



Blue Hills Regional District School Committee
Fifty-Seventh District Committee

District School Committee Meeting

April 12, 2022

DSC Meeting Minutes

BHR, Room W-218

7:00 PM

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Call to Order: Time: 7:05 PM

Members in Attendance: Francis Fistori – Avon, Aidan Maguire – Canton (Secretary), Thomas Polito – Dedham, Taryn Mohan – Holbrook, Clinton Graham – Milton, Kevin Connolly – Norwood (Vice Chair), Sheila Vazquez – Westwood, and Chuck Gisondi - Treasurer

Members Not in Attendance: Eric Erskine, Braintree – Chair, Yahaira Lopez, Randolph

Administrators in Attendance: Jill Rossetti - Superintendent-Director, Michelle Resendes – Business Manager, David Galego – Facilities Director, Kim Poliseno – Cooperative Education Coordinator, Ana Peach – Spanish Teacher, and Matt Eisan – IT Director

C. Public Comment: None

D. Student Representative Report: Noel Hill

Noel Hill presented his slide show and student update to the Committee showcasing the 8th Grade Reception and the Construction Job that the students are involved in. He spoke about all of this being new to him due to COVID restrictions being in place for the past couple years and how impressed he is by the events and happy to be part of them. He also reviewed sports statistics and highlighted the Track Teams accomplishments this year in particular.

E. Treasurer's Report and Warrant: Chuck Gisondi

Warrant # 17 for \$2,204,813.99

Voucher number(s) 1057-1064 (Vote Required)

Motion to approve Warrant number 17 for \$2,204,813.99: Aidan Maguire, Canton

Second: Tom Polito, Dedham

Discussion: No

Vote: Motion to approve Warrant number 17 is carried unanimously by members in attendance

F. Cooperative Education, Kim Poliseno, Cooperative Education Coordinator

- One Year Update

Ms. Poliseno distributed a report the week prior to this meeting. She began by referring to the report and reviewing the numbers of Positive Placements from last year's graduating class for both the Perkins grant and Chapter 74. This information was broken down by vocational technical programs and the sending District towns. There were a few questions about the percentage of student responses to the questionnaire sent to students from Blue Hills and how the percentage of students not responding to questionnaires were factored into the report. Ms. Poliseno was also asked what methods were used to contact the students who did not respond. Ms. Poliseno answered all questions and brought the Committee back to the positive outcome of this report and how these numbers indicate that our students are happy with the vocations they chose while at Blue Hills.

G. Student Trip: Peru, Ms. Peach (Vote Required)

Ms. Peach used a PowerPoint Presentation to outline the planned trip to Peru. She described what the trip entailed, their day to day schedule, flight plans, safety plan, and cost per person for the trip. She also reminded the Committee that they have been unable to travel for the past few years due to COVID and that everyone is excited to bring the annual overseas trip back.

Ms. Peach spent time describing the fundraising that will help pay for the trip and what goes into the stated cost, i.e. food, flight, lodging, learning lesson, activities, etc. She also reminded the Committee how the agency they are using for this trip responded to requests for refunds when the last trip was canceled due to COVID. They issued vouchers for the full amount paid for future trips that could be transferred to family members and friends if desired.

Motion to approve the trip to Peru: Tom Polito, Dedham

Second: Sheila Vazquez, Westwood

Discussion: None

Motion to approve the Peru trip carried unanimously by those members in attendance.

H. Superintendent's Report: Jill Rossetti

- COVID-19 Dashboard Update

Ms. Rossetti reported that the COVID numbers are climbing. She said that the school was not changing anything at this time. She will continue to monitor numbers and keep the Committee up to date.

- Student Opportunity Act Amendment (SOA) Update

This Act focuses on Every Child Succeeds. The annual report that is required for this was due on April 1, 2022. The report was submitted prior to the deadline.

- Decommissioning 7 Wellness Center Bikes (Approval Needed)

The Wellness Center is looking to decommission seven broken exercise bikes that are unable to be repaired. There are 12 exercise bikes purchased to replace them (purchased via ESSER funds). One Committee Member asked if the Public was allowed to use the Wellness Center. The Committee was told that prior to COVID restrictions the public has not used the center.

Motion to approve decommissioning seven exercise bikes: Tom Polito, Dedham

Second: Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to decommission the exercise bikes carried unanimously by members in attendance.

