeting.

7. DSC Chair Report: Chairman Marybeth Nearen

**Next meeting date: Tuesday, July 17, 2018, at 7 p.m. This will be a “Special Summer Schedule Meeting” conducted off site.** Pequitside Farm, Tavern Room, 79 Pleasant Street Canton, MA 02021. Subcommittee Meetings will also be conducted at this site.

**Military Sashes:** Member Charles W. Flahive requested that the Military Sash Item be addressed by a vote of the Committee. A large number of individuals had attended the June 5, 2018 Meeting and voiced their opinions on this matter. This vote continues with a decision by vote of the full committee: Member Flahive moved that graduates entering the military service be allowed to wear sashes at graduation. Motion was seconded by Member Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. The motion went into discussion, prior to vote. Following the conclusion of comments and discussions, the motion was voted and it was by **MAJORITY** (5 Aye Members Fistori, Maguire, Connolly, Nearen and 4 Naye: Members Erskine, Polito, Franzosa and O’Malley)

**Voted:** that graduates entering the military service be allowed to wear recruitment sashes at graduation.

Member Charles W. Flahive **reiterated** his request to have a member of the District School Committee participate in graduation ceremony planning and discussions. A motion was made by Member Flahive to have a member of the District School Committee participate in graduation ceremony planning and discussions. Motion was seconded and taken to a vote and it was **BY MAJORITY**

**Voted:** to have a member of the District School Committee participate in graduation ceremony planning and discussions.

8. Subcommittee Reports (As needed.):

- Evaluation Subcommittee – The meeting scheduled for tonight was postponed and will be conducted on July 17, 2018 at 6 p.m.
- Warrant Subcommittee – Subcommittee Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. reported that all backup documents for the warrant were in order and the subcommittee recommends approval..

Administrative Reports:

Principal – Ms. Jill M. Rossetti (Mr. Thomas Cavanaugh will fill in for Ms. Rossetti in her absence, as Acting Principal). (Taken out of order.)

- Summer Reading Plans Presentation – Academic Director, Geoffrey Zini presented the Summer Reading Program, as follows:

## Summer Reading 2018

### Overview:

	<u>Reading Text</u>	<u>Enrichment Activity</u>
<u>Grade 9</u>	ELA	Math
<u>Grade 10</u>	US History II	Biology Math
<u>Grade 11</u>	ELA	
<u>Grade 12</u>	US Government	AP Coursework

### Details:

#### Grade 9

1. ELA Assignment: ***Heroes, Gods and Monsters of the Greek Myths***
  - a. First unit for all freshmen; foundational unit for other ELA curriculum during the year
2. Math Enrichment packet
  - a. Review packet of middle-school standards in math

#### Grade 10

1. Biology Enrichment Packet
  - a. “Bridge” packet on genetics – links Bio I and Bio II
2. Math Enrichment (MathXL)
  - a. Reinforces Algebra I and introduces some geometry standards
3. US II Text: ***Orphan Train*** by Christina Baker Kline
  - a. Major connections to US II themes: Immigration, industrialization, Great Depression

#### Grade 11

1. ELA Text: ***Black Duck*** by Janet Taylor Lisle or ***Kindred*** by Octavia E. Butler
  - a. Context for ELA units in junior year: Roaring 20’s (*Black Duck*) and civil rights (*Kindred*)

#### Grade 12

1. AP coursework (if student is enrolled in an AP course)
  - a. AP Literature
  - b. AP US Government
2. US Government Text: ***Suspect Red*** by L.M. Elliott
  - a. Red Scare, McCarthyism, and connections to US Gov’t curriculum

Following conclusion of presentation, questions and answers; Members of the Committee expressed their thanks to Director of Academics Geoff Zini.

9. Administrative Reports:

9.1 Assistant Superintendent/Personnel and Business: Mr. Steven M. Moore was recognized by Chairman Nearen and addressed the full Committee stating that the PEC Agreement is ready and waiting for a vote from the Committee.

