



Blue Hills Regional District School Committee  
Fifty-Eighth District Committee

**District School Committee Meeting**  
**April 11, 2023**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**7:00 PM**

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Members in Attendance:**

Francis Fistori – Avon, Eric Erskine (Chair) – Braintree, Mark Driscoll -Canton, Tom Polito – Dedham, Taryn Mohan (Secretary) – Holbrook, Kevin Connolly (Vice Chair) – Norwood, Karen Graves – Randolph, Sheila Vazquez – Westwood, and Chuck Gisondi – DSC Treasurer

**Members not in attendance:** Clinton Graham – Milton

**Administration in attendance:**

Jill Rossetti – Superintendent-Director, Michelle Resendes – Business Manager, Geoff Zini – Principal, and Kim Polisenio – Cooperative Education Coordinator

**C. Public Comment:** None

**D. Aiden Maguire:** recognize 14 years of service to the Blue Hills District School Committee

Eric Erskine, Chair, welcomed Aidan Maguire to the meeting to thank him for 16 years of service to Blue Hills. He thanked him for his time, work and steadfast support over the years.

In recognition of this service, the Canton Select Board presented a certificate thanking him for service to the community. The school presented Mr. Maguire with a Captain's Chair.

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

**Report:**

Warrant #18 for \$ 1,236,114.48 Voucher Numbers: 1059-1061

Warrant #19 for \$ 1,165,827.07 Voucher Numbers: 1062-1067

**Motion to approve** Warrants number 18 and 19: Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

**Second:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Motion to approve Warrant Numbers 18 and 19 carries unanimously by those members in attendance.

## **E. DSC Student Representative Report: Christian Dedier**

Christian Dedier started his presentation informing the Committee that Spring sports were off to a great start and that he would have more information at the next meeting. He spoke about a couple of the fund-raising events that happened and how successful the Food Drive was this year. With enough food to fill a car and truck, the Canton Food Panty said it was by far the largest donation they have received.

He spoke about events that are both happening and/or scheduled. The theme for Prom this year is “Starry Night” and 250 tickets have been sold to date. He mentioned that Criminal Justice visited Gillette Stadium and were given a tour. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Acceptance Night being a huge success and fun.

## **F. Audit Report: Powers and Sullivan and Michelle Resendes, Business manager**

Frank Serreti from Powers and Sullivan, LLC reported on the BH Audit. He stated that the general result of the completed audit was that it was “clean” meaning all fiduciary methods and rules are being followed and that the check and balances in place are effective. He also stated that the Financial team was very easy to work with. They provided all materials requested and were very responsive to all questions and requests.

They presented the Committee with 3 informational packets outlining the Audit and findings. They are: The Management Letter, Report of Examination of Basic Financial Statements (Year Ended June 30, 2022), and Reports on Federal Award Programs. They reviewed each of the booklets and answered questions that were brought to their attention.

In conclusion, the Committee was told that there are no deficiencies and they found the books to be accurate and clean.

## **G. Cooperative Education Coordinator: Kim Poliseno**

### - One Year Follow Up

Ms. Poliseno provided a report to the Committee outlining how many of the graduates from 2021 and 2022 were working in or following the vocations that they studied at Blue Hills. She broke the results into two categories, Positive Placements Perkins and Positive Placement Chapter 74. Overall, positive placement was 95% for Perkins for 2022 and at 70% for Chapter 74 for the years 2021 and 2022.

## **H. Superintendent’s Report: Jill Rossetti**

### - COVID-19 Dashboard Update

Numbers continue to trend downward. There are a couple cases at the school. The Superintendent will continue to monitor the dashboard and report to the full Committee.

### - Decommission Washer and Dryer (approval requested)

**Motion to approve** Washer/Dryer Decommission: Tom Polito, Dedham

**Second:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Discussion:** None

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

- Laptop Donation (approval requested)  
**Motion to approve** laptop donation: Tom Polito, Dedham  
**Second:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood  
**Discussion:** None  
**Vote:** Motion carries unanimously by those members in attendance

- 2023-2024 School Calendar (approval requested)  
**Motion to approve** SY24 School Calendar: Tom Polito, Dedham  
**Second:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood  
**Discussion:** None  
**Vote:** Motion carries unanimously by those members in attendance.

- SRA Executive Summary Report  
The Superintendent will make a copy of the full report to the Committee so that they are able to read it in its entirety. These are the results to the equity audit that was performed by Mass Insight. Ms. Rossetti then proceeded to give the high lights of the report. Results for Blue Hills were very good. The group had four recommendations for Blue Hills to focus on and these recommendations will be addressed via our Strategy Plan and School Improvement Plan.

**I. Minutes Approval: (Vote Required)**

- March 7, 2023  
**Motion to approve** March 7, 2023 DSC Meeting Minutes: Kevin Connolly, Norwood  
**Second:** Taryn Mohan, Holbrook  
**Discussion:** None  
**Vote:** Motion to approve meeting minutes carried unanimously by those members in attendance.

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

- School Choice Vote  
After discussion, the District School Committee chooses to Opt-Out of School Choice for SY24.  
**Motion to Opt-Out** of School Choice: Eric Erskine, Braintree  
**Second:** Tom Polito, Dedham  
**Discussion:** None  
**Vote/Roll Call:** Motion carries by all members in attendance; 8 Yes Votes to Opt-Out

- Policy: Full Committee Reading: Meeting will be rescheduled

**K. DSC Sub-Committee Reports:**

- Policy Sub-Committee Has to be rescheduled  
- Evaluation Sub-Committee (Superintendent-Director Evaluation) Scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May

**L. Administration Reports:**

**1. Principal's Report:** Geoff Zini  
- Mr. Zini had a few announcements for the Committee  
Graduation is scheduled for June 6, the 7<sup>th</sup> is a rain date, with 207 Seniors graduating.  
Senior Awards Night is May 25<sup>th</sup>. The Committee is welcome

The outdoors Club changed the location of their overnight trip. It is in MA but at Harold Park in Andover instead of Ponkapoag Pond.

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

- District towns Finance Committee Meetings: Report (See “F” above – Audit)

**M. Unfinished Business:** None

**N. New Business Topics:** None

**O. Executive Session:** No

**P. Future Business:**

The next DSC meeting is Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

**Q. Adjournment: Time: 8:15 PM**

(Vote Required)

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

**Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood**

**Discussion: None**

**Vote:** Motion to adjourn carries unanimously by those in attendance

Approved on May 23, 2023

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