- Comfort Dog Update

Enzo has been well received by both the staff and students. He continues to be welcome everywhere and loved by most. There is a student who will be speaking on Enzo's behalf to the committee about her experience with him and how he has made a difference in her life.

- Senator Rush and Representative Rogers Visit with Mr. Connolly

Mr. Connolly invited Senator Rush and Representative Rogers to meet with the Superintendent and tour the School. They also met with six AP students who were happy to meet, ask and answer questions, and take pictures. The feedback on the visit was positive.

I. Minutes Approval: (Vote is Required)

- March 15, 2022

Motion to approve the DSC minutes for March 15, 2022 with the correction of the Name "Anastasio": Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

Second: Tom Polito, Dedham

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve the March 15th meeting minutes with the name correction carried unanimously by those members in attendance.

J. DSC Chair Report: Eric Erskine, Braintree (N/A)

K. DSC Sub-Committee Reports:

- **Policy Sub-Committee**

Face Covering, reading number two (2) and (Vote Required)

The Face Covering Policy was read for a second time and put to the Committee to vote.

Motion to approve the Face Covering policy: Aidan Maguire, Canton

Second: Tom Polito, Dedham

Discussion: None

Motion to approve the Face Covering Policy was carried unanimously by those members in attendance.

- **Negotiations Sub-Committee:**

- SEIU, Local 888, Café, MOA signed, ratify (Vote Required)

Motion to ratify the SEIU, Local 888, Café contract: Clinton Graham, Milton

Second: Tom Polito, Dedham

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to ratify the SEIU, Local 888 Café MOA was carried unanimously by those members in attendance

-SEIU, Local 888, Clerical: MOA signed, ratify (Vote Required)

Motion to ratify SEIU, Local 888 Clerical MOA: Tom Polito, Dedham

Second: Aidan Maguire Canton

Discussion: None

Motion to ratify SEIU, Local 888 Clerical MOA carried unanimously by members in attendance

L. Administration Reports:

1. Principal's Report: Geoff Zini N/A

2. IT Director, Matt Eisan , IT Audio/Visual Setup for W-218

Matt Eisan presented an outline of the services provided by a proposal from Pro AV Systems. The committee asked several questions about the ability to turn the system on and off, to use it for hybrid meetings and the cost effectiveness. Finding out that this system is costly, it does not function the way the Committee would like; the Committee asked if it were possible for the IT director to come up with 2 or 3 alternative systems that may suit their needs better. The IT Director agreed to do this and come back with information at the May DSC Meeting.

3. Facilities Director, David Galego

- Facilities, Project Update

Mr. Galego presented a very thorough report on this year's projects and completion status. He also outlined purchases and the schedules in place to make sure routine maintenance and emergency work is all addressed in a timely manner. The Committee is pleased with the work that has been done and appreciate the very detailed report.

4. Business Manager Report: Michelle Resendes

- Q3 Budget

Ms. Resendes reviewed the Quarter 3 Report she provided the Committee prior to this meeting. They reviewed all of the lines (100, 200, etc.) and reviewed the budget. Ms. Resendes also discussed entitlement grants and defined "Cost reimbursement" and what that means when collecting funds. (Spend first – collect funds second) There are a couple of lines that require attention, transferring funds from one line to another. The Committee will need to vote on the outlined transfer of funds.

Motion to approve the transfer of funds as outlined: Clinton Graham, Milton

Second: Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

Discussion: None

Vote: The motion to transfer funds as outlined was carried unanimously by members in attendance

- CTI Round 6 Grant Application

Ms. Resendes reviewed the Round 6 Grant Applications and described it as Healthy. She reviewed the handout that she previously sent the committee and fielded questions.

M. Unfinished Business:

MSBA is holding up the final pieces of needed paperwork/items that need to be done to close out the renovation project.

N. New Business Topics: None

O. Executive Session: No

P. Future Business:

The next DSC meeting is Tuesday, May3, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Q. Adjournment: (Vote Required) 9:25 PM

Motion to adjourn: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Tom Polito, Dedham

No Discussion

Motion to adjourn carries unanimously

Minutes Prepared by: Pamela Donnellan, Administrative Secretary to the Superintendent Director
And DSC Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved by DSC on May 3, 2022