- **PEC (Public Employee Committee for Insurance) Agreement:** Chairman Nearen moved the question of the PEC Agreement. Vice Chairman Thomas R. Polito, Jr. moved to approve the PEC Agreement, as submitted by Assistant Superintendent, Business and Personnel, Steven M. Moore. Motion was seconded by Secretary Eric E. Erskine. Without further discussion necessitated, the motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** to approve the PEC Agreement, as submitted by Assistant Superintendent, Business and Personnel, Steven M. Moore

9.2 Principal – Ms. Jill M. Rossetti (Acting Principal, Mr. Thomas G. Cavanaugh will fill in for Ms. Rossetti this evening.)

- **SPED Year-End Report** – Special Services Director, Angelo Dimitriou – Postponed.
- **Summer School Presentation** – Summer School Plans and Personnel – Summer School Coordinator – Postponed. Summer School Coordinator is Kimberly Poliseno. Summer School will be conducted within the Massasoit Campus with the renovation project moving forward. At this time enrollment is not available. Teacher needs depend upon enrollment.
- **Student Discipline Report** – Dean of students, Thomas Cavanaugh (Also Acting Principal) supplied an intense review of all disciplinary matters. Along with this oral presentation, Mr. Cavanaugh provided a statistical report presented (Attachment #1 of these minutes.) Following questions and answers, Committee Members thanked Dean Cavanaugh for his statistical report and presentation. **(Attachment 1 of 1 of these Minutes.)**

9.3 Superintendent/Director: Mr. James P. Quaglia

- **Mr. Michael Burton** from the Owner's Project Management firm Dore & Whittier Management Partners. Superintendent-Director Quaglia introduced Mr. Burton and associates from Dore & Whittier (out of order with the permission of Chairman Nearen). A presentation (PowerPoint) proceeded reviewing the status of the building project. This presentation was color coded identifying the areas of the building that will be renovated first and so on. Everyone involved with the project has moved forward and the project budget is stable. (The PowerPoint Presentation is available upon request and is part of the meeting/record and archive.) A complete GMP for the project was provided. This presentation is available upon request through the Superintendent-Director's Office.
- Request for Out-of-State Professional Development Event for Assistant Superintendent/Business and Personnel, Steven M. Moore to the

**American Association of School Personnel Administrators (AASPA).** Following conversation, Vice Chairman Thomas R. Polito, Jr., moved to approve the trip, as requested. Motion was seconded by Member Michael C. Franzosa. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** to approve the trip, as requested.

(October 10-12, 2018 → Marriott City Center Hotel → Minneapolis, MN)

- **Decommission of Athletic Equipment:** A motion was made by Secretary Eric C. Erskine to Decommission Athletic Equipment as recommended by Superintendent-Director Quaglia. Member Kevin L. Connolly seconded the motion. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** to Decommission Athletic Equipment as recommended by Superintendent-Director Quaglia.

10. Unfinished Business and New Business

- **Parent-Student SY18-19 Handbook** Postponed from the June 5, 2018 Meeting, the matter of approval of the Parent-Student SY18-19 Handbook was addressed. Member Fran Fistori moved to approve the Handbook, as presented, with the condition that if there are any changes, the changes be brought to the full Committee. Motion was seconded by Member Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**  
**VOTED:** to approve the Handbook, as presented, with the condition that if there are any changes, the changes be brought to the full Committee
- **Commemorative Chair for the Joyce Family.** The chair has arrived and has been delivered. Follow-up was requested by Member Charles W. Flahive.

11. Discussion or Suggestions for the Good of the District, Including newsworthy educational items. N/A

12. An executive session occurred 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 Open Meeting Law Regulations, 940 CMR 29.00-29.15:

**Executive Session** Yes: start: 8:22 p.m. End: 8:33 p.m.

Call: Kevin Connolly 2<sup>nd</sup>: Francis Fistori

DSC VOTE: Committee vote and it is **passed unanimously by roll call.**

13. **Adjournment:** Time: 8:33 p.m.

Call: Kevin Connolly 2<sup>nd</sup>: Francis Fistori

DSC VOTE: Committee vote and it is passed unanimously

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Eric C. Erskine, Secretary

*Respectfully recorded and submitted*

*Joanne Doyle Kuzborski*