



Blue Hills Regional District School Committee
Fifty-Seventh District Committee

District School Committee Meeting
May 3, 2022
Meeting Minutes
BHR, Room W-218
7:00 PM

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence: for Michael Varasso who has ties with Blue Hills Regional through his Father Al Varasso and sister Linda Varasso (both as BH teachers and school supporters). Yahaira Lopez, Randolph, asked that Kenrick Clifton, a Randolph Town Councilor, be remembered as well.

B. Call to Order: Time: 7:06 PM

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

Members Not in Attendance: Tom Polito – Dedham

Administration in Attendance:

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

C Public Comment: None

D. Student Representative Report: Noel Hill

Noel began his presentation describing Teacher Appreciation Week as terrific. He and his fellow students appreciate all the work that teaching entails and all of the extras they receive every day. This includes help, extracurricular clubs, sports and events. He went on to describe the Mock Trial at Dedham District Court as “Super Cool”. Everyone learned so much and it was fun. He was very excited that a friend of his (Ryan Smaller) received Vocational Student of the Year 2022. The student body is very supportive and feels he really deserved this award. He went on to talk about end of year activities and spoke about the Prom and it being sold out.

Lastly, he addressed the DSC directly. He thanked them for the opportunity to serve on the committee and that he felt blessed for the experience. Noel said he will be going to Bridgewater State next year and is looking forward to it.

His nugget for the evening: Sometimes when you're in a dark place thinking you've been buried, you've actually been planted.

E. Treasurer's Report and Warrant: Chuck Gisondi

Warrant # 18 for \$1,00,294.40

Voucher number(s) 1065 and 1070 (Vote Required)

Aidan Maguire, Canton, made the motion to approve Warrant number 18 for \$1,00,294.40

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve Warrant number 18 carried unanimously by member in attendance

F. Audit Report: Frank Serreti of Powers and Sullivan

The Blue Hills Audit went very well this year. All record keeping was clean. All money management systems for grants were used as stated and appropriately. All Account lines were errorless and balanced. It was an exceptionally clean audit with no deficiencies. The Budget and Controls are Sound and the ESSER accounts showed no deficiencies and the spending is clean.

Mr. Serreti very generally reviewed the four (4) booklets he presented to the DSC prior to this meeting and answered the questions that came up. He commended the financial team at Blue Hills for doing a great job this year and thanked the Finance Office and Superintendent-Director for the assistance he received from them during the Audit noting they were courteous and helpful. The three booklets (all Year Ended June 30, 2021) that were reviewed are as follows:

- 1) Management Letter
- 2) Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures over Compliance Applicable to Massachusetts School Districts' End-Of-Year Financial Report
- 3) Reports on Federal Award Programs
- 4) Report on Examination of Basic Financial Statements

G. Pro AV System; School Committee System Update (from April 12, 2022): Matt Eisan

This presentation will be placed on the next DSC agenda. The IT Director is waiting for proposals.

H. Approval of Construction Projects, Michelle Sylvia, Vocational Director (Approval required)

Michelle Sylvia forwarded a document outlining two building projects (two decks) for Construction Tech to the Curriculum and Advisory Sub-Committee for recommendation and to the DSC for a full vote. One deck proposal was small and is going to be done at the end of this school year and the second, a larger and more complex deck will be done in the fall. Aidan Maguire, Secretary and Chair of the Curriculum and Advisory Sub-Committee stated that the committee had met prior to the DSC meeting and recommends that both projects be approved.

Aidan Maguire, Canton, made the motion to approve both Building Projects for Construction Tech in the Vocational Department.

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: none

Vote: Motion to approve both building projects was carried unanimously by those in attendance.

Superintendent's Report: Jill Rossetti

- COVID-19 Dashboard Update

The COVID numbers continue to inch upward in the District towns. No changes will be made at this time for use of PPE. There have been no new state or federal mandates or requirements. The Superintendent will continue to monitor the numbers and keep the DSC updated.

