



Blue Hills Regional District School Committee  
Fifty-Sixth District Committee

**District School Committee Meeting**  
**April 27, 2021**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**7:00 PM Open Session**

Per Governor Baker's order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A sec. 20, the public will not be allowed to physically access this School Committee meeting. Members of the public can access the meeting via live stream at the link provided below.

**A. Call to Order: 7:01 PM**

**Members in attendance:**

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

**Members not in attendance:**

Francis Fistori – Avon, and Kevin Connolly – Norwood

**Administration in attendance:** Jill Rossetti - Superintendent-Director, Michelle Resendes - Business Manager, Geoff Zini – Principal,

**B. Open Session: ZOOM**

**C. Public Comment: None**

**D. DSC Student Representative Report: Chris Alcimbert: No report**

**E. Treasurer's Report: Chuck Gisondi**

Short Term Borrowing will be brought up on the agenda for next week's meeting. (May 4<sup>th</sup>). A vote will be required.

**F. Warrant: Chuck Gisondi (Vote Required)**

Warrant # 18

Mr. Maguire asked about the cost of additional chairs because the details were not on both the warrant and detail. He also asked if we had all new chairs. Without having everything in front of her, Ms. Resendes explained that they Blue Hills may have been billed for the chairs at this point but have not received payment. She also said that this cost reflected the additional chairs needed for social distancing during lunch periods and then asked that Mr. Maguire phone her if he needed more information. Mr. Erskine asked if some of this cost could be charged to COVID funds. The answer is yes and the cost will be charged to COVID funds.

**Motion to approve warrant # 18:** Aidan Maguire, Secretary – Canton

**Second;** Eric Erskine, Vice Chair – Braintree

**Vote, Roll Call:** Vote to approve Warrant number 18 passed unanimously by members in attendance

#### **G. Superintendent's Report: Jill Rossetti**

- **COVID Update:**

All District towns are in the yellow but we must remain vigilant to keep it that way. Everyone continues to follow safety rules and restrictions.

- **Graduation:**

Graduation will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup>, with a June 9<sup>th</sup> rain date. The graduation will be held outside on the field. Social distance for graduation seating is 3 feet. Additional restrictions and guidelines are expected as we get closer to graduation.

- **Charting the Course:**

New dates are June 12 and June 19. You should have received notice in your meeting packages.

- **Disposal/ Decommission of equipment in Graphics:** (Vote required)

Heidelberg press and Epson printer

**Motion to decommission the Epson Printer and the Heidelberg Press:** Eric Erskine, Braintree

**Second:** Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

**Vote, Roll Call:** Motion to approve the decommission of the press and copier is carried unanimously by members in attendance.

#### **H. Minutes Approval:** (Vote is Required)

April 6, 2021

**Motion to approve the DSC April 6, 2021 minutes:** Eric Erskine, Braintree

**Second:** Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

**Vote, Roll Call:** Motion carried unanimously by members in attendance.

## **I. DSC Chair Report: Thomas Polito**

Chair Polito said he did not have a report for the committee but wanted the committee to know that they would be going into Executive Session tonight.

## **J. DSC Sub-Committee Reports: Building Sub-Committee**

- No report, going into Executive Session

## **K. Administration Reports:**

### **1. Principal's Report: Geoff Zini**

- School Opening Update:  
This Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> will be the first full day back with is school learning for all but those few students who chose remote learning for the remainder of the year. Mr Zini wants to thank Facilities, Teachers, and Administration for all their hard work preparing for the students' return on Thursday. It has been a lot of work and everyone did what was needed to make this happen.
- Seniors: A letter is going to be sent to all Seniors about planned activities for the remainder of the year. Information will include Field day, Prom and Graduation.
- Sports Update: Fall II Sports was a huge success. The teams did well and their schedules worked for them. Spring sports will start on May 5<sup>th</sup> with a couple of the teams practicing before the start date.
- Craft Fair: The Boosters are holding a craft fair this Saturday as a fundraiser for the school. Hours are listed as 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- Remote Learners: There are 60 students who have opted to remain remote through the end of the year. The seniors in this group will be allowed to walk at graduation but will be unable to attend Prom or other senior activities.

### **2. Business Manager Report: Michelle Resendes: No Report**

Ms. Resendes told the group that she did not have a report for the evening but would be bringing the Q3 report to the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **L. Unfinished Business:**

Rachelle Jeanty, Randolph, confirmed the Booster Club Fair information so that she would be able to pass it on to the community.

Mr. Maguire asked the Principal about the restriction to quarantine after a vacation for two weeks when there is so little school left. He said he was unaware of this restriction and was surprised when he was told his son would have to quarantine for 14 days after a trip to Fla. The Superintendent said this was not new and that they were following standard operating procedures. Further, she stated that Mr. Maguire should contact the nurse directly with his questions as this was not the correct forum for this to be addressed.

Mr. Maguire said he knew from a friend that the scholarship paperwork handed out for this school year were from last year. After asking a couple clarifying questions, the Superintendent found out that he was referring to the committee names on the paperwork reflect members prior to the last election and he wanted them (paperwork) updated. The Superintendent told him that he should be going to Guidance with this concern instead of bringing it up in the school committee meeting when it is not on the agenda. She further told him it is not fair to bring up unrelated questions/items at meetings that are not on the agenda.

**M. New Business Topics: N/A**

**N. Executive Session: Yes**

An executive session may be called 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.

**O. Future Business:**

The next DSC meeting is Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

**P. Adjournment: (Vote Required) 7:30 PM**

Motion to adjourn the general meeting at this time and move into executive session: Clinton Graham, Milton

Second: Aidan Maguire, Canton

Vote, Roll Call: Motion carried unanimously by members in attendance.

**Minutes Prepared by:**

Pamela Donnellan, Administrative Secretary to the Superintendent-Director

**Minutes Approved by DSC on: May 4, 2021**