



Blue Hills Regional District School Committee
Fifty-Eighth District Committee

**District School Committee Meeting
September 13, 2022
Draft Meeting Minutes
BHR, Room W-218
7:00 PM**

A. Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of Silence for 9/11 Anniversary

B. Call to Order: Time: 7:00 PM

Members in attendance:

Fran Fistori – Avon, Aidan Maguire (Secretary) – Canton, Tom Polito – Dedham, Taryn Mohan – Holbrook, Kevin Connolly (Vice Chair) – Norwood, Sheila Vazquez – Westwood, and Chuck Gisondi – DSC Treasurer

Members not in attendance: Eric Erskine (Chair) Braintree, and Clinton Graham – Milton

Administration in attendance:

Jill Rossetti – Superintendent-Director, Geoff Zini – Principal, Kim Poliseno – Cooperative Education Coordinator

C. Public Comment: None

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

Overview of the BHR Retirement System

Mr. Gisondi presented an annual review of Blue Hills’ Retirement System including Investment Returns, History, and Asset Allocation.

After Mr. Gisondi completed his presentation of the 2021 Annual PERAC report of the Blue Hills Retirement System, he requested that DSC consider and vote on a stipend increase for the Blue Hills Retirement System, Retirement Board Members. The requested increase of \$100 per month (\$1,200 per fiscal year) for each member, increasing their annual stipend to \$4,200. The \$4,200 annual stipend to be effective beginning with the current fiscal year (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023).

There were a few clarifying questions and once the DSC was satisfied with the answers and information presented, a motion was made to approve the stipend increase.

Motion to approve a \$1,200 annual stipend increase for the board members of the Blue Hills Retirement System: Thomas Polito, Dedham

Second: Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to increase the annual stipend for the Blue Hills Retirement System Board Members carries unanimously by those members in attendance.

Warrant # 23 for \$1,704,651.65

Voucher Number 1090 FY22

Motion to approve Warrant Number 23 for \$1,704,651.65 was made by Aidan Maguire, Canton

Second: Tom Polito, Dedham

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve warrant number 23 was carried unanimously by those members in attendance.

Warrant # 4 for \$ 823,786.89

Voucher number(s) 1011-1014

Motion to approve Warrant # 4: Aidan Maguire, Canton

Second: Tom Polito, Dedham

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve Warrant # 4 carried unanimously by members in attendance.

E. Professional Teaching Status Award

Daniel Frank was recognized as having earned Professional Teaching Status. This achievement was announced on opening day for teachers and staff, September 6, 2022

F. Summer School Report: Cooperative Education Coordinator

Ms. Poliseno reviewed the Summer School Statistics for this past Summer. The program ran from July 5, 2022 through August 4, 2022. Students all participated in an online program with a teacher on hand daily for assistance as needed. The program ran three days a week from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. There were 18 student participants, 8 of which were Special Ed. Every student was successful.

G. Superintendent's Report: Jill Rossetti

- COVID-19 Dashboard Update and Updated Fall 2022 Guidance

COVID numbers continue to trend downward, however there are cases in the school. The symptoms are milder and there are no new regulations or changes to existing rules. The Superintendent will continue to keep the DSC up to date with COVID information.

- Admissions Policy, Second Reading

Aidan Maguire (Policy Sub-Committee Chair) reported to the DSC that the sub-committee met, read through the policy (Second Reading) and is now bring the Admissions Policy to the full DSC for approval.

Motion to approve the Admissions Policy: Aidan Maguire, Canton

Second: Sheila Vazquez, Westwood

Discussion: No additional

Vote: Motion to approve the Admissions Policy carries unanimously by those members in attendance.

- Practical Nursing Amendment (Approval Requested)

Approval request will be made in the October DSC Meeting

- Construction Technology 2022-23 Jobs (Approval Requested)

Aidan Maguire (chair of the Curriculum and Advisory Sub-Committee) reported that the subcommittee had met to discuss two construction projects for DSC approval. One was an “L” shaped Deck in Braintree and the second was to finish a project from last year. He described both and recommended that both projects be approved.

Motion to approve the two construction projects as requested: Aidan Maguire, Canton

Second: Sheila Vazquez, Westwood

Discussion: None

Vote: Approval for the two construction projects carry unanimously by those members in attendance.

- Miscellaneous/ Staffing

Both a second shift maintenance person has been hired and a part time Athletic Trainer to be at athletic games with EMT experience and at half the cost of EMT's on site for games.

H. Minutes Approval: (Vote Required)

- August 30, July, 19, 2022

Motion to approve DSC minutes for August 30, 2022: Tom Polito, Dedham

Second: Kevin Connolly, Needham

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve the DSC minutes for August 30, 2022 carries unanimously

I. DSC Chair Report: Kevin Connolly, (Vice Chair)

- Fair Share Amendment: discussion and vote to support the Fair Share Amendment

A short discussion took place about whether or not to support the amendment took place.

Motion to support the Fair Share Amendment was made by Sheila Vazquez, Westwood

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to support the Fair Share Amendment carried unanimously by those members in attendance.

J. DSC Sub-Committee Reports:

- Finance Committee Update (Pro AV)

Members of the Finance Committee came back from their sub-committee meeting with the recommendation that the DSC vote to approve the full Pro AV project rather than half and build upon it later because of the expense.

Motion to approve the Pro AV project in its entirety: Tom Polito, Dedham

Second: Aidan Maguire, Canton

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve the Pro AV project in its entirety carries unanimously by those members in attendance.

- DSC Meeting Policy Update: Admissions Policy, Second Reading (**See “F” above**)
- Curriculum Sub-Committee Update: Construction Project (**See “F” above**)

K. Administration Reports:

1. Principal’s Report: Geoff Zini

- School Opening

The Principal reports a great opening week complete with a strong attendance, no discipline problems and a general happy feeling to be “back to normal”.

- Constitution Day (September 17, 2022)

This is a state mandated day that is part of the US History curriculum. The day and events via podcasts, etc. were informative and interesting.

2. Business Manager Report: Michelle Resendes

- Report: N/A (out)

L. Unfinished Business: None

M. New Business Topics: N/A

N. Executive Session: N/A

O. Future Business:

The next DSC meeting is Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

P. Adjournment: Time: 7:40 PM

Motion to adjourn: Tom Polito, Dedham

Second: Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

Discussion: none

Vote: Motion to adjourn carries unanimously

Minutes Prepared by: Pamela Donnellan, Admin Secretary to the Superintendent-Director and
DSC Recording Secretary

Minutes approved by DSC on October 11, 2022