



# BLUE HILLS

## REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

**MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
VIA TELECONFERENCE  
MARCH 3, 2026, 7:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS:**

Mark Driscoll	Canton (Chair)
Thomas Polito	Dedham
Eric Erskine	Braintree
Taryn Mohan	Holbrook
Marybeth Joyce	Milton
Karen Graves	Randolph
Sheila Vazquez	Westwood
Carl Walker	Avon (late arrival)

**ABSENT:**

Kevin Connolly	Norwood
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**ADMINISTRATION:**

Jill Rossetti	Superintendent-Director
Elvio Ferreira	Business Manager
Geoff Zini	Principal

**FACULTY & STAFF:**

Ed Catabia	Athletic Director
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**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

There being a quorum present, and adequate and proper notice of the meeting having been given, the meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Because the meeting was held remotely and members were not present, the Chair announced that the Pledge of Allegiance would be omitted.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**4. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO DSC**

There was no report provided.

**5. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON WINTER SPORTS**

The Athletic Director, Ed Catabia provided a comprehensive report highlighting a very successful winter sports season:

- The boys' swim team won the Vocational Boys Swimming Tournament, a significant achievement.
- Three teams qualified for the MIA playoffs:
  - The boys' basketball team advanced to the Round of 16 and was playing Ipswich at the time of the meeting.
  - The girls' basketball team advanced to the Round of 32 before being eliminated by a strong Western Massachusetts team.
  - Hockey finished with 11 wins, qualified for the MIA tournament for the first time in five or six years, and played competitively against Stoneham, losing 5–4 after trailing the number one team late into the third period.

Additional highlights included:

- The boys' basketball team won the league.
- Coaches Gertie and Flynn were named Mayflower League Coaches of the Year.
- The team achieved a #6 power ranking, reportedly the highest in school history.

The Committee extended congratulations to the athletes and coaches and expressed appreciation for the strong season.

## **6. SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **6.1 DECOMMISSION AND DONATION REQUESTS**

On a motion made by Dedham, seconded by Randolph, it was resolved to approve the decommissioning of electronic waste, including **one Ultimaker 3D printer, one HP plotter, and one classroom model maker**. Motion carried unanimously.

### **6.2 PROGRESS ON SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR GOALS, UPDATE**

The Superintendent referenced a previously shared progress report on her goals and stated she remained on track.

### **6.3 ADMISSIONS LOTTERY UPDATE**

The Superintendent-Director, Jill Rossetti, reported on the first live-recorded admissions lottery:

- 410 applications were received.
- Families were in the process of accepting or declining offers.
- The system will automatically draw from the waitlist until the target class size of 250 ninth-grade students is reached.
- The lottery process was recorded and shared publicly.

Committee members noted that the process was efficient and transparent, and feedback from a parent perspective was shared and appreciated. The Superintendent indicated she would provide follow-up updates once the response window closed.

## **7. DSC CHAIR REPORT**

### **7.1 REVIEW OF PROPOSED EXPENSE AND SALARY BUDGETS**

**On a motion made by Dedham, seconded by Randolph, it was resolved to approve the FY2027 budget as proposed with a 3.8% increase. Motion carried unanimously.**

DSC Chair Mark Driscoll reported that the subcommittee met earlier that day and unanimously voted to recommend approval of the FY2027 budget. The budget represents a 3.8% increase over the prior year. This was achieved despite a 4% salary increase, through reductions and efficiencies in other areas. The budget presentation was described as clear, detailed, and line-by-line, explaining both increases and decreases.

## **7.2 CURRICULUM AND ADVISORY, PROGRAM OF STUDIES 2026-2027**

**On a motion made by Randolph, seconded by Dedham, it was resolved to approve the Curriculum & Advisory Subcommittee recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.**

The subcommittee reviewed the following four major proposals:

- New elective: "History Through Sports" for Grade 12, anticipated to have high demand.
- Addition of Dental Assisting to the Program of Studies, in preparation for program launch.
- Restructured science pathways, including:
  - Making Earth Science an elective
  - Adding STEM as a Grade 11 core course
  - Adding Environmental Science as a Grade 12 core course
- Admissions policy language updates and minor vocational program revisions for six programs (non-substantive changes).

It was also noted that a future donation to the Metal Fabrication shop would be placed on a subsequent agenda for formal action.

## **8. TREASURER'S REPORT AND WARRANT**

**On a motion made by Milton, seconded by Randolph, it was resolved to approve the following Warrants:**

**FY26:**

**Warrant No. 41 for \$821,423.43 – Voucher Numbers 1092-1094 and Wire**

**Warrant No. 42 for \$635,665.88 – Voucher Numbers 1095-1097**

**Warrant No. 43 for \$611,452.80 – Voucher Numbers 1098-1100**

**Warrant No. 44 for \$620,177.03 – Voucher Numbers 1101-1104**

**Warrant No. 45 for \$140,575.82 – Voucher Numbers 1105-1107**

**Warrant No. 46 for \$615,427.17 – Voucher Numbers 1108-1109**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Prepared by District Treasurer, Patricia Leonhardt Read by Secretary, Marybeth Joyce.

## **9. MINUTES APPROVAL**

**On a motion made by Dedham, seconded by Westwood, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2026, District School Committee meeting, as amended. Motion carried.**

## **10. BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT**

### **10.1 BUDGET MEETINGS**

Elvio Ferreira, Business Manager, reported on upcoming town budget presentations, including scheduled meetings with Norwood, Dedham, Canton, Holbrook, Milton, and Braintree. Meetings with Avon, Westwood, and Randolph were pending.

### **10.2 TRANSFER REQUEST VOTE (STABILIZATION)**

**On a motion made by Dedham, seconded by Westwood, it was resolved to approve the transfer of \$250,000 from the General Operating Account to the Stabilization Revolving Account. Motion carried unanimously.**

A request was presented to transfer \$250,000 from the general operating account to the stabilization revolving account to account for the funds properly.

### **10.3 TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT FORMS**

Travel reimbursement forms will be addressed at the next in-person meeting.

**11. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

**11.1 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**11.1.1 GRADUATION DATE CHANGE PROPOSAL DUE TO SKILLS USA COMPETITION**

The Principal, Geoff Zini, reported that the last day of school has been updated to June 25 to account for snow days. Graduation and senior schedules were confirmed to remain unchanged, with seniors completing their year on the originally scheduled 168th day, consistent with state regulations.

**12. FUTURE BUSINESS**

Discussion of Zoom meeting policies was requested for a future agenda. The next District School Committee meeting is on March 17, 2026.

**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no Executive Session required.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**On a motion made by Dedham, seconded by Randolph, and carried, it was agreed that there was no further business to transact; the meeting closed at 7:32 p.m.**

**DISCLAIMER**

The above minutes should be used as a summary of the motions passed and issues discussed at the meeting. This document shall not be considered a verbatim copy of every word spoken at the meeting.

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