



BLUE HILLS REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
800 Randolph Street
Canton, MA 02021-9103
“Fifty-Fifth District Committee”
www.bluehills.org

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:

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| 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)

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| 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, MARCH 3, 2020, 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 Regular-Schedule Meeting** was called to order, promptly at 7:00 p.m., on **Tuesday, MARCH 3, 2020** 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 are audio and video recorded. 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 Matthew P. O'Malley, following roll call. Chairman Polito announced that agenda items may be called out of order if necessary, at the discretion of the Chairman.

Attendance Members:

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

Others in Attendance:

Superintendent-Director Jill Rossetti, Business Manager Michelle Resendes, Principal Geoff Zini, Joe Burke, Ryan Kiff, Tina Fegan, Ashley Fegan, Tony Fegan, Angelo Dimitriou, Thomas Cavanaugh, Kim Polisenio, Brian Gearty

(Note: There were individuals present who did not sign in.)

Superintendent-Director Jill M. Rossetti AND Chairman Thomas R. Polito, Jr., announced the need for an executive session.

The meeting of Tuesday, February 18, 2020 was cancelled. (School Vacation Week)

2. **Public Comment** – Mrs. Tina Fegan and Ms. Ashley Fegan were recognized by Chairman Polito. Mrs. Fegan acted as spokesperson and introduced her daughter Ashley's National Honor Society Project. Ashley is a Blue Hills' Senior with the Early Childhood Development Program and has undertaken the collection of signatures for additional focus on the Endometriosis affliction. **Endometriosis** (en-doe-me-tree-O-sis) is an often painful disorder in which tissue similar to the tissue that normally lines the inside of a uterus — the endometrium — grows outside the uterus. This afflicts many and Ms. Fegan wishes to generate additional research and development through a petition she is generating. This petition will be forwarded to Congress when completed under the sponsorship of the Endometriosis Foundation. Following this presentation, questions and answers, the members of the DSC thanked Ms. Fegan for her presence.
3. **Treasurer:** Mr. Charles J. Gisondi was recognized by Chairman Polito.
 - **Warrant:** Recommendation of the Warrant Subcommittee was positive. Chairman Polito moved to the question of Warrant approval. Secretary Michael C. Franzosa moved to the approval of FY20, Warrant #13 (Vouchers 1039-1042) in the amount of \$4,418,606.89 dated March 3, 2020. Member Kevin L. Connolly seconded the motion. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve, FY20, Warrant #13 (Vouchers 1039-1042) in the amount of \$4,418,606.89 dated March 3, 2020.

4. **Student Representative** – Mr. Galen P. Galeotos was recognized by Chairman Polito. Mr. Galeotos presented a comprehensive PowerPoint Presentation reviewing student-body activities (**Attachment #1**). The full Committee thanked Mr. Galeotos for his informative and comprehensive report.
5. **Enrollment Report** – Chairman Polito recognized Director of Admissions and Financial Aid Marybeth Joyce. Prior to the meeting in the Meeting Package, Ms. Joyce provided enrollment numbers, past and present with comparatives. Admission letters have gone out. Chairman Polito questioned Ms. Joyce on the Admission Policy and the protocols that are followed. There was a lengthy exchange of conversation on the Admission Policy and notices delivered to students. The members of the District School Committee thanked Ms. Joyce for her presentation and input.
6. **Minute Approval:** Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to approve the minutes of the 2.4.2020 Regular District School Committee Meeting. Motion was seconded by Secretary Michael C. Franzosa. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**
Voted: to approve the minutes of the 2.4.2020 Regular District School Committee Meeting.
7. **DSC Chair Report** – Chairman Polito stated that he had attended a School Building Committee Meeting last week. There are still items to be taken care of and a punch list exists.
8. **Subcommittee Reports (As needed.):**
 - Warrant Subcommittee Meeting: Approval of the warrant presented was recommended.
 - Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee: Meetings are activated for BHEA Contract Negotiations.

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

10.1 Business Manager Michelle Resendes was recognized by Chairman Polito. Mrs. Resendes stated that the FY21 Budget Open Hearing has been advertised. This hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 7 p.m., before the Regular Schedule Meeting. Individual meetings are being set with respective town and municipal finance committee authorities and the calendar of these meeting will be circulated to all DSC Members.

10.2 Principal – Mr. Geoffrey Zini was recognized by Chairman Polito. Principal Zini stated that he is asking for the approval of the DSC for two out-of-state Professional Development events:

1. Football seminar in RI (Saturday)
2. SEL Training in CT in May

Following descriptive explanation and justification, the events were taken to a vote. Secretary Michael C. Franzosa moved to approve both events as presented by Principal Geoffrey L. Zini. Motion to approve was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve both events as presented by Principal Geoffrey L. Zini.

