



Blue Hills Regional District School Committee  
Fifty-Eighth District Committee

**District School Committee Meeting  
February 7, 2023  
Draft Meeting Minutes**

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

**B. Call to Order: Time: 7:02 AM**

**Members in Attendance:**

Francis Fistori – Avon, Eric Erskine (Chair) – Braintree, Tom Polito – Dedham, Taryn Mohan (Secretary) – Holbrook, Karen Graves – Randolph, Sheila Vazquez – Westwood, and Chuck Gisoni – DSC Treasurer

**Members not in attendance:** Mark Driscoll – Canton, Clinton Graham – Milton, and Kevin Connolly (Vice Chair) – Norwood,

**Administration in attendance:**

Jill Rossetti – Superintendent-Director, Michelle Resendes – Business Manager, Geoff Zini – Principal, Ed Catabia - Athletic Director, and David Galego – Facilities Director

**C. Public Comment:** None

**D. Treasurer's Report and Warrant:** Chuck Gisoni (Vote Required)

**Report:**

Retirement Appropriation for 2023: The Retirement Assessment is audited every two years. The current funding schedule goes through the year 2032. The FY23 normal cost includes assumed expenses of \$110,000 and is assumed to increase 4.5% per year. FY23 appropriation was maintained at the same level as the prior schedule.

Warrant #14 for \$ 813,031.85, Vouchers 1049-1051

Warrant # 15 for \$ 554,647.42, Vouchers 1052-1053

**Motion to approve Warrant Numbers 14 and 15:** Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

**Second:** Tom Polito, Dedham

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Warrant numbers 14 and 15 carried unanimously by those members in attendance.

**E. DSC Student Representative Report:** Christian Dedier: N/A not in attendance

**F. Winter Sports Update:** Ed Catabia, Athletic Director

Mr. Catabia thanked the Committee and administration for their ongoing support. He reported to the Committee that the Winter Sports were underway and the teams in general are all doing well. The Girls Basketball team has had an excellent season and have made it to the State Tournaments. The Boys Basketball team isn't far behind. They need to win two of the next games to make it to the State Tournament. The BH Hockey team is young but doing well overall. The BH Golf team made it into the finals as a team, which is impressive. Lastly, the girls swim team are Mass Vocational Champions this year. The student athletes worked very hard and their success demonstrates this effort.

Ms. Rossetti made a motion through the Chair at this time to speak. She let the Committee know that she received a letter from Matt Trahan, MSSADA President, stating that Ed Catabia will be awarded the District 8 Athletic Director of the Year Award. He is being recognized for his leadership, hard work, and dedication to the students he serves and represents. He is a model Athletic Director. Both the Administration and Committee congratulated him on this accomplishment and honor.

**G. Construction Projects for SY24:** Sheila Vazquez (Sub-Com Chair)

The recommendation from the Curriculum and Advisory Committee is to accept the Constructions Project as outlined for next year. The projects are located in Norwood (FROG) and Canton (first floor addition). After the recommendation was presented, a short Q and A session ensued.

**Motion to approve the project as outlined for the Construction Tech. Program for SY24:**

Sheila Vazquez, Westwood

**Second:** Tom Polito, Dedham

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Motion carries unanimously by those members in attendance.

**H. AV Presentation** for room W-218: Matt Eisan, IT Director (Vote Required)

This project went out to bid. Initially, there were several parties interested. After hearing the scope of the project and the funds allocated to this project, Oakers was the only company to submit bid on the project. The primary issue is the funds available for this project fall short of actual cost. The bid we did receive was at the limit presented.

After much discussion, the sub-committee will meet to discuss cost and come up with a more robust project budget. Once accomplished, the sub-committee will bring the Proposal Request it to the full committee for a vote and the bidding process will start over again.

**Motion** to table this project in order to re-visit options and cost: Fran Fistori, Avon

**Second:** Tom Polito, Dedham

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Motion Carries unanimously by those members in attendance.

## **I. Superintendent's Report: Jill Rossetti**

### **- COVID-19 Dashboard Update**

The COVID numbers are trending downward. The Federal Government is looking at lifting mandates. The Superintendent will keep the Committee updated.

### **- Field light project: Blue Hills is currently waiting for a Field Report before it can move forward.**

### **- Donation, Sully Mac: Electrical materials:**

The Superintendent asked the Committee to accept the donation from Sully Mac for the Electrical Vocational program.

**Motion to accept the Sully Mac donation:** Tom Polito, Dedham

**Second:** Sheila Vazquez, Westwood

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Motion to accept donation from Sully Mac carried unanimously by those members in attendance

### **- The Superintendent announced that Blue Hills' Athletic Director Ed Catabia, will be awarded the District 8 Athletic Director of the Year. She then shared a letter that Matt Trahan, MSSADA President sent her congratulating Mr. Catabia. The letter was shared with the Committee and the members congratulated Mr. Catabia (See "F" above).**

## **J. Minutes Approval: (Vote Required)**

### **- January 17, 2023**

**Motion to approve the January 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes:** Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

**Second:** Sheila Vazquez, Westwood

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Motion Carries 5 yes votes, 1 abstention (Dedham)

## **K. DSC Chair Report: Eric Erskine, Braintree**

### **- Superintendent's Contract: Signature Needed: Contract Signed**

### **- Policy: Full Committee Reading**

**FILE: BEDH:** Public Comment, 1<sup>st</sup> full reading. Add caveat granting the Chair to move the Public Comment section of the meeting to meet the needs of the committee, i.e. from first to last, etc.

**FILE: EBCFA:** Face Coverings, First Reading Complete

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

### **- Policy Sub-Committee (See K above)**

### **- Curricular Sub-Committee (See G above)**

## **M. Administration Reports:**

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

Mr. Zini introduced Blue Hills' first Entrepreneur Week. This is a new event that will showcase local entrepreneurs who will come in and speak to our students and provide some insight as to how our students may use their education in the real world.

He also introduced the Committee to a new school partner – Care Solis. This is an additional resource for our students and their families. It makes help easier to access and it can be done by the student/family member without going through the school

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

- Ms. Resendes reported that just prior to this meeting she received word that the Blue Hills E and D report was certified. She is sending out a table that will advise each member town about the percentage and dollar amount the individual towns can expect to be sent back to them from Blue Hills Regional. This update will also allow her to move ahead and finish preparing the BH budget book and meet with the Finance Committees from Districts towns.

**N. Unfinished Business:** None

**O. New Business Topics:** None

**P. Executive Session:** No

**Q. Future Business:**

The next DSC meeting is Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

**R. Adjournment: Time: 8:46 PM**

(Vote Required)

**Motion to Adjourn:** Fran Fistori, Avon

**Second:** Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Vote to Adjourn carries unanimously by those members in attendance.

Approved: DSC on March 7, 2023

Prepared By: Pamela Donnellan, Administrative Secretary to the Superintendent-Director and  
Recording Secretary for the DSC