



Blue Hills Regional District School Committee
Fifty-Seventh District Committee

District School Committee Meeting
September 21, 2021
BHR, Room W-218
7:00 PM

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Members in Attendance:

Francis Fistori – Avon, Eric Erskine (Chair) – Braintree, Aidan Maguire (Secretary) – Canton, Tom Polito – Dedham, Taryn Mohan – Holbrook, Kevin Connolly (Vice Chair) – Norwood, and Sheila Vazquez - Westwood

Members Not in Attendance:

Rachelle Jeanty – Randolph, and Cinton Graham - Milton

Administration in Attendance:

Jill Rossetti - Superintendent-Director, Michelle Resendes – Business Manager, Geoff Zini – Principal, Dave Galego – Facilities Director, Kimberly Poliseno – Cooperative Education Coordinator

C. Public Comment: None

D. Treasurer’s Report and Warrant: Chuck Gisondi

Warrant # 4 for FY22 in the amount of: \$ 139,574.66

Motion to Approve Warrant # 4: Aidan Maguire, Canton

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: None

Vote, Roll Call: Motion to approve Warrant # 4 passed unanimously by members in attendance

Warrant #25 for FY 2021 in the amount of: \$254.38

Motion to Approve Warrant # 25 for FY21: Aidan Maguire, Canton

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: None

Vote, Roll Call: Motion to approve Warrant # 25 for FY21 passed unanimously by those members in attendance

E. Superintendent's Report: Jill Rossetti

- **COVID Dashboard and Vaccination Clinic**

Ms. Rossetti reported that the newest numbers show that the COVID numbers for the District are going down and the trend for general COVID numbers are leveling off. The vaccine clinic was successful. They not only vaccinated those people with appointments, they offered and vaccinated many people in the LPN program who needed to be vaccine to participate in their clinical assignments. Ann Martin will be bringing a second Vaccine Clinic to Blue Hills on October 8th.

- **Donation Approval**

Ms. Rossetti asked the Committee to approve a donation from the Blue Hills Hall of Fame to cover half of the cost of a Golf Cart (Club Cart). The Club Cart will be used by the Sports Trainer and the need is a safety issue. The trainer is responsible for carrying equipment as well as an occasional student who is hurt. The old cart is broken and requires about \$600. for repairs should Auto repair find the needed parts. It is not looking good.

AND

Ms. Rossetti, Superintendent-Director, and Mr. Galego, Facility Director, introduced the topic of building a Batting Cage. They brought the building specs to the meeting. The estimated cost for this is \$25K – \$30K. This project is going out to bid. Mr. Maguire, Canton, asked why this wasn't going through the Building Sub-Committee. He was told that it would go to the Building Committee after bids were received and all pertinent information is gathered.

Motion for both accepting the donation from the Blue Hills Hall of Fame and to move forward obtaining bids to build a concrete pad for a batting cage: Tom Polito, Dedham.

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: None

Motion to both passed unanimously by members in attendance.

F. Minutes Approval: (Vote is Required)

September 7, 2021

Motion to Approve the September 7, 2021 DSC Minutes: Tom Polito, Dedham

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: None

Vote, Roll Call: Motion to approve 9/7/2021 Minutes passed unanimously by members in attendance

G. DSC Chair Report: Eric Erskine, Braintree

- DSC Sub-Committee Assignments: Assignments reviewed for the nine sub-committees

H. DSC Sub-Committee Reports:

- Finance Sub-Committee: (See Esser III report by Michelle Resendes, Business Manager)

I. Administration Reports:

Summer School Report: Kim Polisenno, COOP Education Coordinator

- Ms. Polisenno reported that the Blue Hills did offer a Summer School Session this past summer. The Edgenuity Program was used. The program ran for five weeks, three days a week. It served nine students, two of which were Special Education students. All nine students successfully completed their programs. There was a \$200. fee for the first class and an additional \$100. For each additional class and represents no increase in cost this year.

Mr. Maguire asked if the summer school program accepted students from other towns. Ms. Polisenno told him that students from other towns are able to attend but did not this year.

1. Principal's Report: Geoff Zini

- Calendar of Activities and Athletic Schedule

Mr. Zini reported DSC members should have received an annual sports calendar. Further, he stated that the Athletic Director forwards a weekly calendar on Mondays. Mr. Zini then reviewed a handout containing the dates and events that are scheduled for October and November. Blue Hills is trying to make all of these events easier for everyone in the school community to attend and fully participate. The students have been voicing their wanting to have dances again and to have more pre-pandemic activities brought back. The administration is looking at ways to make happen. More information and updates will be in the weekly newsletter that is sent out. (also forwarded to DSC)

- Out of state field trips (2)

The girls' soccer team has been invited to Providence College (RI) to watch a game and then tour the school. This is planned for October 10, 2021 and is a wonderful opportunity for the team.

Mr. Fischer is starting an outdoor club for students to explore and participate in outdoor activities such as hiking, etc. He would like to attend a training offered by the Appellation Club. The training is on September 30th and October 1st. He is asking to use this as time off as Professional Days.

After some discussion, Tom Polito, Dedham, moved to approve both out of state trips.

Motion to approve out of state field trips: Tom Polito, Dedham

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

No discussion

Vote, Roll Call: Motion to approve both out of state trips passed unanimously

2. Business Manager Report: Michelle Resendes:

- ESSER III Survey Findings

Ms. Resendes reviewed the Esser III stakeholders survey and the results. Her presentation was thorough and the information useful. Stakeholders were asked to complete the survey included students, families, school and district administration, teachers, staff, unions, civil rights organizations and those acting on behalf of foster children, and other special needs. The stakeholders were then divided into three groups; Blue Hills Direct Staff, Parents and Community members, and Students. It was interesting to note that all three groups wanted nearly the same things. The vast majority felt it most important to spend money on learning loss and afterschool programs.

The next stage is for the school leadership to meet and determine the best way to deliver wanted services and finally to prepare the grant proposal and submit by the October 4, 2021 deadline.

J. Unfinished Business:

- Pictures will be taken on October 5, 2021
- The committee agrees to meet before the next meeting to choose Sub-Committee Chairs.

K. New Business Topics: None

L. Executive Session: yes

M. Future Business:

The Blue Hills DSC will meet next on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 6:00 PM to choose the Chair for each Sub-Committee and 7:00 PM for the General Meeting.

N. Adjournment: (Vote Required) Time: 7:46 PM

Motion to Adjourn made by Eric Erskine, Braintree

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: none

Vote, Roll Call: Motion to adjourn approved unanimously by those members in attendance

Minutes Prepared by: Pamela Donnellan, Admin. Secretary for the Superintendent-Director

Approved by the DSC on October 5, 2021