



BLUE HILLS REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

800 Randolph Street

Canton, MA 02021-9103

“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 Patrick Galeotos

As appointed by Chairman Thomas R. Polito, Jr., on August 20, 2019

SUBCOMMITTEES *

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 Fistori, Nearen and O’Malley
WARRANT -	Members Erskine, Flahive and Maguire
School MSBA -	Members Polito , Connolly, Maguire and Erskine
WEBSITE & TECHNOLOGY	Members Connolly, Flahive, Franzoza 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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2020, AGENDA

PLEASE NOTE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING(S) PRIOR TO FULL-COMMITTEE MEETING

THIS SPECIAL MEETING WAS CONDUCTED USING ZOOM TECHNOLOGY

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



ZOOM MINUTES OF THE 3.31.2020 SPECIAL MEETING



This SPECIAL ZOOM meeting may be abbreviated. Chairman Thomas R. Polito, Jr., may call agenda items out of order.

PLEASE GO TO **GOVERNOR BAKER'S SITE** (USE GOOGLE) TO FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH CONSTANT UPDATES FROM THE COMMONWEALTH. BLUE HILLS IS IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH THIS SOURCE. SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR JILL ROSSETTI IS KEEPING US WELL ADVISED IN ALL WAYS.

FYI: All Blue Hills' students have Chromebooks and our teachers are setting up learning sessions with the students, Vocationally and Academically. Some students must pick up at school (if left behind) and appointments are being set up for pickup (with Principal Geoffrey L. Zini). Blue Hills' IT Department under the direction of Mr. Matt Eisner will assist with this endeavor.

7:03 p.m.

1. **Roll Call** – A quorum was met. A quorum is met by five of the nine members.

Francis J. Fistori, Avon (Absent); Eric C. Erskine, Braintree; Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., Canton (Absent) Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Dedham; Michael C. Franzosa, Holbrook; Matthew P. O'Malley, Milton; Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood; Marybeth Nearen, Randolph (Absent) and Charles W. Flahive, Westwood (Absent)

ALSO PRESENT: Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi, Superintendent-Director Jill M. Rossetti, Business Manager Michelle Resendes, Principal Geoffrey L. Zini, Facility Manager David Galego, Director of Academics Paul Barvuso, IT Manager, Matt Eisen.

AND:*

Kathy Dowd, Stephanie Mayne, Kim Poliseno, Rich Spada, Courtney Wall, Sarah Kiefer, Matt Eisen, Melissa Taksar, Nicole Flynn, Margaret, Susan Grant, Elaine Couto, Brian Gearty, Xavier Mahoney, Elizabeth ?, Nancy Finnell, Jason Winchell, Sarah Kiefer, Scott Donn Vicki DeMeo, Carol Martin;s, Bill Banfour, Seamus Killeen, Burke Doherty, Grace Quinterio, Jill Bearse, Elizabeth/Bess, Stacy Hedges, Michelle Barley, Don Conaghan, Riann Brooks, Linda Varasso, Ryan Kiff, Cathy Mohan, Cindy Fama, Scott D., Jaquin, Janice Lavoie, Anthony Giuffre

- Note: Attendance may not be perfect as I wasn't able to identify with phone numbers provided. (Joanne)

Agenda Item #5 (Called out of order) PAYROLL DISCUSSION: Compensation for Hourly Employees Recommendation was called out of order by Chairman Thomas R. Polito, Jr. Chairman Polito recognized Business Manager Michelle Resendes and Superintendent-Director Jill Rossetti. The recommendation is that the employees be paid*. There was considerable discussion, questions and answers at the 3.24.20 meeting, when Chairman Thomas R. Polito, Jr., moved the question which is: "Approval of the recommendation of Superintendent-Director Jill M. Rossetti **through May 4, 2020.**" Vice Chairman Eric C. Erskine made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent-Director Jill M. Rossetti to compensate hourly employees, through May 4, 2020. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. **Motion was taken to a roll-call vote and passed BY MAJORITY, AS FOLLOWS:**

Eric C. Erskine, Braintree; Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Dedham; Michael C. Franzosa, Holbrook; Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood

Member Matthew P. O'Malley, Milton, ABSTAINED from this vote.

