



BLUE HILLS REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
800 Randolph Street
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“Fifty-Fourth 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	Marybeth Nearen
Vice Chairman	Thomas R. Polito, Jr.
Secretary	Eric C. Erskine
District Treasurer	Charles J. Gisondi
Student Representative	TBA – As soon as possible.
SUBCOMMITTEES * Appointed by Chairman Nearen, 9.11.18	
ATHLETIC & EXTRACURRICULAR	Members Flahive, Fistori Maguire, Franzosa
BUILDINGS, FACILITIES, SAFETY AND SECURITY	Members Connolly, Erskine, Flahive and Maguire
CURRICULUM & ADVISORY -	Members Connolly, Flahive, Maguire, O’Malley
EVALUATION -	Members Fistori, O’Malley, Polito and Nearen
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION -	Members Erskine, Franzosa, O’Malley, Polito,
PERSONNEL & NEGOTIATIONS -	Members Erskine, Flahive, Franzosa and Nearen
POLICY -	Members Fistori, Flahive, Nearen and O’Malley
WARRANT -	Members Erskine, Maguire, and Polito
School MSBA -	Members Connolly, Erskine, Maguire and Polito
WEBSITE & TECHNOLOGY	Members Connolly, Fistori, Franzosa and O’Malley

* Subcommittee Chairmen will be listed first **and bolded** after **first meeting** of subcommittees’ appointments by Chairman of the District School Committee. The Chairman of the District School Committee serves as *Ex-officio* member on all subcommittees.

PLEASE NOTE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS PRIOR TO FULL-COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING and JOINT DINNER WITH SCHOOL COUNCIL AND DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE - Tuesday, DECEMBER 18, 2018 AT 5:30 P.M.

***Subcommittee Meeting, prior TO full-committee meeting.**

5:00 p.m.: Evaluation Subcommittee – Review of non-union contract employees’ evaluations, specifically Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

5: 15 p.m.: Warrant Subcommittee – Review of Warrant Backup Information.

Meetings will be conducted in the Blue Hills’ **Chateau de bleu Restaurant**,
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE or otherwise notified.



NOTE: The listings of matters on the Agenda 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: All standing, The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Secretary Eric C. Erskine.

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School **Fifty-Fourth District School Committee** Joint Dinner and Regular Meeting was called to order at **5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2018** at the Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School, Chateau de Bleu Restaurant, 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. Meetings are 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). This meeting was conducted in the “Blue Hills’ Chateau de bleu Restaurant.”**

Attendance Members:

Marybeth Nearen	Aidan Maguire	Michael Franzosa
Fran Fistori	Tom Polito	Kevin Connolly (Absent)
Eric Erskine Robert O’Connell. Student REP	Matthew P. O’Malley Charles J. Gisondi, Treasurer	Charles Flahive

Others in Attendance:

S/D James Quaglia Principal Jill M. Rossetti A-S/D Steven M. Moore
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NOTE: Official Attendance Sheet/Record is attached. There is always the possibility that all attending do not sign.

2. Public Comment - None
3. Student Representative Report – Mr. Robert (Bobby) O’Connell provided a detailed report on student body activities (Attachment #2) Members thanked Mr. O’Connell.
4. Consent Items
 - Minute Approval – The 11.6.18 Minutes were delayed for approval to implement amendments. Member Aidan Maguire moved to accept the minutes of the 11.20.18 Meeting. Motion was seconded by Member Charles W. Flahive. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED:** to accept the minutes of the 11.20.18 Meeting.
 - Warrant Approval – The Warrant Subcommittee recommended the approval of the warrant. Secretary Eric C. Erskine moved to approve Warrant #10 (FY19), dated December 18, 2018, in the amount of \$3,392,459. Motion was seconded by Member Matthew P. O’Malley. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED** to approve Warrant #10 (FY19), dated December 18, 2018, in the amount of \$3,392,459.

5. **DSC Chair Report** – Chairman Marybeth Nearen provided the following statement: “Some time ago we received a complaint from the Sheet Metal Workers Local 17 regarding what they claimed to be unlicensed workers on our renovation site performing ductwork installations. Complaints were registered with the Canton Building Inspector, every member of the BHR District School Committee, and the Superintendent-Director of BHR.

- At the Districts Request Consigli Construction and Dore & Whittier (Construction Manager and Owner’s Project Manager, respectively) addressed this issue at the District School Committee meeting on November 6th, and presented information to the satisfaction of the Committee that there was no evidence of any unlicensed sheet metal workers performing ductwork installations at any time since the start of our renovation project.

