



BLUE HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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.

Special Meeting, Tuesday, September 12, 2017

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

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

- Personnel & Negotiation
- Warrant.

(Subcommittee Meetings were conducted in Room 402.)

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School **Fifty-third District School Committee** Special Meeting was called to order at **7:09 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 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.

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: -0-

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Charles J. Gisondi, District Treasurer
Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director
Mr. Steven M. Moore, Assistant Superintendent/Personnel and Finance
Ms. Jill Rossetti, Principal
Ms. Stacy Hedges – BH’s Teacher
Mr. Tom Cahill, Program Director
Mr. Tom McGrath, Teacher
Mr. Jamie Arnstein, Teacher
Mr. Ryan Kiff Teacher
Ms. Susan M. Galvin, Town of Milton (Town Clerk)
Ms. Kim Poliseno, Career Coordinator
Ms. Felicia Mantin
Mrs. Laura O’Reilly
Ms. Elizabeth Oggeri
Ms. Liz Fiascone
Mr. Quinn Peters
Ms. Shara Ginthwain
Mr. Dan McDonald
Ms. Mary Elizabeth Maxl
Ms. Resheeda Bowman
Ms. Linda Varraso
Mr. Richard Deeb



*On occasion, individual(s) attending the meeting do not sign the attendance sheet.

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Special Schedule Meeting

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1. Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call – All present.
2. Public Comment - None
3. **Introduction of new SY17-18 Faculty Members** – Ms. Rossetti did introductions of new employees. (One out of the 12 new hires had a previous meeting). DSC welcomed the new employees and thanked them for their decision to come aboard.
4. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** - Vice Chairman, Thomas R. Polito moved to approve the 8.15.17 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion was taken to a vote and it was by **MAJORITY**
VOTED: to approve the 8.15.17 Minutes. (Member Flahive abstained from the vote because of meeting absence.)
5. **Summer School 2017 Report** – Ms. Kimberly Polisenio – Ms. Polisenio was welcomed by the Committee. Ms. Polisenio sent her report electronically and also brought hard copies for the members. All attendees passed summer school requirements. Committee thanked Ms. Polisenio for her report.
6. **Recreation Report:** Director Tom Cahill reviewed all aspects of the programs under his jurisdiction, including financials from FY16-up to FY18YTD and facility rentals to outside users (See what Steve sent as an introduction for Tom). Wellness Center popularity has decreased with the number of local private health clubs that have opened. Some of our equipment is very well used. The Wellness Center is operating at a consistent deficit. Tom also clears and approves all inside and outside users asking to use Blue Hills' grounds and facilities. There was considerable discussion, questions and answers. Following this, Member Fran Fistori moved to close the Wellness Center for public use by October 31st. Motion was seconded by Member Eric C. Erskine. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**
VOTED: moved to close the Wellness for public use by October 31st.
The Committee thanked Tom for his presentation and attendance.
7. Treasurer: Mr. Charles J. Gisondi
 - Warrant Approvals:
Three Warrants were read into the record by Secretary Eric C. Erskine,
FY17 #24 \$27,480.33, dated August 29, 2017
FY18 #3, dated 8.29.27 for \$385,866.59.
FY18 #4, dated 9.12.17 for \$767,183.37.

Vice Chairman Polito moved to approve the warrants as presented:
FY17 #24 \$27,480.33, dated August 29, 2017
FY18 #3, dated 8.29.27 for \$385,866.59.
FY18 #4, dated 9.12.17 for \$767,183.37.

Member Kevin L. Connolly seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY
VOTED: to approve the warrants as presented:

FY17 #24 \$27,480.33, dated August 29, 2017

FY18 #3, dated 8.29.17 for \$385,866.59.

FY18 #4, dated 9.12.17 for \$767,183.37.

Mr. Gisondi stated that there have been incidents of folks double depositing their checks using deposit apps. This accident is quickly identified and reconciled.

Treasurer Gisondi reported that he is very pleased with the performance of Bank of Canton.

8. **Student Representative Report** - Term for SY17.18 will begin with September school start and student council election. This election will occur on 9.22. The District School Committee looks forward to student input at the meeting.

9. **DSC Chair Report** – Chairman Nearen addressed the Committee with reminders:

- Thursday, 9.14, at 9 a.m. 9.14 Breakfast in the Chateau for local district officials to review School Building Committee information.
- MASC Conference is November 1-4 in Hyannis. Members are urged to participate. Thus far, three members plan to attend.

