



Blue Hills Regional District School Committee  
Fifty-Seventh District Committee

**District School Committee Meeting**  
**May 24, 2022**  
**Approved Meeting Minutes**

**Members in attendance:** Francis Fistori - Avon, Eric Erskine (Chair) – Braintree, Aidan Maguire (Secretary) – Canton, Thomas Polito – Dedham, Taryn Mohan – Holbrook, Kevin Connolly (Vice Chair) – Norwood, Yahaira Lopez - Randolph, Sheila Vazquez – Westwood, and Chuck Gisondi – DSC Treasurer

**Members Not in Attendance:** Clinton Graham – Milton

**Administration in Attendance:**

Jill Rossetti–Superintendent-Director, Geoff Zini– Principal, and Michelle Resendes, Business Manager

**A. Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for the school shooting victims in Texas.**

**B. Call to Order: Time: 7:07 PM**

**D. Public Comment: N/A**

**E. Student Representative Report: N/A**

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

Aidan Maguire will bring Warrant 19

Warrant # 19 for \$ 1,703,825.83

Voucher number(s) 1072 – 1079 (Vote Required)

**Motion to Approve** Warrant # 19: Aidan Maguire, Canton

**Second:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Warrant number 19 is carried unanimously by members in attendance

**G. Pro AV System; School Committee System Update (from April 12, 2022):** Matt Eisan, the IT Director, reported back to the committee this evening on the PRO AV System. He said that he did have input from a couple vendors but they did not meet the stated needs of the committee. After many discussions with Pro AV, a system was put together with all the details the DSC requested. The cost of this system went up and it now stands at \$44,000. This will be forwarded to the Finance and Administration Sub-Committee for review.

## H. Superintendent's Report: Jill Rossetti

### - COVID-19 Dashboard Update

The COVID Numbers are starting to trend down again. Blue Hills numbers are going down as well; however, we do have cases in school. The Superintendent will continue to monitor COVID numbers and will keep the DSC up to date.

### - Superintendent-Director Evaluation Begins Chair will schedule meeting with Sub-Committee after receiving paperwork from the DSC by June 1, 2022.

### - Decommission Various Vocational Items (Vote required)

After reviewing the pictures and equipment (various electronic components and units), Tom Polito, Dedham, made a **motion to decommission the stated equipment**

**Second:** Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

**Discussion:** none

**Vote:** Motion to decommission the stated equipment passed unanimously by those members in attendance.

## I. Minutes Approval: (Vote is Required)

May 3, 2022

**Motion to approve the DSC meeting Minutes for May 3, 2022** was made by Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Second:** Sheila Vazquez, Westwood

**Discussion:** none

**Vote:** Motion to approve the DSC minutes for May 3, 2022 was carried unanimously

## J. DSC Chair Report: Eric Erskine, Braintree

### - School Choice: Report Submitted on Thursday, May 12, 2022

### - School Committee: November Election

The following members will have to run for election in November if they would like to remain on the DSC: Fran Fistori – Avon, Eric Erskine – Braintree, Aidan Maguire – Canton, Tom Polito – Dedham, and Yahaira Lopez – Randolph. Election papers and instructions including timelines were distributed at meeting.

## K. Practical Nursing Program:

PN Student Handbook (Requires Approval)

The Superintendent reviewed all changes to the handbook and fielded questions. It was also noted that the LPN Graduation will be on June 22, at 6:00 PM.

**Motion to approve the Practical Nursing Handbook:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Second:** Tom Polito, Dedham

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Motion to approve the Practical Nursing Handbook was carried unanimously

## L. DSC Sub-Committee Reports:

### - Policy Sub-Committee: Aidan Maguire, Canton

DSC Meeting Policy update: scheduled meeting for June 7, 2022

- **Personnel & Negotiations Sub-Committee:** Tom Polito, Dedham – Chair will schedule meetings
- **Evaluation Sub-Committee:** Tom Polito, Dedham – Chair will schedule evaluation meeting. All evaluation forms from each member must be completed for each of the 3 positions by June 1<sup>st</sup>. (Superintendent-Director, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary)

## **M. Administration Reports:**

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

- Final Day of School is Thursday, June 23, 2022

The Principal reviewed important days in June including Graduation on June 7<sup>th</sup>, last day for Seniors and various activity dates.

- Summer School Plans

Summer School this year will run five weeks at three days per week (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday). Classes will be on-line with teachers in attendance for student help. This is the same program used last year. Cost is \$200. for the first class, \$100. for the second and \$50. for each additional class.

- Donation: (Vote Required)

The Principal explained that a Graphic Communication Customer donated \$100 to the program as a thank you and that the head of that department wanted to use it for a Pizza Party for the students.

**Motion to approve donation:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Second:** Tom Polito, Dedham

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Motion to approve the donation and use of the same carried unanimously by members in attendance.

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

- Utilities Update

The Business Manager began a discussion about the sharp increase in the cost of utilities, primarily the results of gas and oil. Blue hills has been part of Power Options for several years and the advice she receives is sound. The increase in cost to the school was up to .08 in December (from 0.3) to .13 or .14 to date. The question is do we lock in at this cost or do we wait until December and see where it is. A lengthy discussion took place covering pros and cons of locking in at a cost now or taking the chance cost will go down over the next six months.

**Motion to give the Business Manager permission to “lock in” the contract** at a cost that she feels based on Power Option advise, to be best for Blue Hills.: Tom Polito, Dedham

**Second:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Motion to allow Business Manager to lock in a cost for fuel from Power Options carried unanimously

- Budget Approval Update

Blue Hills has a completely approved budget

## **N. Unfinished Business: None**

**O. New Business Topics:**

The Business Manager and Facilities manager explained that the winning bid (\$238,000.) for the parking lot Seal Coating project was considerably higher than the estimated cost. This cost was due to increased cost of materials (petroleum). It is a safety issue so it must be done but the fix is complete and should last for several years.

**P. Executive Session: No**

**Q. Future Business:**

The next DSC meeting is Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

**R. Adjournment: (Vote Required) 8:10 PM**

**Motion to adjourn: Tom Polito, Dedham**

**Second:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Discussion:** None

**Motion** to adjourn carried unanimously by those members in attendance

Minutes Prepared By:

Pamela Donnellan, Administrative Secretary to the Superintendent-Director and  
DSC Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved by the DSC on June 14, 2022