



Blue Hills Regional District School Committee  
Fifty-Eighth District Committee

**District School Committee Meeting  
December 13, 2022  
Approved Meeting Minutes**

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

**B. Call to Order: Time: 7:06 PM**

**Members in Attendance:**

Francis Fistori – Avon, Eric Erskine (Chair) – Braintree, Mark Driscoll – Canton, Thomas Polito – Dedham, Taryn Mohan (Secretary) – Holbrook, Clinton Graham – Milton, Kevin Connolly (Vice Chair) – Norwood, Sheila Vazquez – Westwood, and Chuck Gisondi – DSC Treasurer

**Administration in attendance:**

Jill Rossetti – Superintendent-Director, Geoff Zini – Principal, Marybeth Joyce – Admissions Director, Ed Catabia – Athletic Director and Davis Galego – Facilities Director

The Chair introduced the two new members of the committee and gave each an opportunity to say a little about themselves and how they came to run for their respective seats.

**C. Public Comment: None**

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

**PERAC:** Memo presented outlining permanent increase from 3 to 5% COLA, 5%

Recommendation to increase non-instructor retirement to 5% to match other contracts.

**Motion to approve COLA increase:** Clinton Graham, Milton

**Second:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Motion carries unanimously

Warrant #10 for \$1,321,872.61 Voucher Numbers: 1032-1035

**Motion to Approve Warrant Number 10:** Fran Fistori, Avon

**Second:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Motion to approve Warrant Number10 carries unanimously

Warrant #11 for \$1,466,138.21 Voucher Numbers: 1036-1040

**Motion to approve Warrant Number 11:** Tom Polito, Dedham

**Second:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Motion to carry Warrant Number 11 carries unanimously

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

The Student Representative provided a Google slides presentation to the Committee. He spoke about the ongoing Equity Audit, specifically the Mass Insight Survey and about how it helped shape his thoughts on his skills. He also gave a brief sports update and discussed Skills USA, Spirit Week and the Showcase. He stated that the school community looks forward to and enjoy these opportunities.

**F. Fall Athletics Presentation:** Ed Catabia, Athletic Director

The Athletic Director thanked the Administration, Grounds and Maintenance, Coaches and Staff for making the fall sports and now winter sports safe and possible for BH students. The grounds were always ready and nice, schedules were able to be adapted because of ongoing administration support. The coaches and staff work hard to ensure that our students are able to play safely with minimal disruption. He then reviewed the team statistics and emphasized how hard the students try and he is proud of their successes.

**G. Superintendent's Report:** Jill Rossetti

- COVID-19 Dashboard Update

COVID number are rising but so are those of Flu and RSV. The Superintendent will continue to monitor numbers

- PN Program Administrator's Workshop Out of State Travel (approval requested)

There is a necessary PN workshop that will be held in Atlanta GA in April 2023. We are requesting approval so that participants may register during the early bird time period for a discount. (must be done by the end of December and the funds are currently in the budget)

**Motion to approve out-of-state travel:** Fran Fistori, Avon

**Second:** Clinton Graham, Milton

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Motion to approve out-of-state travel is carried unanimously

- PN Student Handbook updates (approval requested)

Changes and updates to the PN Student Handbook including the test form were reviewed and the Superintendent requested approval.

**Motion to approve changes to the PN Student Handbook:** Tom Polito, Dedham

**Second:** Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Motion to approve changes to the PN Handbook Carries unanimously

- Miscellaneous

Model School Conference 2023: The Conference will be held on June 25 – 29, 2023 in Orlando Florida. The Superintendent gave a brief description of the convention and asked the Committee to approve the out-of-state travel.

**Motion to approve the out-of-state travel:** Fran Fistori, Avon

**Second:** Clinton Graham, Milton

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Approval for out-of-state travel carries unanimously

Lighting Project: The Superintendent updated the Committee on the Lighting Project for the BH Athletic Field. Phase 1 of the project has commenced with a cost between \$41,000 and \$51,000 that will not come from the BH budget. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the school and community.

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

- November 15, 2022

**Motion to Approve the November 15, 2022 minutes:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Second:** Tom Polito, Dedham

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Motion to approve 12/13, 2022 Minutes carries with 7 Yes votes, 2 abstain (Canton and Randolph)

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

- DSC Sub-Committee Assignments and Chairs for each: update

The Chair requested that members fill out the forms in the meeting packages with those sub-committees they would like to participate in over the next year and submit to the DSC Recording Secretary. He will report back to the committee of selections in the January meeting.

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

- Policy Sub-Committee: Changes will be outlined for the January Meeting

- Curriculum and Advisory Sub-Committee

The sub-committee met prior to this meeting to discuss the Special Services Director position being removed (released) from Union. The recommendation from the sub-committee is to ask that the request be approved so that it is in line with the other management Union/Non-Union positions at Blue Hills.

**Motion to Release from Union:** Tom Polito, Dedham

**Second:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Motion to release position from Union carries unanimously

- Finance and Administration Sub-Committee: a meeting will be scheduled for next week via ZOOM

**K. Administration Reports:**

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

- School Improvement Plan Progress Report

The Principal reviewed the school Improvement plan using a report he submitted to the committee prior to this meeting. He explained the plan is based on the approved School

Strategy plan and how it is a continuation and next steps to what Blue Hills has been doing over the past three years.

- Out of State Field Trip for the Girls Basketball Team, Approval Needed

**Motion to approve out-of-state travel for the girls Basketball team to attend a game in Providence RI on January 8, 2023:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Second:** Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Motion for Out-of-state travel for the girls basketball team carries unanimously

## **2. Business Manager Report:** Michelle Resendes N/A

### **L. Unfinished Business:**

### **M. New Business Topics:**

### **N. Executive Session:**

The District School Committee may vote to go into executive session pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 30A, section 21 (a)(3) which permits a public body to go into executive session to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, and not reconvene in open session.

### **O. Future Business:**

The next DSC meeting is Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

### **P. Adjournment: Time: 8:05 PM**

(Vote Required)

**Motion to Adjourn:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood\

**Second:** Tom Polito, Dedham

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Motion to adjourn carries unanimously

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

Minutes Approved by the DSC: January 17, 2023