District will not be paying:

1. On call subs
2. CTE employees
3. On call Cafe Subs
4. On Call LPN subs
5. Recreation

2. **Treasurer:** Chairman Tom Polito called on District Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi. No report.
3. **Warrant:** No warrant at this time.
4. **Minute Approval:** Chairman Polito moved to the approval of the 3.24.20 SPECIAL ZOOM MEETING. Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to approve the 3.24.20 SPECIAL ZOOM MEETING. Motion was seconded by Member Matthew P. O'Malley. **Motion was taken to a roll-call vote, without discussion and it was UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve the 3.24.20 SPECIAL ZOOM MEETING.

**Members voting: Eric C. Erskine, Braintree;
Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Dedham; Michael C. Franzosa, Holbrook;
Matthew P. O'Malley, Milton; Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood;**

5. **DSC Chair Report** – Chairman Thomas R. Polito, Jr., stated that another meeting will be called Tuesday, April 14, 2020 @ 7 p.m., using Zoom Technology. A SBC MEETING was conducted on 3.26. Chairman Polito is Chairman of the SBC, as well as DSC.
 - Chairman Polito stated that he had a conference call with Town of Dedham Officials to check on the status of the town with respect to the pandemic. One student from BHR, also a Dedham citizen has been diagnosed with the virus. BHR School Nurse Joan Gainey is in contact with the family.
6. **Subcommittee Reports** (As needed.) None. All contract negotiation meetings have been cancelled.
7. **Administrative Reports** (As needed.)

7.1 Business Manager – Ms. Michelle Resendes was recognized by Chairman Polito– Ms. Resendes spoke on electronic signatures being considered by the Committee and demonstrated a test using DocuSign on her desktop at the March 24, 2020 Virtual Meeting (Zoom). **As required, a vote was taken.** Chairman Polito moved the question of instituting electronic signing for District documents. Secretary Michael C. Franzosa moved to approve the use of electronic signatures for approval of DSC documents, requiring signatures. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion was taken to a vote to approve as recommended by Business Manager Michelle Resendes. The approval was taken to **a roll-call vote** and it was **unanimously**

Voted: to approve the use of electronic signatures as recommended by Business Manager Michelle Resendes.

**Members voting: Eric C. Erskine, Braintree;
Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Dedham; Michael C. Franzosa, Holbrook;
Matthew P. O'Malley, Milton; Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood;**

7.2 Principal – Mr. Geoffrey Zini – Continues to communicate with students, families and staff on the state of the school during this crisis. District School Committee members also receive communications from Principal Zini, as well as Academic and Vocational directors.

7.3 Superintendent/Director: Ms. Jill M. Rossetti was recognized by Chairman

- **COVID-19 Update – As of today, schools in the Commonwealth are closed until 5.4.**
- **No one is entering the school without the consent of Facility Manager David Galego.**
- **Debbie Crossen continues to work full steam as the Security Officer and manning the phone system.**
- **Vice Chairman Eric C. Erskine asked: “Are the students anxiety issues being addressed.” Superintendent – Director Rossetti replied that they are.**
- **Students are receiving assignments from their teachers via email. Chromebooks are playing an integral part in vocational and academic components of education.**
- **Superintendent-Director has been in the school, Monday through Friday, continuously checking the SBC checklist.**
- **Students Chromebooks are a valuable learning tool and all students are equipped with these and using them.**

8. Unfinished Business – N/A

9. New Business – N/A

10. An executive session was unnecessary.

11. Adjournment **was called by Chairman Thomas R. Polito, at 7:43 p.m.; following motion from Secretary Michael C. Franzosa and seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly.**

**Adjournment By roll-call vote: Eric C. Erskine, Braintree;
Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Dedham; Michael C. Franzosa, Holbrook;
Matthew P. O’Malley, Milton; Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood.**

Michael C. Franzosa Secretary	Thomas R. Polito, Jr. Chairman
Joanne Doyle Kuzborski Recording Secretary	