



Blue Hills Regional District School Committee
Fifty-Seventh District Committee

District School Committee Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2021
7:00 PM
BHR, Room W-218

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for the fallen victims of the Pearl Harbor Attack

B. Call to Order: Time: 7:04pm

Members in attendance:

Eric Erskine (Chair) – Braintree, Aidan Maguire (Secretary) – Canton,
Fran Fistori – Avon, Taryn Mohan – Holbrook, Kevin Connolly (Vice Chair) – Norwood,
Sheila Vazquez – Westwood, and Chuck Gisondi – DSC Treasurer

Members not in attendance: Thomas Polito – Dedham, Clinton Graham – Milton,
Rachelle Jeanty– Randolph

Administration in attendance:

Jill Rossetti – Superintendent-Director, Geoff Zini – Principal

C. Public Comment: none

D. Student Representative Report: Noel Hill

Noel Hill presented highlights of the December 3rd Vocational Bowl. Shared positive feedback on cafeteria renovations and excitement regarding new kitchen staff. Students are peaking an interest in activities, such as the Outing Club (last week's outing was at Tree Top Adventures) and are looking forward to preparing for winter spirit week together. Noel shared his idea for winter related fundraisers to support those in need.

E. Treasurer's Report and Warrant: Chuck Gisondi

Warrant # 9|

Vouchers 1033, 1036 for \$1,223,078.45

Motion to approve Warrant # 9: Aidan Maguire, Canton

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: none

Vote, Roll Call: Motion to approve Warrant # 9 was carried unanimously

F. Fall Athletics Presentation: Athletic Director, Ed Catabia

Mr. Catabia praised the facilities group for a superb job with getting the fields ready, and a thank you to Ms. Rossetti and Mr. Zini for their great support. Credit to coaches for their positivity and sportsmanship, and shared a story about an email he received from an impressed parent of an opposing team player, who overheard a Blue Hills coach speaking to the team about how to handle themselves on the field. Despite all the variables, coaches are doing a phenomenal job and recognize that they are all in this together and are making it work. Mr. Catabia gave a summary of how all the sports teams are doing. Congratulations to Coach Madden for the Coach of the Week award. We are all very proud of all of our fall teams and the accomplishments in which each team had this fall season. The kids are all working hard and have started off in a positive direction.

G. Superintendent's Report: Jill Rossetti

- COVID Dashboard

Ms. Rossetti shared the unalarming news that all towns' numbers rose this week, predictable after Thanksgiving. Reminded folks that they have access to the dashboard, which is updated weekly. As winter and more holidays increase the spread of the virus, we all know what to do to minimize the spread, including masking and staying home when you are sick.

- West stairwell update

West stairwell is patched and completed, and a thank you to Mr. Galego!

H. Minutes Approval: (Vote is Required)

November 16, 2021

Motion to approve the November 16, 2021 DSC meeting minutes: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

Discussion: None

Motion to approve DSC November 16th meeting minutes passed unanimously.

I. DSC Chair Report: Eric Erskine, Braintree

None

J. DSC Sub-Committee Reports:

- Negotiations and Personnel Sub-Committee

No update

K. Administration Reports:

1. Principal's Report: Geoff Zini

- Strategy Plan Initiatives for the 2021-2022 School Year

Mr. Zini provided an update to the strategic plan initiatives and reviewed the 4 pillars of success. We are in year 2 of a 3-4 year plan. We are implementing a Signs of Suicide training, increasing outreach from our Guidance Department, and Enzo, our school therapy dog, has been serving his purpose. Task force meets regularly and is working on ensuring avenues for reporting incidents. A weekly newsletter is going out and there is a subcommittee for X-2 lists. Discussed a PD plan initiative. Mr. Maguire stated that the initiatives are great. He questioned the cost and was assured that the expenses align with the budget.

L. Unfinished Business: None

M. New Business Topics:

Rachelle Jeanty, Randolph, has submitted her letter of resignation from the DSC as she is moving out of town. DSC members expressed thanks for her service and discussed the procedure for filling the vacancy.

N. Executive Session: None

O. Future Business:

The next DSC meeting is Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

P. Adjournment: (Vote Required) 7:32 PM

Motion to Adjourn: Eric Erskine, Braintree

Second: Sheila Vazquez, Westwood

Discussion: None

Motion to Adjourn carried unanimously