



BLUE HILLS REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
800 Randolph Street
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"Fifty-Fifth 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	Thomas R. Polito, Jr.
Vice Chairman	Eric C. Erskine
Secretary	Michael C. Franzosa
District Treasurer	Charles J. Gisondi
Student Representative	Mr. Galen P. Galeotos

SUBCOMMITTEES * (Appointed by Chairman Thomas R. Polito, Jr., 8.20.19)

ATHLETIC & EXTRACURRICULAR	Members Flahive, Fistori, Franzosa
BUILDINGS, FACILITIES, SAFETY AND SECURITY	Members Connolly, Erskine, Maguire & Polito
CURRICULUM & ADVISORY -	Members Connolly, Maguire, O'Malley
EVALUATION -	Members Fistori, O'Malley, Polito and Nearen
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION -	Members Erskine, Franzosa, O'Malley, Polito,
PERSONNEL & NEGOTIATIONS -	Members Connolly, Erskine, Nearen and Polito
POLICY -	Members Nearen, Fistori and O'Malley
WARRANT -	Members Erskine, Flahive and Maguire
School MSBA -	Members Connolly, Maguire, Erskine and Polito
WEBSITE & TECHNOLOGY	Members Connolly, Flahive, 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 (Thomas R. Polito, Jr.) of the District School Committee serves as *Ex-officio* member on all subcommittees.

PLEASE NOTE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS PRIOR TO FULL-COMMITTEE MEETING

Meetings conducted in the School Committee Meeting Room, Room W218 (Formerly 207A, William T. Buckley District School Committee Meeting Room)

***Subcommittee Meeting(s), prior TO full-committee meeting.**

6:30 p.m.: Review of the backup information for the Warrant by the Warrant Subcommittee

**MINUTES – MEETING – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019, REGULAR Schedule
At 7:00 PM**

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.



The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School **Fifty-Fifth District School Committee Special Meeting** was called to order, at 7:04 p.m., **on Tuesday, October 15, 2019** at the Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School, **William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room, also known as Room W218**, 800 Randolph Street, Canton, Massachusetts by **Chairman Thomas R. Polito, Jr.** Ordinarily Regular Schedule Meetings of the District School Committees are conducted on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Any meetings conducted outside of the aforementioned time frame are "SPECIAL Meetings". Meetings will be audio and video recorded, upon the completion of the renovation project. At this time, an audio recording assists with minute preparation. Joanne's recording, stenographically, will be supported with an audio recording. This meeting, as always, adheres to all the conditions of the Open Meeting Law. **(Open Meeting Law regulations, 940 CMR 29.00-29.11).**

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Member Aidan Maguire, Jr. Chairman Polito called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., along with roll call and announced that agenda items may be called out of order if necessary, at the discretion of the Chairman. Roll call follows:

Attendance Members:

Marybeth Nearen	Aidan Maguire	Michael Franzosa (Absent)
Fran Fistori	Tom Polito	Kevin Connolly
Eric Erskine Galen Patrick Galeotos	Matthew P. O'Malley Charles J. Gisondi, Treasurer	Charles Flahive (Absent) Joanne Doyle Kuzborski Recording Secretary

Others in Attendance:

Superintendent-Director Jill Rossetti Principal Geoffrey L. Zini, Athletic Director Ed Catabia, Director of Summer School Kimberly Polisenio
Joe Burke, Jon Palmer, Eileen Dailey, Vicki DiMelo, Elaine Coutu, Stefanie McNeill, Li Dowd, Michelle Barley, Grace Quiterio and Richard Deeb

Chairman Tom Polito welcomed Principal Geoffrey L. Zini and Student Representative Galen Patrick Galeotos to their first meeting in their respective positions.

2. Public Comment: None.
3. Treasurer: Mr. Charles J. Gisondi was recognized by Chairman Polito.
 - Warrant Subcommittee Chairman Eric C. Erskine questioned two invoices and received clarifications: A positive recommendation of the Warrant Subcommittee was followed by Vice Chairman Eric C. Erskine moving to approve FY20 Warrant Number #6, Vouchers 1018-1019, dated 10.15.2019 in the amount of \$1,101,454.81. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED:** to approve FY20 Warrant Number #6, Vouchers 1018-1019, dated 10.15.2019 in the amount of \$1,101,454.81.
4. Student Representative – Mr. Galen Galeotos was recognized by Chairman Polito and congratulated by the full committee for his election to the Committee. Mr. Galeotos prepared a PowerPoint Presentation (**Attached**)

detailing recent and future student/school activities and events. Mr. Galeotos stated that he looks forward to his interactions with the District School Committee.

