



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:

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Secretary

District Treasurer

Student Representative

Thomas R. Polito, Jr.

Eric C. Erskine

Michael C. Franzosa

Charles J. Gisondi

Mr. Galen Patrick Galeotos

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

SUBCOMMITTEES *

ATHLETIC & EXTRACURRICULAR

BUILDINGS, FACILITIES, SAFETY AND SECURITY

CURRICULUM & ADVISORY -

EVALUATION -

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION -

PERSONNEL & NEGOTIATIONS -

POLICY -

WARRANT -

School MSBA -

WEBSITE & TECHNOLOGY

Members

Members Flahive, Fistori, Franzosa

Members Connolly, Erskine, Maguire & Polito

Members Connolly, Maguire, O’Malley

Members Fistori, O’Malley, Polito and Nearen

Members Erskine, Franzosa, O’Malley, Polito,

Members **Polito**, Connolly, Erskine,

Members **Nearen**, Fistori, and O’Malley

Members **Maguire**, Erskine, Flahive

Members **Polito**, Connolly, Maguire and Erskine

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 of the District School Committee serves as *Ex-officio* member on all subcommittees.

Conducted pursuant to the Executive Order dated March 12, 2020 suspending certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, Gen. L. c. 30A §20 et seq. and 940 CMR 29.01 et seq.

THIS REGULAR MEETING WAS CONDUCTED USING ZOOM TECHNOLOGY

ZOOM MINUTES OF THE Tuesday, May 19, 2020 REGULAR MEETING



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

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic and State of Emergency, on March 12, 2020, Governor Baker issued an Executive Order Temporarily Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A sec. 20. Pursuant to the Order, public bodies are temporarily relieved from the Open Meeting Law's requirement that meetings be held in public places, open and physically accessible to the public, so long as measures are taken to ensure public access to the bodies' deliberations "through adequate, alternative means."

This meeting was accessible to the public via Zoom Video

The meeting information for Tuesday, MAY 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM FOLLOWS:

Call  **in 1-408-638-0968**

Topic: School Committee Meeting

Time: MAY 19, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Chairman Thomas R. Polito, Jr., called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. **Roll Call** (7:03 p.m.)— A quorum was met. Six of the nine members were present at roll call and participated with all actions. Member Charles W. Flahive and Secretary Michael C. Franzosa were absent. Member Francis J. Fistori had technical difficulties and was unable to participate in the meeting, although attempted.

Francis J. Fistori, Avon (Absent because of technical difficulty), Eric C. Erskine, Braintree; Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., Canton Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Dedham; Michael C. Franzosa (Absent), Holbrook; Matthew P. O'Malley, Milton; Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood; Marybeth Nearen, Randolph 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 Bavuso, IT Manager Matt Eisan, SPED Director Angelo Dimitriou. Director of Admissions Marybeth Joyce, Athletic Director Ed Catabia, Director of Vocational Programs Michelle , Matthew Morris Sylvia.

 AND:

Nicole Flynn, Tina Fegan, #16174, Kathy Dowd, Melissa D'Angelo, Stephanie Mayne. G. Magnani, Tricia Murphy, Michelle Barley, Brian Gearty, Robert Donnelly, K. Sullivan, Ryan Kiff, Carole Martins, Katlyn Lovell, Patrice Adams, Mike Sheehan, Sarah Kiefer, Melissa G., Elizabeth Fiasco, Quinn Peters, Jason Winchell, Kira, Caroline Dynan, Kim Polisenio, Anthony Giuffre, Ryan Kiff, Cindy Fama, Richard Spada, Ana Peach, Brenda Neret, Margaret Hall, Margaret Stewart, Chris Deady, Jennifer Braga, Tom McGrath, Joann Murphy (Approximately 53 attended this meeting.)

