



Blue Hills Regional District School Committee
Fifty-Eighth District Committee

**District School Committee Meeting
October 11, 2022
DSC Meeting Minutes**

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Call to Order: Time: 7:05

Members in Attendance:

Eric Erskine (Chair) – Braintree, Aidan Maguire (Secretary) – Canton, Tom Polito – Dedham, Kevin Connolly (Vice Chair) – Norwood, Sheila Vazquez – Westwood, and Chuck Gisoni – DSC Treasurer

Members not in attendance: Francis Fistori – Avon, Taryn Mohan – Holbrook, and Clinton Graham – Milton

Administration in attendance:

Jill Rossetti – Superintendent-Director, Michelle Resendes – Business Manager, Geoff Zini – Principal, Paul Bavuso - Academic Director, and David Galego – Facilities Director

C. Public Comment: None

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

Next Round of short-term borrowing: The short-term loans designed to be used for the duration of time between the completion and close of the renovation project and reimbursement from MSBA is being sought now for the seventh time. The delay on MSBA’s part is now costing the district approximately \$170K annually. The rate has risen greatly, and the loan will be at 5.6%.

Rolling over the outstanding BAN (Bond Anticipation Note) (Vote Required)

The Treasurer is asking the Committee to approve rolling over the outstanding BAN.

Motion: Aidan Maguire, Canton, made the motion to roll over the BAN as described.

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: None

Vote: The Motion to approve rolling over the BAN carried unanimously by those members in attendance.

Warrant # 5 for \$700,489.61
Voucher number(s) 10150-01016
(Vote Required)

Motion to Approve Warrant Number 5: Aidan Maguire, Canton

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve Warrant number 5 carried unanimously by those members in attendance.

Warrant # 6 for \$1,319,796.55
Voucher number(s) 1017-1022
(Vote Required)

Motion to approve Warrant # 6: Aidan Maguire, Canton

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve Warrant # 6 carried unanimously by those members in attendance.

E. Spain Trip: Ms. Peach (Vote/Approval Required)

Ms. Peach and Ms. Lovell (both BH Teachers) met with the Curriculum and Advisory Sub-Committee prior to this meeting. They reviewed the details of a planned trip to Spain for the Spring of 2024. The details included travel arrangements, cost, and itinerary. It also outlined fundraising and safety precautions put in place to safeguard our students and faculty. The Sub-Committee recommends that the Committee approve the trip.

Motion to approve the 2024 Spain trip: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Sheila Vazquez, Westwood

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve the Spain 2024 Senior Trip to Spain carried unanimously by those members in attendance

F. Academic Director: Paul Bavuso

Summer Reading Results

Mr. Bavuso provided a Slide presentation outlining the summer reading program, its objectives and measurable outcomes from this past summer (Year 2 of this model). For the Summer of 22, 722 students read a total of 992.5 books. This is a 26% increase over Summer 21 and 40% more books read over Summer of 21. Students were allowed to choose the books they read and the medium (hardcover, e-book, audible, etc.). Interestingly, 56 % of students chose to read hardcovers.

MCAS and Accountability Presentation

Mr. Bavuso outlined the state results of MCAS testing for SY21. He reviewed the data the State released and explained the results and where Blue Hills students fell into each section. Having done this and answering questions, he then went on to let the Committee know what is in place to help our students continue to grow academically. He described the MCAS Acceleration program that is in place; and its design to be accessible to all students with before and after school availability.

G. Superintendent's Report: Jill Rossetti

COVID-19 Dashboard Update

COVID numbers continue to subtly fluctuate. The symptoms are mild in comparison to earlier variances. The Superintendent will continue to monitor the dashboard and keep the Committee up to date with any forthcoming information.

Superintendent-Director Goals

1. The Superintendent reviewed her goals via a Slides presentation and handouts. She has four
2. goals outlined; complete with description, ability to measure progress and projected outcomes.
3. She described the scheduled Equity Audit and how data collected throughout the Audit will be
4. used. Her District Goal used the development of the next 3-year Strategic Plan that will support
5. the plan that has been in place with positive outcomes that benefited our Students and supported
6. staff. The last goal will be to develop a Blue Hills Portrait of a Graduate. A planned first step is to
7. have the Steering Committee (TBA) be trained this year in person once offered at NEASC.

