



Blue Hills Regional District School Committee
Fifty-Eighth District Committee

District School Committee Meeting
May 23, 2023
Meeting Minutes

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Call to Order: Time: 7:05 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, Geoff Zini – Principal, Tom Cavanaugh – Dean of Students, and David Galego – Facilities Director

C. Public Comment: None

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

Report:

Warrant #20 for \$ 249,954.67 Voucher Numbers: 1068

Warrant #21 for \$ 1,399,570.77 Voucher Numbers: 1069-1074

Warrant #22 for \$ 417,690.10 Voucher Numbers: 1075-1080

Motion to Approve Warrants number 20, 21, and 22: Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve Warrant number 20, 21, and 22 carries unanimously by those members in attendance.

E. DSC Student Representative Report: Christian Dedier

Christian Dedier was not in attendance but sent along his thanks for a wonderful opportunity and a 30-second short clip of the Senior Trip.

F. Parent Student Handbook: Tom Cavanaugh, Dean of Students (Approval Requested)
Mr. Cavanaugh reviewed the changes that were made to the handbook and explained why they were made. All comments were heard and questions answered.

Motion to approve the Parent Student Handbook: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Mark Driscoll, Canton

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carries unanimously by those members in attendance.

G. Grounds Update: David Galego

- Athletic Bleacher Project (decking)

The aluminum decking came in two weeks ago and the project will run through mid-July.

- Athletic Bleacher (painting and structure)

Painting the bleachers will be done in house the week after graduation.

- Walkway East Parking Lot to Pool Entrance

This project is underway and is a safety issue. It will make that area safer and provide walkways where there were none.

- Gym Divider

This is an accordion type divider and will take 3 days to install. The Pool is paying for half / revenue from rentals. This will be done in-house.

- Baseball Infield Maintenance

This hasn't been done in at least 10 years and is scheduled to happen after the last games of the season.

- Gym Cooling Coil: Proposal Update

All proposals are due June 1, 2023. Looking for a rooftop unit. Coolers are for kitchen and include a walk-in freezer.

H. Superintendent's Report: Jill Rossetti, Superintendent-Director

- COVID-19 Dashboard Update. Emergency is over and dashboard is closed down.

- BH Strategy Plan 23-26

Ms. Rossetti reviewed the package she had forwarded to the Committee. She explained that the Strategy plan is designed to help drive the school improvement plan forward. After reviewing the plan, its four objectives and answering Committee questions Mark Driscoll called for a motion to approve the BH Strategy Plan 23 – 26.

Motion to approve the BH Strategy Plan: Mark Driscoll, Canton

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve the Strategy Plan was carried unanimously by those members in attendance.

- Business Manager Recommendation to DSC for Appointment (Vote Requested)
Ms. Rossetti introduced Jill Brillhante to the committee as her recommendation for the open Business Manager position and asked that the Committee appoint her based on her recommendation. She reviewed Ms. Brillhante's many qualifications and turned the meeting to the committee. Several members asked her questions about her background and why she wanted to be at Blue Hills. She answered all questions and told the Committee a little about herself. Mr. Polito expressed his frustration about the hiring process and said that he would vote against the appointment on principle. He also mentioned that his "No" vote was not personal to the Candidate and that he felt she was qualified for the position.

Motion to Appoint Jill Brillhante as the new Business Manager: Mark Driscoll, Canton

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to appoint Jill Brillhante as the BH Business Manager effective July 1, 2023, Carries with Seven (7) Yes votes, One (1) No Vote, Dedham, and 1 Abstention – Milton (absent)

- Signature needed for MSBA paperwork: Done

- Decommissioning of Senior Chromebooks

The Senior Chromebooks are all five years old. They are at the end of the life cycle. Ms. Rossetti is asking that the Seniors be able to keep their Chromebooks for their own use. BH will close out all the licensed material and clear the hard drives. They have no monetary value.

Motion to allow the Seniors to keep their Chromebooks: Mark Driscoll, Canton

Second: Sheila Vazquez, Westwood

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to allow Seniors to keep their Chromebooks carries unanimously by those members in attendance

I. Minutes Approval: (Vote Required)

- April 11, 2023

Motion to approve April 2023 DSC Meeting Minutes: Mark Driscoll, Canton

Second: Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve April 2023 DSC meeting minutes carries unanimously by those members in attendance.

J. DSC Chair Report: Eric Erskine, Braintree

- Legal Services update
Schedule time for both Law Firms to Present at next meeting. Use 7:30PM and 7:50PM as time slots.
- LPN Graduation: 6/23/2023 at 4:00 PM. Who will attend? Mark Driscoll, Eric Erskine, and Kevin Connolly will attend.
- Review McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act letter prepared by Angelo Dimitriou. (No action required.) Letter read to Committee.

K. DSC Sub-Committee Reports:

- Evaluation Sub-Committee: Report

The Recording Secretary will forward blank copies of the evaluation forms to all members of the committee. Please have them back for the June DSC meeting.

- Finance and Administration Ad Hoc Sub-Committee: Legal Services Update
See letter “J” under the Chair report (Legal Service Update)

L. Administration Reports:

1. Principal’s Report: Geoff Zini

- Graduation Update

Mr. Zini asked the DSC Members who were planning to attend Graduation and walk with the Seniors to arrive at the school cafeteria by 5:30PM.

- Out-of-State trip approval

Mr. Zini asked the Committee to approve out-of-state travel for five SkillsUSA students to attend Nationals this year. After a brief discussion, a request for a motion was made.

Motion to approve out-of-state travel for 5 SkillsUSA students to attend Nationals: Mark Driscoll, Canton

Second: Karen Graves, Randolph

Discussion: None

Vote: Approval for out-of-state travel carries unanimously by those members in attendance.

M. Unfinished Business: None

N. New Business Topics:

Jonathan Pryor, School to Careers Coordinator, will be invited to the next meeting to present an update.

O. Executive Session: No

P. Future Business:

The next DSC meeting is Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

Q. Adjournment: Time: 8:10PM

(Vote Required)

Motion to Adjourn: Kevin Connolly

Second: Sheila Vazquez, Westwood

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to adjourn carries unanimously by those members in attendance.

Minutes updated on June 21, 2023 via DSC Vote on June 20, 2023.

Minutes Approved on June 20, 2023

Minutes submitted by Pamela Donnellan, Administrative Secretary to the Superintendent and DSC Recording Secretary.