5. **Summer School 2019 Results:** Summer School Director, Ms. Kimberly Polisenio was recognized by Chairman Polito and reported on the Summer School 2019 Results. The program resulted in a full-student body pass.
 - **Special Commendation from the Rotary to Ms. Polisenio. Chairman Polito awarded Ms. Polisenio with a Special Commendation Plaque for the tremendous service provided to the Rotary and Blue Hills' Students through her assistance. This award completely surprised Ms. Polisenio.**
6. **Athletic Program Status Review:** Athletic Director Ed Catabia was recognized by Chairman Polito. Mr. Catabia stated: "All teams are doing great. Blue Hills' coaches generate success." Director Catabia updates the Blue Hills' District School Committee with game schedules. Member Kevin L. Connolly often attends athletic events. Following the review and presentation, questions and answers, Chairman Polito and the Committee thanked Mr. Catabia for the fine work he is doing as Director.
7. **MCAS and Accountability:** Principal Geoffrey Zini was recognized by Chairman Polito and thoroughly reviewed the results of recent MCAS Testing Results. Along with that, Principal Zini supplied a PowerPoint Presentation (**Attached**) that clearly stated new protocols for the testing. Following the presentation, questions and answers, the Committee expressed their appreciation for the fine job that is being done to enhance student achievement with this high-stakes testing.
8. **Minute Approval:** Vice Chairman Eric C. Erskine moved to approve the minutes of the 10.1.19 meeting. Member Kevin L. Connolly, seconded the motion. Motion to approve the minutes was taken to a vote and it was UNANIMOUSLY
VOTED: to approve the DSC Minutes of the 10.1.19 meeting.
9. **DSC Chair Report –**
MASC/MASS JOINT CONFERENCE DELEGATE ELECTION: Chairman Thomas R. Polito, Jr., addressed the Committee with the request for the vote of the Committee for the Delegate and Alternate Delegate for the MASC Conference, November 6-9, 2019. Vice Chairman Eric C. Erskine moved to appoint Chairman Polito as delegate and Member Nearen as alternate member at this year's conference conducted in Hyannis, Massachusetts. Six members have indicated they plan to attend. Member Kevin L. Connolly seconded the motion. Motion was taken to a vote and it was UNANIMOUSLY
Voted: to appoint Chairman Polito as delegate and Member Nearen as alternate delegate member at this year's conference conducted in Hyannis, Massachusetts.
10. **Subcommittee Reports:** The Warrant Subcommittee meets before every full Committee to review invoicing involved with submitted warrants.
 - **Warrant Subcommittee** recommended approval of the warrant as submitted, following clarifications from Treasurer Chuck Gisondi.
11. Administrative Reports (As needed.)
 - 11.1 **Assistant Superintendent/Personnel and Business - Mr. Steven M. Moore** – N/A. Vacation.
 - 11.3 **Principal** – Principal Geoffrey L. Zini looks forward to the challenges of his new position.

10.4 **Superintendent/Director: Ms. Jill M. Rossetti** was recognized by Chairman Polito. Ms. Rossetti stated that all is well at school. Ms. Rossetti continues to consistently tour the facility observing construction progress, along with members of the School Building Committee. Progress is definitely being observed.

- **PR Possibility:** S/D Rossetti stated that she is exploring expanded PR Resources to further inform others of the many opportunities that exist at Blue Hills.
- **Academic Director:** Mr. Paul Bavuso is now Academic Director.
- **Open House:** Wednesday, November 6, 2019 is the date for this year's Open House (from 5:30 pm through 7:30 pm).

11. **Unfinished Business and New Business –**

- A search committee has been formed for the Business Manager's search.
- Member Marybeth Nearen stated that the draft of the Policy Book is prepared for review by the Full Committee and subsequent input. This project has been overseen and assisted by Mr. Jim Hardy of MASC, a specialist in the area of "Policy".

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

13. An executive session was called by Chairman Polito AT 8:10 P.M., following a **UNANIMOUS ROLL-CALL VOTE OF THE COMMITTEE** 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 29.00-29.11. All regular business of the Committee was completed and the Committee would return solely to adjourn, by roll-call vote.

14. **At 8:32 p.m.**, the Committee returned to the Open Session to **solely to adjourn**. Chairman Tom Polito accepted a motion from Member Aidan Maguire to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Member Francis J. Fistori.

MOTION was taken to a vote and passed UNANIMOUSLY.

Next Regular Schedule Meeting will be conducted on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 @ 7 p.m.

Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Chairman

Michael C. Franzosa, Secretary

Respectfully submitted and recorded:

Joanne Doyle Kuzborski, Recording Secretary

Note: Attachments are provided with the minutes.