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

2. **Treasurer:** Mr. Charles J. Gisondi was recognized by Chairman Polito. Other than the Warrant, no other report.
3. **Warrant:** Chairman Polito moved to FY20 Warrant #17. Member Matthew P. O'Malley read into the record, FY20 Warrant, dated May 19, 2020, in the amount of \$970,064.07 (Vouchers 1052 and 1053). Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to approve Warrant #17, as presented. Motion was seconded by Member Marybeth Nearen. Motion was taken to a vote, without discussion, and by **ROLL CALL UNANIMOUSLY VOTED:** to approve FY20 Warrant #17, dated May 19, 2020, in the amount of \$970,064.07 (Vouchers 1052 and 1053).

MEMBERS VOTING:

Eric C. Erskine, Braintree; Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., Canton Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Dedham; Holbrook; Matthew P. O'Malley, Milton; Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood, Marybeth Nearen, Randolph.

4. **FY21 BUDGET:** A vote for the final FY21 Budget was taken. Chairman Polito moved the question. A motion was made by Member Kevin L. Connolly to approve the final FY21 Budget in the amount of \$21,072,164. Motion was seconded by Member Marybeth Nearen. It was noted that this amount is subject to Chapter 70 funding. **Motion was taken to a ROLL-CALL VOTE and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED:** to approve the final FY21 Budget in the amount of \$21,072,164.

1/12 FY21 BUDGET: Business Director Michelle Resendes stated that the State is requiring this and requested the approval of the District School Committee to prepare the requested budget. Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to approve the 1/12 FY21 Budget, as requested. Motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Eric C. Erskine. Motion was taken to a Roll-Call Vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve to approve the 1/12 FY21 Budget, as requested.

MEMBERS VOTING:

Eric C. Erskine, Braintree; Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., Canton Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Dedham; Holbrook; Matthew P. O'Malley, Milton; Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood, Marybeth Nearen, Randolph.

5. **Minute Approval:** Chairman Polito introduced the approval of the 4.28.20 Zoom DSC Meeting> Member Marybeth Nearen moved to approve the 4.28.20 DSC Zoom Meeting. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eric C. Erskine. Motion was taken to a **ROLL CALL VOTE and it was UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve the 4.28.20 DSC Zoom DSC Meeting.

MEMBERS VOTING:

Eric C. Erskine, Braintree; Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., Canton Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Dedham; Matthew P. O'Malley, Milton; Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood, Marybeth Nearen, Randolph.

6. **DSC Chair Report, via Chairman Thomas R. Polito, Jr. Chairman Polito respected the request of President of the BHEA's request to be heard. Mr. Gearty was recognized and proceeded to read the following RESOLUTION ENDORSED BY THE BHEA:**

"RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EDUCATION FUNDING IN THE COVID-19 ERA

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Legislature and governor enacted the *Student Opportunity Act* in 2019 because the state's school funding formula was out of date and failed to provide all students with the education to which they are constitutionally entitled; and

WHEREAS, the inadequacy in funding was felt most deeply in school districts serving high concentrations of low-income students, English learners and students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the *Student Opportunity Act* requires phasing in new funding formulas to provide greater resources for all school districts, with the largest share going to low-income districts; and

WHEREAS, our students' needs are even greater now after public schools and colleges were shut down in mid-March in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in the upcoming academic year many students will need enhanced educational opportunities, technology, health and guidance services; and

WHEREAS, the need for these additional services exists in every school district and is greatest in school districts that would receive the largest share of new funding under the *Student Opportunity Act*; and

WHEREAS, the federal, state and local governments share responsibility for making sure all students receive the education to which they are constitutionally entitled.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Blue Hills Regional Technical School Committee supports the following:

- Congress should approve New Deal-level funding for state and local governments in response to the economic crisis caused by this pandemic, raising revenues progressively if necessary, to ensure that they can fulfill their obligations to educate our students;
- The Massachusetts Legislature and Governor Charlie Baker should fund public education — preK through higher education — at the level needed to maintain current staffing and services, fully fund the first year of the *Student Opportunity Act*, and enable students and our state's economy to thrive as we begin recovering from the pandemic;
- Our city/town(s) should maintain its/their commitment to fully fund our public schools.”

