



Blue Hills Regional District School Committee  
Fifty-Seventh District Committee

**District School Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 5, 2021**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**A. Call to Order: Time: 7:05 PM**

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

**Administration in Attendance:**

Jill Rossetti - Superintendent-Director, Michelle Resendes – Business Manager, Geoff Zini – Principal, Dave Galego – Facilities Director, and Michelle Sylvia – Vocational Director

Moment of Silence for two alumni: Michael Ross and Colleen Fadden Ross

**B. Public Comment: None**

**C. Treasurer’s Report and Warrant: Chuck Gisondi**

**Warrant # 5 for \$1,039,294.21 (Vote Requires)**

**Motion to approve Warrant #5:** Aidan Maguire, Canton

**Second:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**No Discussion**

**Vote, Roll Call:** Warrant #5 was approved unanimously

**D. Superintendent’s Report: Jill Rossetti**

- COVID Dashboard

Ms. Rossetti reviewed the information released this week. The numbers for many of the District towns are trending downward, however, a couple are not. This does affect the mask mandate. Blue Hills is recommending that all student/teachers/staff be treated the same and will all either wear or not wear masks. DESE has moved the mask mandate back to November 1, 2021. There is also the 80% vaccine guideline that enables schools to have students, staff, and teachers stop wearing masks when 80% of each group is vaccinated.

To date, 96 % of staff (including teachers) and 64.8 of the students have been vaccinated. Should Blue Hills reach this required percentage; the Administration would go to the DSC first with recommendations and then will meet with Canton Public Health to decide next steps. The process is cumbersome. One of the questions brought up for discussion was how we count students, verify counts, etc. and the committee was told that Blue Hills directly asks for an answer but does not require proof (such as a copy of vaccine cards). Another member asked about people for whatever reason are unable to wear masks. Ms. Rossetti reported that there is only one person in the school who is unable to wear a mask for medical reasons (appropriate paperwork submitted). It is a staff person who works in one of the offices. The school will continue to look at any other cases as they are presented.

- Meet Therapy Dog:

Enzo, the therapy dog was introduced to the committee. Ms. Rossetti spoke about the training Enzo has completed and the school's reaction to his presence in the building. Committee members took this opportunity to meet and pet Enzo before he left the meeting.

- Superintendent Goals

Ms. Rossetti presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining her goals for the year. She explained how she was using the action plan that was approved last year with new goals that everyone would be working on this year having completed last year's initial three goals. She reviewed the school's mission, vision and values. She then reviewed the Pillars of Success and Strategic Objectives and noted how her goals fit into them as well as in the District Improvement Goals. There was a short discussion and members questions were answered.

**Motion to approve the Superintendent's Goals:** Tom Polito, Dedham

**Second:** Sheila Vazquez, Westwood

**Discussion:** Nothing additional

**Motion to Approve the Superintendent's Goals** was carried unanimously.

- West Stairwell Project and Facilities Update:

The Superintendent asked that the Facility Director review the projects that are ongoing. Mr. Galego then reported on the following:

1. West Stairwell: The new contractor is T4 Construction and they are waiting for a special apoxy to move forward.
2. RFP for a medium duty truck with a plow went out and bids are due October 21<sup>st</sup>.
3. FRQ for a concrete pad to be poured for the Baseball Cage went out and quotes are due October 7, 2021.
4. The Facilities Manager is gathering information on available funding source lines to purchase a 14 Passenger Bus.

5. Portable Air Quality Units are being investigated for use in the locker rooms to combat unpleasant odors from sports equipment, showers, changing areas, etc.
6. Electronic Sign, The RFB will go out soon. The specs for the sign will be sent to the Business Manager by October 8, 2021.

