



Blue Hills Regional District School Committee  
Fifty-Seventh District Committee

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

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

**B. Call to Order: 7:03 PM**

**Members in attendance:**

Eric Erskine (Chair) – Braintree, Aidan Maguire, Jr. (Secretary) – Canton, Thomas Polito - Dedham, Taryn Mohan – Holbrook, Kevin Connolly (Vice Chair) – Norwood, Sheila Vazquez – Westwood, and Chuck Gisondi – Treasurer

**Members not in attendance:**

Fran Fistori – Avon, Clinton Graham – Milton, and Rachelle Jeanty – Randolph

**Administrators in attendance:**

Jill Rossetti - Superintendent-Director, Geoff Zini – Principal, Michelle resends – Business Manager, and David Galego – Facilities Director

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

**D. Treasurer’s Report and Warrant: Chuck Gisondi, Treasurer**  
**Warrant # 3 for \$ 176,045.67**

**Motion to Approve Warrant # 3:** Aidan Maguire, Secretary - Canton

**Second:** Kevin Connolly, Vice Chair - Norwood

**Discussion:** N/A

**Motion to approve Warrant # 3** was carried unanimously (6/0) by members in attendance

**E. Superintendent’s Report: Jill Rossetti**

- COVID-19 Dashboard Update

The Superintendent reported that the number of COVID numbers continue to move upward and that Blue Hills currently has two (2) positive cases. Blue Hills will continue to monitor the numbers in the District towns and cases at Blue Hills. The school will continue to follow all safety regulations and protocols.

The town of Canton put a mask mandate in place through December. This mandate will override the one made by the Commissioner. Ms. Rossetti will continue to keep the DSC up to date as we move forward.

- **Final Teacher and Staff Hiring Report:**

Ms. Rossetti said that we are in great shape to start the year. We are ready to go and looking forward to a good year. She then turned the meeting over to the Principal, Geoff Zini to make introductions. New hires to date include Stephanie Albernaz (Instructional Technology Specialist, John Gunning (Mathematics), Carrie Sheppard (Cosmo Instructional Assistant), Katherine Leahy (Long Term Sub in Guidance) Amanda Tomasello (Vocational Instructional Assistant), Christine Connolly (Facilities Coordinator) and part time teachers and instructors for the Adult Basic Education and Continuing Education programs. We continue to seek a Special Education Teacher as well as a Computer Tech/Networking Instructor. John Gunning, Stephanie Albernaz, and Katherine Leahy were in attendance and were introduced to the School Committee who welcomed them to Blue Hills.

- **Professional Teacher Status**

Six teachers were given Learning Lamps for obtaining Professional Teacher Status having completed three consecutive years of teaching at Blue Hills Regional. They are: David Blakely, Stefanie McNeill, Colleen Zentz, Richard Mascarenhas, Kathleen Dowd, and Don Conaghan.

**F. Minutes Approval: (Vote is Required)**

August 24, 2021

Motion to approve the DSC draft minutes for August 24 was made by Tom Polito, Dedham

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

No questions or discussion

Motion to approve the DSC draft minutes for the August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting was carried unanimously.

**G. DSC Chair Report: Eric Erskine, Braintree**

- **DSC Sub-Committee Assignments**

Mr. Erskine completed the sub-committee assignments just prior to the meeting and gave the assignments to the recording secretary to update and send out to the members once this has been accomplished.

- The Chair reported that the track will be used for a photo shoot on Wednesday morning. A Boston Based Company, NoBull, is filming one of their athletes. They will be at school from 5:30 AM through 8 AM.

- Massasoit is sponsoring a Road Race on Saturday. They asked permission to have the participants run behind Blue Hills Regional to spread them out a bit before the runners reach the street. They forwarded an Insurance Rider to the school and have permission to run behind the school.

#### **H. DSC Sub-Committee Reports:**

There is no Negotiations update because the union representative canceled the night before the scheduled meetings and to date they have not been rescheduled.

#### **I. Administration Reports:**

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

- Opening Day:  
Mr. Zini reported to the Committee that the faculty started last Wednesday. The freshman and new students started Thursday. Everyone came into school today and overall, everything went smoothly. We had a 96% attendance rate and the students reported to school in face masks and ready to go. Social distancing was accomplished by scheduling four (4) lunch periods instead of three (3) and there is space outside under tents for lunch as well. The gym may be used if needed at any time. There was some concern expressed about the first lunch starting so early, particularly for students enrolled into the sports programs. They were reassured that the students are fine with it and that they are very good at adapting to their lunch schedules.
- New Teacher/Staff introduction  
(Moved to section E above)

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

- ESSER III Stakeholder Survey  
Ms. Resendes reported to the committee that a survey will be sent to the school community via Principal's weekly Newsletter, staff, advisory boards and the DSC seeking input on how to spend the ESSER III funds that will be most beneficial to the school community. Ms. Resendes will report the findings back to the Committee once all data has been gathered and compiled for use. The report on how these funds will be spent is due October 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **J. Unfinished Business:**

Did not take a group picture. Tabled until next meeting (9/21/2021)

#### **K. New Business Topics: N/A**

#### **L. Executive Session: N/A**

**M. Future Business:**

The next DSC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

**N. Adjournment:** (Vote Required) **7:25 PM**

**Motion to adjourn made by:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Second:** Tom Polito, Dedham

**No discussion**

**Motion to Adjourn** carried unanimously

**Minutes Prepared by:** Pamela Donnellan, Administrative Secretary of the Superintendent-Director

Minutes Approved on: September 21, 2021 by the Committee