After much discussion and questions answered, Kevin Connolly (Norwood) made the motion to approve the Superintendent's goals.

Motion to Approve the Superintendent's Goals: Kevin Connolly – Norwood

Second: Sheila Vazquez – Westwood

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve the Superintendent 's goals carried unanimously

Steel Donation

The Vocational Department received an offer of steel that the Metal Fab Shop would like to have and has use for. A picture and email was sent to the Committee prior to this meeting.

Motion to accept the Steel donation was made by: Tom Polito, Dedham

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to accept the Steel Donation carried unanimously by those members in attendance.

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H. Minutes Approval: (Vote Required)

September 13, 2022

Motion to approve the DSC September 13, 2022, minutes: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Aidan Maguire, Canton

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve the DSC Minutes for September 13, 2022, carried unanimously by those members in attendance

I. DSC Chair Report: Eric Erskine, Braintree

The Chair made a few announcements meant for the members of the Committee and the selected Committee Delegate attending the MASS/MASC Joint Conference 22 concerning reservations, registrations and meals. He also presented the Committee Meeting Manual and explained its use to the Committee and stated it would be available if needed for reference.

J. DSC Sub-Committee Reports:

Extracurricular Sub-Committee: See “E” above

Policy Sub-Committee Meeting

The Policy Sub-Committee met prior to the meeting and agreed upon a more streamlined process for their reviewing policies in their sub-com meetings.

K. Administration Reports:

Principal’s Report: Geoff Zini

Homecoming: The Homecoming game is scheduled for Friday the 14th at 5:30 PM and the dance will start at 7:00 PM.

Parent Teacher Conferences (October 20 and 26)

The conferences will be in person and on-line. There are both afternoon and evening hours available.

Open House: Scheduled for November 2 at 5:30 PM

Showcase: Scheduled for November 22, 2022

Out-of-State Professional Development: Mr. Zini would like to send one of the math teachers to attend a training/conference in Vermont on October 20 through the 22nd. He is asking that the Committee approve the out-of-state training.

Motion to approve out of state training: Tom Polito, Dedham

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve out-of-state training carried unanimously by those members in attendance

2. Business Manager Report: Michelle Resendes

Mini Bus Bid will go out sometime around November:

Revolving Accounts Approval

Michelle reviewed handouts for this meeting both describing the line items, their accounting status and the reason for requesting moving funds between lines. After several clarifying questions and answers, Tom Polito (Dedham) made a motion to approve the Revolving Accounts.

Motion to approve moves in Revolving Accounts: Tom Polito, Dedham

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve revolving accounts, carried unanimously by those members in attendance

The Yellow School Bus Bid will go out at the end of October. (This will be a 3-year contract) Should an action be needed prior to the next meeting to secure the best contract for the school, the Committee discussed and then made a motion to authorize Michelle Resendes (Business Manager) to lock into a contract. (Based on collaborative recommendations that have benefited Blue Hills for many contract cycles)

Motion to Authorize the Business Manager to act on behalf of the school for any time sensitive items concerning the transportation contract: Tom Polito, Dedham

Second: Aidan Maguire, Canton

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by those members in attendance.

L. Unfinished Business: N/A

M. New Business Topics: Aidan Maguire (Canton) asked about a music program being offered again at Blue Hills. After a short discussion, the Superintendent agreed to look into the interest level for a music program at Blue Hills.

N. Executive Session: N/A

O. Future Business:

The next DSC meeting is Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

P. Adjournment: Time: 8:35 PM (Vote Required)

Motion to Adjourn: Tom Polito, Dedham

Second: Aidan Maguire, Canton

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to Adjourn carried unanimously by those members in attendance.

Minutes Prepared by: Pamela Donnellan, Administrative Secretary to the Superintendent
and the DSC Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved: DSC on November 15, 2022