



Blue Hills Regional District School Committee
Fifty-Ninth District Committee

**District School Committee Meeting
January 16, 2024
Approved Meeting Minutes**

The DSC Chair, Kevin Connolly, announced that due to an ongoing ice storm, the meeting will be abbreviated, and unheard items will be tabled to February's DSC Meeting.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Members in Attendance: Eric Erskine – Braintree, Mark Driscoll (Vice Chair) – Canton, Taryn Mohan (Secretary) – Holbrook, Kevin Connolly (Chair) – Norwood, Karen Graves – Randolph, Sheila Vazquez – Westwood, and Chuck Gisondi – DSC Treasurer

Members not in Attendance: Clinton Graham – Milton and Tom Polito - Dedham

Administration in Attendance: Jill Rossetti – Superintendent-Director, Jill Brillhante – Business Manager, and Geoff Zini – Principal

C. Public Comment: None

D. Student Representative Report: Arianis Gonzalez
No Report

E. Treasurer's Report and Warrant: Chuck Gisondi

Vote Required for the following Warrants:

Warrant # 12 for \$ 1,730,309.25 Voucher numbers 1041–1043

Warrant # 13 for \$ 685,930.25 Voucher numbers 1044–1047

Motion to approve Warrants numbered 12 and 13: Eric Erskine, Braintree

Second: Mark Driscoll, Canton

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve warrants numbered 12 and 13 carries unanimously by those members in attendance.

F. Minutes Approval: (Vote is Required)
December 19, 2023

Motion to approve the DSC 12/19/2023 DSC Meeting Minutes: Mark Driscoll, Canton

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve the 12/19/23 DSC Meeting Minutes carries unanimously by those members in attendance.

G. General Advisory Committee/Vocational Director Report with Committee Chair

Michelle Sylvia, Vocational Director

Tabled until the next DSC meeting (2/27/2024)

H. Attendance and Discipline Report: Mark Aubrey, Assistant Principal

Tabled until the next DSC meeting (2/27/2024)

I. Special Education Report, Angelo Dimitriou

Mid-Year Report:

Tabled until the next DSC meeting (2/27/2024)

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

- Vocational Lottery Update:

The Superintendent reported that she had signed a letter against the Vocational Lottery Initiative stating that a Lottery would not solve the issues brought to the forefront of this movement. She also stated that she had spoken to a reporter from the globe but has not seen the article.

- Practical Nursing Program:

The Superintendent informed the Committee that this would be the last year the LPN program would be running at Blue Hills. The graduating class of June 2024 would be the last. It would appear that the program never got back to pre-COVID and is a liability to the District. The two Massachusetts' programs that solidified this outcome is the free Community College for those 26 and older as well as free Nursing School in general. This is the majority of the people served in the LPN program. BH must note this decision to the governing agencies and licensing groups to avoid costs going into next year.

The school committee expressed that the Superintendent explained the decision succinctly and supports this course of action.

- Facilities Director:

The Facilities Director has resigned his position effective February 2, 2024. He is leaving on very good terms. Mr. Galego has agreed to work 8 hours a week through the transition should it be needed. In addition, Ken Wertz, from K12 Pro (a facilities specialist coordinator), has also agreed to work 8 hours a week through the same. In the meantime, the position has been advertised, A group of staff representative of all the groups the Facility Director will have to engage with regularly, has been selected to be part of the interview process. Resumes are being reviewed and interviewing will start as soon as possible.

K. DSC Chair Report: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

No Report

L. DSC Sub-Committee Reports:

- **Personnel and Negotiations Sub-Committee:** Eric Erskine, Braintree
Tabled until the next DSC meeting (2/27/2024)

- **Curriculum:** Advisory Dinner and Meeting; Michelle Sylvia
Tabled until the next DSC meeting (2/27/2024)

M. Administration Reports:

1. **Principal's Report:** Geoff Zini
 - Parent/Student Handbook Updates
Tabled until the next DSC meeting (2/27/2024)

2. **Business Manager Report:** Jill Brilhante

- Budget Meeting with District Towns

Ms. Brilhante reported to the Committee that she has begun reaching out to district towns to ask about their budget meeting calendars. Most town have not finalized their own but will be in touch once schedules are established. She will keep the Committee updated.

The Business Manager said she will bring the BH Budget Report to the February meeting, including transfers for the second quarter.

In conclusion, Ms. Brilhante wanted to report to the Committee, that in her work on the budget, she found that a mistake where she identified a \$241 K shortfall. In response to this, she is implementing a budget spending freeze effective the first of February 2024. She invited members to be in touch with her if they had questions, knowing this information to be a surprise.

N. Unfinished Business: None

O. New Business Topics: Group Picture will be taken at the February DSC Meeting

P. Executive Session: None

Q. Future Business:

The next DSC meeting is Tuesday, February 27, 2024

R. Adjournment: (Vote Required) **7:28 PM**

Motion to Adjourn: Eric Erskine, Braintree

Second: Karen Graves, Randolph

Discussion: None

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

Minutes Approved: February 27, 2024

Minutes Prepared by: Pamela Donnellan, DSC Recording Secretary