



DSC Meeting Minutes for December January 19, 2021
ZOOM Meeting

A) Call to Order: Roll Call. 7:02 P.M.

Members in attendance: Francis Fistori (7:07 start)– Avon, Eric Erskine (Vice-Chair) – Braintree, Aidan Maguire, Jr. – Canton, Thomas Polito (Chair) – Dedham, Taryn Mohan – Holbrook, Clinton Graham – Milton, Kevin Connolly – Norwood, Rachelle Jeanty – Randolph, Sheila Vazquez – Westwood, and Chuck Gisondi – DSC Treasurer

Administration in Attendance: Jill Rossetti - Superintendent-Director, Michelle Resendes - Business Manager, Paul Bavuso – Academic Director, Michelle Sylvia – Vocational Director, Tom Cavanaugh – Dean of Students, and David Galego – Facilities Director

B) Open Session: ZOOM Meeting

C) Public Comment: N/A

D) Treasurer’s Report: Chuck Gisondi

Prior to reviewing the two motions brought to this meeting, Chuck Gisondi thanked those members of the board that contacted him before the meeting to receive clarification to the proposals identified for tonight.

- 1) To accept the Blue Hills Retirement System Funding Scheduled as proposed by PERAC.
Motion to accept as written was made by Kevin Connolly, Norwood
Second: Taryn Mohan, Holbrook
Roll Call Vote: Passed 8/0, or unanimously by those in attendance (Avon not in attendance for vote)

- 2) To increase the Blue Hill Retirement System COLA Base currently at \$16,000. to \$18,000.
Prior to the Motion, a short discussion took place about the necessity of the increase. Both Chuck Gisondi and Michelle Resendes fielded and answered questions.
Motion to increase the Blue Hills Retirement System COLA Base was made by Kevin Connolly, Norwood
Second: Eric Erskine, Braintree
Roll Call Vote: Motion Carried 8/0, unanimously by those in attendance (Avon not in attendance for vote).

E) Warrant: Number 12: Chuck Gisondi

Warrant number 12 for \$658,948.48 was presented to the Committee. There were no questions. Motion to approve warrant number 12 was made by Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed unanimously 9/0 (Avon joined meeting)

F) Superintendent's Report: Jill Rossetti

No Report

G) Minutes Approval

1/5/2020 (Vote Required)

Motion to Approve Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Rachelle Jeanty, Randolph

Vote, Roll Call: Motion to approve 1/5/2020 minutes passed unanimously.

H) Special Education Mid-Year Report: Angelo Dimitriou

Mr. Dimitiou reviewed the number of students who are receiving special services this year. He went into some detail explaining the different types of supports our students receive and the difference between an IEP and a 504 plan. He further broke down these groups to describe services received and reviewed the different categories of those students receiving services under an IEP Plan.

Mr. Dimitiou said this year has presented a little differently because he and his team were unable to visit the 8th graders at their schools, meet with current teachers, and review records to develop transition plans that would ensure continuation of needed services.

There was a discussion surrounding numbers receiving services at Blue Hills and those of the District towns. Blue Hills numbers are higher than the sending communities. This brought on a transportation discussion, specifically the cost of transporting homeless and displaced students. Mr. Dimitiou explained that transportation cost is sometimes divided 50/50 for Department of Children and Families and that Blue Hills pays 100% of cost for Foster Family transportation. See back up material.

I) Attendance and Discipline Report: Tom Cavanaugh

Mr. Cavanaugh reviewed the student attendance and discipline for the first half of year.

Attendance continues to be slightly higher than last year and the lion's share of discipline problems are leaving school grounds and not attending vocational or academic classes. These problems have been majority of these incidents have been addressed by issuing warnings. See back up material.

J) DSC Chair Report: Tom Polito, Chair – Dedham

Chair Polito announced that the Budget Sub-Committee has completed the Proposed FY22 budget and are preparing for next steps.

Chair Polito announced that the DSC would be going into Executive Session tonight. (Contract Negotiations - Clerical)

Chair Polito announced that the next Curricular and Advisory Sub-Committee meeting will be on Feb 2nd at 6PM.

K) Sub-Committee Reports:

Personnel and Negotiations Subcommittee: Committee will go into Executive session as stated above for Clerical negotiations.

Other union contract changes include:

Cafeteria: A 2.75% raise and increase clothing allowance by \$100

Motion to approve made by Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Eric Erskine, Braintree

Roll Call Vote: Motion passes unanimously

Custodian and Maintenance: A 2.5% raise and increase clothing allowance.

Motion to approve: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Eric Erskine, Braintree

Roll Call Vote: Motion passes unanimously

Blue Hills Administration Association (BHAA)

Note that the LPN Coordinator has been added to this group.

Change to contract is a Salary increase of 2.5%.

Motion to approve Salary increase made by Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Eric Erskine, Braintree

Roll Call Vote: Motion passes unanimously

L) Compensation for Superintendent-Director (Vote required)

Motion to increase salary by 3.5% for year 2 (July, 1, 2020 start) after a brief conversation about why a salary increase was being proposed at this time (Canton). The chair and one other DSC member stated that the Superintendent has a three-year contract and salary negotiation is part of it. Mr. Connolly further stated that the Superintendent is doing an excellent job and deserves the increase.

Motion to approve increase: Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Roll Call Vote: Motion passes with eight (8) yes votes and one (1) abstention (Milton)

M) Administration Reports:

Principal's Report: Geoff Zini

No Report

Business Manager Report: Michelle Resendes

Ms. Resendes told the Committee that the Budget Sub-Committee and School Business team came up with a proposed budget that she believes is reasonable and ensures educational quality. She asked the committee to review it for a future vote.

N) DSC MASC Traing: Glenn Koocher, 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM.

Mr. Koocher presented a half hour training session highlighting School Committee responsibilities utilizing a Power Point presentation. He took a couple questions and reminded the group of new members that they needed to complete the Charting the Course training during their first year of service on the school committee.

O) Unfinished Business:

Members of the committee asked for and received a status update for Freshman Admissions.

P) New Business: N/A

Q) Executive Session: Yes

R) Future Business:

The next District School Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 7 PM.

S) Adjournment: 8:38 PM

Motion to adjourn the regular DSC meeting and then move into Executive Session was made by Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Eric Erskine, Braintree

Vote: Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting and move into Executive Session.

Minutes written and submitted by:

Pamela Donnellan

Administrative Secretary to the Superintendent-Director

Minutes Approved: February 2, 2021