



Blue Hills Regional District School Committee
Fifty-Ninth District Committee

**District School Committee Meeting
March 19, 2024
Approved DSC Meeting Minutes**

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Call to Order: Time: 7:01 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 Brilhante – Business Manager, Geoff Zini – Principal, Kim Poliseno – Cooperative Education Coordinator, and Michelle Sylvia – Vocational Director

C. Public Comment: None

SPECIAL OPEN HEARING: Budget Mtg. / Audit Report (Power and Sullivan)
A copy of the three publications from Power and Sullivan were distributed to the DSC.

The Representatives (Frank Serreti and Elizabeth Powers) from Powers and Sullivan, LLC presented the results of this year's audit. Mr. Serreti started by stating that the people he worked with at Blue Hills were very helpful, polite and accommodating. They answered questions, pulled all materials requested and their efforts were appreciated. The Audit is broken into three pieces. The Management Letter, Report on Examination of Basic Financial Statements, and Reports on Federal Award Programs.

The audit went very well. They found that deadlines were met, accounts were accurate and that the controls in place are sound. He further stated that accounts and cash are reconciled monthly and are all accurate and complete. This was rated "Best, Optimum " which is the highest rating they assign. When looking at what might benefit the financial system, they recommended that BH look into an OPEN program. At this point, the DSC Treasurer stated that Blue Hills is in the process of looking at OPEB programs at this time.

Proposed 2024-2025 Operating Budget and Assessment:

The Business Manager gave a brief update on the financial meeting scheduled to date for the district towns. She said that she would keep the committee up to date because not all district towns have scheduled their meetings.

The Business Manager then let the committee know they had copies of the printed Proposed 24-25 Operating Budget and Assessment. She asked if anyone had questions. The material is not new and there was no real discussion. She asked that it be reviewed and if anyone had questions, she would be happy to answer them. As always, they can email or call.

D. Treasurer's Report and Warrant: Chuck Gisondi

Vote Required for the following Warrants:

Warrant # 17 for \$1,624,721.04 Voucher numbers 1062-1066

Warrant # 18 for \$ 721,253.67 Voucher numbers 1067-1070

Warrant #19 for \$ 3,137.00 Voucher number 1071

Motion to approve Warrants 17, 18, and 19 as listed above: Eric Erskine, Braintree

Second: Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve Warrants 17, 18, and 19 carries unanimously by those members in attendance

E. Call to Order: General Meeting 7:20 PM

Motion to call to order: Eric Erskine: Braintree

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: None

Vote: Roll Call, Motion to Open General meeting carries unanimously by those members in attendance

Yes - 7

No – 0

Vote: 7-0-0, so moved

F. Minutes Approval: (Vote is Required)

February 27, 2024

Motion to approve draft DSC meeting minutes for February 27, 2024: Eric Erskine, Braintree

Second: Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve DSC February 27, 2024, minutes carries unanimously by those members in attendance

G. Graduate Follow-Up Survey: Kim Polisenio

Ms. Polisenio distributed copies of the chart that was sent to the committee prior to this meeting. Today, she was updating the committee on the Positive Placement results of graduates of each vocational program that graduated in June 2023. This was broken into two categories based on results using the Perkins Grant measurement requirements and those of the Chapter 74 measurement requirements. Blue Hills had a score of 95%. This is basically a mathematical determination, taking the number of respondents (175 out of 206 in this case) and using their responses to determine positive placement.

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

- Superintendent-Director Evaluation Update

The Superintendent reviewed her goals with the committee. She reminded them that her goals are tied into the Pillars of Success and the Strategic Objectives and Initiatives for the years 2023-2026. She went on to explain how her goals are measured by stated DESE Indicators including Instructional Leadership, Management and Operation, Community Engagement and Professional Culture. She concluded by letting the Committee know where she stood and that she is meeting her goals in each of the areas.

- SDSC: Update

This group has met 4 times to date. The group is composed of students in grades 10, 11, and 12. (4 students from each grade) They are a pleasure to work with. They are excited and engaged. They have chosen to do a gently used clothing drive (all ages) to Benefit Katie's Closet for their SDSC Community Project.

- Decommission of various vocational equipment

Requesting to decommission various items from Graphics and Metal Fab that no longer work and are of no value. This also includes 2 forty-year-old welding machines and 10 chairs from DVC with a value of \$5 each.

Motion to approve the decommission of the items listed above and pictures in member

packages: Mark Driscoll, Canton

Second: Eric Erskine, Braintree

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve the decommission of the noted items carries unanimously by those members in attendance

I. DSC Chair Report: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

- Mr. Connolly, after a short availability discussion, stated that the next DSC Meeting will be scheduled for April 23, 2024.

J. DSC Sub-Committee Reports:

- **Personnel and Negotiations Sub-Committee:** Eric Erskine, Braintree

Going into Executive Session

- **Finance (See Special Mtg.)**

K. Administration Reports:

1. Principal's Report: Geoff Zini

- Student Opportunity Act Plan, (Vote Requested)

Mr. Zini explained to the committee that this is a submission that Blue Hills makes every three years. It is a summary of the District's plan of action to address needs and supports offered to the targeted groups. In this case students with disabilities and low-income students. Mr. Zini prepared and submitted a copy of the plan to the committee prior to this meeting. (attached) He reviewed the plan, answered a few questions and asked the committee to approve the plan for submission.

Motion to approve Blue Hills' Student Opportunity Act 2024 Submission (OPAS): Mark Driscoll, Canton

- **Second:** Sheila Vazquez, Westwood
- **Discussion:** None
- **Vote:** Motion to approve the OPAS submission carried unanimously by those members in attendance.

- Out of state Field Trips:
Cliff Walk (Newport, RI), Design and Visual Communication students will participate in a guided tour of the Breakers Mansion and photograph sites on the cliff walk.
Nordic Lodge (Charlestown, RI) Senior Students in the Culinary program will visit and eat at this massive restaurant, and they will be able to sample foods they may not typically eat.

Motion to approve the two out of state trips described above: Mark Driscoll, Canton

Second: Eric Erskine, Braintree

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve the two out of state field trips listed above carries unanimously by those members in attendance

2. Business Manager Report: Jill Brilhante

- District Towns: Finance Mtg. See Special Meeting notes

L. Unfinished Business: No

M. New Business Topics: No

N. Executive Session: Yes

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 discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the chair declares.

O. Future Business:

The next DSC meeting is Tuesday, April 23, 2024

P. Adjournment: (Vote Required) 7:55 PM

Adjournment from General Meeting to Executive Session to later return for adjournment purposes only.

Motion made to adjourn as stated above: Eric Erskine, Braintree

Second: Karen Graves, Randolph

Discussion: None

Roll Call: by town

Vote Yes: 7, No: 0, Vote: 7-0-0 so moved

Minutes Approved by DSC: April 23, 2024

Minutes Prepared by Pamela Donnellan, DSC Recording Secretary