Following recite, Chairman Thomas R. Polito moved the question of supporting the RESOLUTION, as presented. Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to support this RESOLUTION, as presented. Motion was seconded by Member Matthew P. O'Malley. Motion was taken to a **ROLL-CALL VOTE AND IT WAS**

UNANIMOUSLY

VOTED: to support this RESOLUTION, as presented.

VOTING MEMBERS:

Eric C. Erskine, Braintree; Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., Canton Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Dedham; Matthew P. O'Malley, Milton; Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood, Marybeth Nearen, Randolph.

- **School Building Report:** Chairman Polito reported that a May 14th School Building Committee Meeting was conducted and Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., another meeting will be conducted to address issues that require attention and reconcile. Chairman Polito is also the Chairman of the School Building Committee and will apprise all of continuing status.
7. **Updated Payroll:** All remains the same, as voted previously.
8. **Graduation 2020 Update:** Chairman Thomas R. Polito, Jr., called upon Superintendent-Director Jill M. Rossetti. Ms. Rossetti presented a “Power-Point Presentation” that detailed all planned activities for upcoming seniors. Anyone wishing to share this presentation may contact Ms. Rossetti. All activities have been reviewed by the Graduation 2020 Committee. Chairman Polito stated that school administrators are in charge of all Graduation events. There happen to be two members of the DSC that are involved with this Graduation Committee (Member Kevin L. Connolly and Member Marybeth Nearen.) Communications have been sent to seniors and families.

A parent, Mrs. Tina Fegan, addressed the DSC with ideas that have occurred from other Towns facing this unprecedented matter. Mrs. Fegan acknowledged that no one is going to be completely happy with what all seniors are experiencing. Mrs. Fegan was advised that the DSC realizes that this situation is very unfortunate, but was assured that the school administrators are doing the best they can with what they must work around. Next week there is another Graduation Committee Meeting that she may wish to attend for further comments.

9. **Subcommittee Reports:**

- Finance & Administration: Business Director Michelle Resendes requests a subcommittee meeting to discuss budget issues.

10. **Administrative Reports**

10.1 Business Manager – Ms. Michelle Resendes was recognized by Chairman Polito. Ms. Resendes is requesting a Finance & Administration Subcommittee Meeting to discuss budget issues.

10.2 Principal – Mr. Geoffrey Zini was recognized by Chairman Polito. Mr. Zini stated that the Graduation Update provided his update.

10.3 **Superintendent/Director: Ms. Jill M. Rossetti** was recognized by Chairman Polito.

- **Presented an in-depth Graduation 2020 Power Point Presentation.**
- **COVID-19 Update – Ms. Rossetti is constantly in touch with DESE and the Governor's Office.**
- **Consigli will be in the school to work on unfinished items.**
- **Entrance to the school is only permitted by Superintendent-Director Jill Rossetti, by appointment.**
- **Mrs. Deb Crossen continues to man the school's security booth.**

11. **Unfinished Business – N/A**

12. **New Business – N/A**

13. An **executive session** was unnecessary.

14. **Adjournment was called by Chairman Thomas R. Polito, Jr., at 7:53 p.m.; following motion from Member Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., and seconded by Vice Chairman Eric C. Erskine. Vote was taken.**

Adjournment By roll-call vote was unanimous:

MEMBERS VOTING:

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The next DSC Meeting will be called by Chairman Thomas R. Polito, Jr. At this time, not set.

Michael C. Franzosa

Thomas R. Polito, Jr.

Secretary	Chairman
	Joanne Doyle Kuzborski Recording Secretary

THIS RESOLUTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

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BHEA President
Brian Gearty

Blue Hills DSC Chairperson