Recently, an editorial published in Commonwealth Magazine (written by the Local 17 Business Agent) continues the promulgation of these baseless assumptions and has now taken the school to task in general. To anyone who reads the minutes of this meeting containing this explanation, know that the School Committee, Administration and Construction management professionals who are working with Blue Hills hold safety of all of our constituents, students and staff in the highest regard. Also know that we have nothing but respect for the licensure process and the laws of the commonwealth. If there were a problem to inform you of, we would do so. But at this time, any continued attacks on the veracity and due diligence of Blue Hills and their construction team are baseless.”

Chairman Marybeth Nearen extended sincere thanks to the Culinary Arts Chefs and Students for the magnificent meal they prepared and served for this evening’s meeting. Everything was perfect in all ways..

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

7. Subcommittee Reports (As needed.):

- Evaluation Subcommittee – Report from this evening’s meeting by Subcommittee Chairman Francis J. Fistori. Tally will be discussed at 1.8.19 Meeting under unfinished business.
- Warrant Subcommittee – Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. – Recommendation from review of invoicing.

8. Administrative Reports (As needed.)

8.1 Assistant Superintendent/Personnel and Business - Mr. Steven M. Moore was recognized by Chairman Nearen and proceeded to address the following topic:

School-to-Careers – Request for new position.

SUBJECT: Creation of Program Coordinator Position

Ms. Touafek and I request a meeting to discuss the creation of a part-time program coordinator position.

Rationale for position:

The program is too dependent on Ms. Touafek’s personal availability to assure that programs run and meet the standards established for STC programs

Demand for programs from member schools is currently greater than the program has the capacity to deliver.

Ability to attract new business partners and develop new programs is limited due to the time spent delivering programs by Ms. Touafek.

This position would be able to maintain programs in the event of a long-term absence of Ms. Touafek.

This new position is designed to increase the STC programs ability to grow programs for students and to develop new business partnerships by working collaboratively with STC staff, by assisting in the development and implementation programs, while working with the director to coordinate and supervise daily operations. This role will identify new business opportunities, assist with running student programs, and student tracking.

Anticipated salary for this position is \$24,000 per year

Funding source for this program is residual funds in the assessment and donation funds. At the end of fiscal year 2018 those 2 funds had residual balances in excess of \$70,000. Future sustainability will be achieved through increased donations and operational efficiencies.

Vice Chairman Thomas R. Polito, Jr. spoke in favor of the position being established.

Following the completion of questions and answers, Chairman Nearen moved the question. Member Michael C. Franzosa moved to approve the position as presented. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Thomas R. Polito, Jr. Motion was taken to a vote and it was by **MAJORITY**

VOTED: to approve the position as described. (Member Charles W. Flahive abstained from the vote.)

8.2 Principal – Ms. Jill M. Rossetti Spoke of Commendations that have been received for

Academic Director – Geoffrey Zini

Athletic Director – Ed Catabia, Jr.

8.3 Superintendent/Director: Mr. James P. Quaglia – Chairman Nearen recognized Mr. Quaglia.

- School Renovation Project Update – Will be presented at the 1.8.19 Special Meeting.
- Out of State Travel/Professional Development: Request to send three administrators (Principal and two Directors) to the **Model Schools Conference** Sponsored by the International Center for Leadership in Education June 23-26, 2019. Following discussion, questions and answers. Washington, DC, the request for approval went to a vote: Member Michael C. Franzosa moved to approve the trip. Motion to approve was seconded by Vice Chairman Thomas R. Polito, Jr. Motion went to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE TRIP.**

9. Unfinished Business and New Business – Member Aidan G. Maguire Jr., wants to be assured that the “ROBO CALL” is set up with advisement to all when DSC Meetings are conducted. This matter is being set up by Chairman Nearen and Principal Rossetti.

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

11. An executive session was called 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.

Executive Session Yes: start: 8:02 p.m. End: 8:12 p.m.

Call: Aidan Maguire

2nd: Francis Fistori

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

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

Call: Aidan Maguire

2nd: Francis Fistori

DSC VOTE: Committee vote and it is passed unanimously

Eric C. Erskine, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019 AT 7 P.M. IN THE CHATEAU DE BLEU RESTAURANT HERE AT BLUE HILLS. This is a Special Schedule Meeting.