- **MassHeartBeat:** Principal Zini announced MassHeartbeat, which is **Friday, March 13, 2020** at Blue Hills! This event will be conducted at Blue Hills and will give students opportunities to have their hearts tested, at

no cost on a volunteer basis. All parents have been advised of this. The event has been started in memory of a young person who passed with an undiagnosed heart condition of a "heart attack".

- Program of Studies: Principal Zini will present at the March 17, 2020 DSC Regular Schedule Meeting.

10.3 Superintendent/Director: Ms. Jill M. Rossetti announced the following, after recognition from Chairman Tom Polito:

- **Superintendent Goals** were reviewed, with emphasis on present status and completion. Hard copy was distributed to all members.
- **Two Positions:** S/D Rossetti has found an employee for the Criminal Justice Program temporary position/teacher. A teacher will be on a (maternity) leave. The second position is a no-cost internship for the Finance Department.

The necessity for DSC to know of these position fills is: Both are relatives of current employees.

It was the sense of the Committee because of kinship, to take a vote allowing the hires: Chairman Polito entertained a vote:

Secretary Michael C. Franzosa moved to approve the recommended hires, as requested by Superintendent Jill Rossetti. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. All questions being answered, Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to allow and endorse the two requested hires by Superintendent-Director Jill M. Rossetti.

- The **Director of Facility Position** search and hire is getting close.
- **REMINDER:** The Culinary Arts' Program will cater "Day on the Hill" on May 5, 2020 at the State House, Boston Massachusetts.

School Building Committee: Superintendent-Director Rossetti and her team continue to inspect the school for completion of project targets established via thorough inspection of the facility. HVAC items of distress are still an item for concern and the School Building Committee will continue to focus on all items that require attention and conciliation. Chairman Polito (also the Chairman of the SBC) stated that the school isn't going to pay for the escalation of costs because of the mistakes of the contractors.

11. Unfinished Business and New Business – None.
12. Discussion or Suggestions for the Good of the District, Including newsworthy educational items. None.
13. An executive session was called at **8:17 p.m.**

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 Polito advised the audience that the Committee would leave the executive session **solely** for the purpose of adjournment.

14. At 8:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned. Chairman Polito accepted a motion from Member Aidan Maguire to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Member Matthew P. O'Malley. **MOTION was taken to a vote and passed UNANIMOUSLY.**

Next Regular Schedule Meeting will be conducted on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 @ 7 p.m.

Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Chairman

Michael C. Franzosa, Secretary

Respectfully submitted and recorded:


Joanne Doyle Kuzborski, Recording Secretary

NOTE: There is an attachment included with the minutes.

DSC
Attachment #1 Minutes, 3-3-2020

District School Committee Meeting

March 3rd, 2020



Galen Galeotos

Featured in this Presentation:

- 1) Wrapping up Winter Sports
 - a) Hockey Tournaments
 - b) Senior Night for Men's and Women's Basketball
 - c) Final Records
- 2) SkillsUSA District Competition
- 3) Culinary Featured on Television
- 4) Peru Parent-Student Meeting



*special congratulations to Senior Khristian Torres for committing to play FB at Springfield College

Wrapping up Winter Sports

1) Boys Hockey Team Tournaments

- a) **Hockey Fights Cancer** tournament
 - i) February 15th
 - ii) Supported Reo Todesca Foundation
- b) 3rd annual **Dan Jordan** scholarship tournament
 - i) February 17th and 19th (M and W)
- c) MIAA Tournament

2) Basketball

- a) Boys Senior Night - February 14th
- b) Girls Senior Night - February 12th
- c) Student Council sold snacks/drinks
- d) Both teams qualified for MIAA Tournament, didn't make it through the 1st round.

3) FINAL RECORDS:

- a) Hockey // 12-9
- b) Boys Varsity Basketball // 10-6
- c) Girls Varsity Basketball // 10-8



SkillsUSA District Competition

- 1) February 18th at New Bedford High School
 - a) Food provided for all students
- 2) Kids competed under their specific programs
- 3) Had a dance party after competing
- 4) 18 Medals were awarded to Blue Hills Students
 - a) Those who got medals advance to the State Competition, which is held later in the year
- 5) Christopher Alcembert (Cosmetology Sophomore) spoke to students
 - a) Member of the SkillsUSA Massachusetts Council



Culinary Television Spotlight



Peru Parent Student Meeting

- 1) Mandatory Meeting held on March 26th at 6:00pm
- 2) 62 Students are leaving 4/17 and returning 4/25
- 3) Booster Club covers airport transportation costs :)
- 4) Eight Teacher Chaperones
 - a) Bearse, Cleggett, Hedges, Lovell, Titus, McGrath, Peach, Winchell