- Superintendent-Director Evaluation Begins

- School Calendar 2022-2023 Approval (Vote Required)

Motion to approve the Annual School Calendar was made by Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve the Blue Hills Annual Calendar was carried unanimously by those members in attendance.

Professional Development Approval: (Vote Required)

2022 Council on Occupational Education (COE) Summer Conference in Kansas (MBJ)

Jill Rossetti described the Kansas Nursing Training and why it was necessary for two people to attend as it is required for schools with an upcoming initial or reaffirmation accreditation visit for the Practical Nurse program. The conference holds workshops on maintaining accreditation with COE, including reviewing requirements for the program, changes in regulations, and procedures. She outlined the cost of the training and let the Committee that this training was not available in MA.

Motion to approve the out of state training was made by Clinton Graham, Milton

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve the professional out of state training was carried unanimously

I. Minutes Approval: (Vote is Required)

April 12, 2022

Motion to approve the DSC April 12 Meeting minutes: Clinton Graham, Milton

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve the April 12 meeting minutes was carried 6/0/2 abstentions (Milton and Randolph)

J. DSC Chair Report: Eric Erskine, Braintree

School Choice (Vote Required)

After a brief discussion about School Choice and the fact that Blue Hills Regional is unable to seat all District students wanting to attend, The Chair recommended that Blue Hills opt out of School Choice. He stated that there are simply no seats available and any new empty seats will be offered to District Students on the waiting list.

Motion to opt out of School Choice: Made by: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Sheila Vazquez, Westwood

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to opt out of School Choice was carried unanimously.

- Treasurer and Recording Secretary Evaluation Review

Tom Polito is asking that all member evaluation for these two people be completed by June 1, 2022. A copy of the forms will be forwarded via email.

- Superintendent-Director Evaluation begins

Tom Polito is asking that all member evaluation for the Superintendent-Director be completed by June 1, 2022.

K. DSC Sub-Committee Reports:

- **Policy Sub-Committee:** DSC Meeting Policy update

Aidan Maguire stated that when the committee completes all of the policies that must be looked at, he will bring them to the DSC for readings and votes.

- **Personnel & Negotiations Sub-Committee:** Tom Polito, Dedham – Chair will schedule meetings when he returns from vacation

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- **Curriculum Sub-Committee:** Construction Technology Projects (Approval required)
See Letter H above

L. Administration Reports:

Principal's Report: Geoff Zini

Mr. Zini presented and reviewed an End-of-Year schedule. He pointed out that Blue Hills has a very busy end-of-year. He also noted that all faculty and staff have stepped up to make this year a great one for the students and that this year is the first year we are having activities without COVID regulations being in place. The students are very excited and are looking forward to all planned activities. The last day of school is June 23, 2022.

Business Manager Report: Michelle Resendes

CTI Grant

The CTI Grant is a grant to fund vocational programs for the underemployed or unemployed 18+ year old population in MA. It is a collaboration between the school and Mass Hire. Ms. Resendes and Dwight Seaman prepared and submitted the grant. They do not have the result of the proposal yet but wanted to start bringing the Committee into the fold. This will actually be a second vocational program run daily from late afternoon into the evening. It will be a part of Continuing Education and will not cost the school or District towns any money. It will also put Blue Hill's Continuing Education Program back on the map, having been shut down for several years due to the renovation project and COVID-19.

M. Unfinished Business:

Keven Connolly, Norwood, brought up the \$500.00 award that is given to the Student Rep at graduation providing the representative is a Senior. He said that Noel Hill has done a nice job and would like to make a **motion that he (Noel Hill) receive a \$500.00 award for his contribution to the Committee** this year.

Second: Aidan Maguire, Canton

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried 7/0/1 Abstention (Holbrook) to award Noel Hill \$500.00 as a Graduation award.

N. New Business Topics:

O. Executive Session:

The District School Committee may vote to go into executive session pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 30A, section 21 (a)(3) which permits a public body to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares.

P. Future Business:

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

Q. Adjournment: (Vote Required) 8:25 PM

Motion to Adjourn: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

Discussion: None

Motion to Adjourn is carried unanimously

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

Minutes Approved by DSC on May 24, 2022