- **Construction Technology Outside Job**

The Curriculum/Advisory Sub-Committee met prior to this meeting to review the proposal and compare its pieces (framing, siding roofing, etc.) to curriculum components outlined in the vocational construction program. The Sub-Committee returned with a recommendation to approve this project. (See Letter "G" below for vote)

**E. Minutes Approval: (Vote is Required)**

September 21, 2021

**Motion to approve DSC meeting minutes for September 21, 2021:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Second:** Sheila Vazquez, Westwood

**No Discussion**

**Vote, Roll Call:** The DSC minutes for September 21, 2021 were approved by all members attending on September 21, 2021.

**F. DSC Chair Report: Eric Erskine, Braintree**

- DSC Sub-Committee Assignments: All Sub-Committees chose a Chair with the exception of the Policy Sub-Committee. Clinton Graham, Milton, and Rachele Jeanty, Randolph will decide who will Chair this sub-committee.
- Choose a Delegate for the November MASS/MASC Joint Conference. It was decided that Aidan Maguire, Canton, will serve as the delegate (with Tom Polito, Dedham, named as the alternative) for the MASS/MASC conference this November.

**The motion to approve this choice stated above:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Second:** Eric Erskine, Braintree

**No discussion**

**Vote, Roll Call:** Vote to nominate Aidan Maguire, Canton, as the Delegate and Tom Polito, Dedham, as the Alternate for the MASS/MASC Joint Conference passed unanimously.

**G. DSC Sub-Committee Reports:**

- Finance Sub-Committee: Revolving Accounts, Approval (see below Letter I, Number 2)
- Curriculum/Advisory: Westwood Outdoor Project: Construction Tech., Approval  
The Curriculum/Advisory Committee met prior to this meeting to discuss the Westwood Outdoor Project and their recommendation is to approve the project and ask for a vote to approve it.

**Motion to Approve the Westwood Outdoor Project:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Second:** Tom Polito, Dedham

**No Discussion**

**Vote, Roll Call:** Motion to approve the Westwood Outdoor Project was approved unanimously

## **H. Administration Reports:**

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

- Donation: Blue Hills Athletic Department was offered a brand-new Nautilus machine for the wellness center. Blue Hills would have to pick it up and install the machine at school. Mr. Maguire asked if the machine was used and was told that it was not.

**Motion to accept the donation of the Nautilus machine:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Second:** Tom Polito, Dedham

**Discussion:** none

**Motion to accept the donation** was carried unanimously.

Mr. Zini agreed to write a thank you note.

### **2. Business Manager Report: Michelle Resendes:**

- Revolving Accounts Approval, (Vote is Required)  
Ms. Resendes prepared a PowerPoint presentation for the school committee. She had previously presented this information to the Finance and Administration Sub-Committee.

She Presented and reviewed the Revolving funds Manual. She then identified and asked the committee to authorize those funds that require annual re-authorization. These funds are: Use of Buildings and Grounds, Student Material Replacement Fees, School to Careers Donation, Summer School Revolving, Recreation Revolving, and Continuing Education Revolving.

**Motion to approve the listed revolving accounts:** Tom Polito, Dedham

**Second:** Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

**Discussion:** None

**Motion to approve the identified revolving accounts** was carried unanimously.

## **I. Unfinished Business:**

### **- Pictures:**

Group photos of the full DSC and individual photos of the new members were taken to use on the Blue Hills website in the school committee pages.

**J. New Business Topics:**

A short discussion about lights for the athletic field came up. There are no lights on the field and it was too costly to include in the renovation project. Blue Hills currently rents lights for big games, i.e. Homecoming. It was suggested that the school contact BEMA or FEMA for help in this area.

**K. Executive Session: N/A**

**L. Future Business:**

The next DSC meeting is Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

**M. Adjournment: (Vote Required) 7:55 PM**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Second:** Fran Fistori, Avon

**Discussion:** None

**Motion to Adjourn** was carried unanimously.

**Minutes Prepared by Pamela Donnellan, Administrative Secretary for the Superintendent-Director**

Minutes Approved by the District School Committee on October 19, 2021