10. **Subcommittee Reports** (As needed.):

- **Personnel & Negotiations** – Status Report by Subcommittee Chairman Eric C. Erskine. Subcommittee is meeting with SEIU#888 for contract negotiations. Additional meetings have been set. Ground Rules have been set and Clerical and Maintenance have offered proposals.
- **Warrant Subcommittee** – Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. – Recommendation from review of invoicing. No problem with any information on the supporting documents.
- **Evaluation Subcommittee** was set for 9.19 by Chairman Fran Fistori.

11. **Administrative Reports (As needed.)**

11.1 **Assistant Superintendent/Personnel and Business:** Mr. Steven M. Moore addressed the Committee and reviewed meeting dates and special town meeting dates with the Committee. Mr. Moore provided the language that must be used in the approval vote to all members. The 9.19.17 meeting will activate the District's vote, as required by MSBA.

11.2 Principal – Ms. Jill M. Rossetti – Was recognized by the Chair.

- First Music Program Meeting is Wednesday.
- Four anti-hazing meetings were conducted today, reaching all students.
- Presently there are 862 Students attending Blue Hills, not counting LPN Students.

11.3 Superintendent/Director: Mr. James P. Quaglia

- “The beginning of the school year started very smoothly and was highly motivating.” Stated Mr. Quaglia. Mr. Quaglia continued, outlining Focused Strategic Goals.

Focused Strategic Goals:

The following is result of the latest strategic planning session by the BHR administration, under the direction of Superintendent-Director Jim Quaglia.

You will notice that they are somewhat similar in scope to the last set of Focused Strategic Goals, except this version is in greater detail.

The following will be the impetus for the to-be-developed latest iteration of the 2018-2021 Strategic Plan.

BLUE HILLS FOCUSED STRATEGIC GOALS

Strategic Goal Area 1: Learning Excellence

- a. Student Achievement
- b. Academic and Vocational Programs
- c. Literacy Across All Disciplines

Strategic Goal Area 2: Use of Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

Strategic Goal Area 3: Technological Improvement

Strategic Goal Area 4: Increased Focused Communications

- a. Engagement of Stakeholders
- b. Community and Industry Outreach
- c. Parent Outreach
- d. Social Media

12. Unfinished Business and New Business –

- Member Charles W. Flahive stated that enrollment for the auto body program is down. “Why a new teacher?” Ms. Rossetti replied that the Exploratory Program will be enhancing the Auto Body Program enrollment.
- Member Charles W. Flahive, a member of MIAA presented a soccer ball to Ms. Rossetti with a request that the Girls’ Soccer Team have a photo taken with this ball. It is an extension of the “Pink Ribbon” effort.

13. Discussion or Suggestions for the Good of the District, Including newsworthy educational items.

- **Music Program** – Member Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., wants to hear update reports on the Music Program.

14. Executive session: A brief executive session was called, necessary 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. Chairman Nearen moved the meeting to Executive Session, declaring that the DSC would return to open session solely to adjourn. Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to have the Committee move to executive session, with the Committee returning to the Regular Session solely to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Member Eric Erskine and taken to a **ROLL CALL VOTE. UNANIMOUSLY** at 9:18 p.m. by roll-call vote, the Committee

Voted: to have the Committee move to executive session, with the Committee returning to the Open Session to adjourn,

NOTE: When, and if necessary, meetings may be called to executive session pursuant to Exemption #3 under the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c 30A, Section 21(a)(3) as discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body, and pursuant to Exemption # 7 under the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c 30A, Section 21(a)(7), to comply with or act under the authority of a Massachusetts General Law by receiving legal advice from counsel protected from disclosure under Massachusetts General Law with the relevant citations of law being M.G.L. c. 4, Section 7, clause twenty-sixth, and MGL. c. 30A, s. 21 (a) (3). The Committee will return to open session after the conclusion of the executive session. This meeting was called into executive session.

15. **Meeting Adjournment.** Chairman Nearen called for adjournment, following the conclusion of all business. Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Member Eric C. Erskine., taken to a vote and **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to adjourn the Special Meeting, with all regular business concluded, at **9:47 p.m.**

The Committee's **next meeting** will be a **Regular Schedule Meeting.** conducted in the **William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room (#207A), on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.**, unless otherwise posted.

Minutes approved by:

Respectfully submitted by:

Eric C. Erskine, Jr., Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary

The next full meeting of the District School Committee, a Regular Schedule Meeting, will be conducted on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 207A.