



MINUTES of the “51st District School Committee”
Regular Schedule 2015-2016 Meeting

Membership: Mr. Francis J. Fistori, Avon; Mr. Eric C. Erskine, Braintree;
Mr. Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. Canton; Secretary Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Dedham;
Mr. Robert A. McNeil, Holbrook; Mr. Fess Joyce, Milton; Mr. Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood;
Vice Chairman Marybeth Nearen, Randolph and Chairman Charles W. Flahive, Westwood.

“Transparency, Accountability and Fiscal Discipline”

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

Prior to this Regular Schedule Meeting, subcommittee meeting was scheduled to be conducted. Meeting and report/recommendations will be forthcoming, resulting from its conduct. The subcommittee was:

**6:30 p.m. : Warrant Subcommittee - Review documents
relative to Warrant Approval**

(NOTE: Subcommittee Meeting was conducted in Room 402.)

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School **Fifty-First District School Committee Regular Schedule Meeting** was called to order, promptly, at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2016** at the Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School, **William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room (#207A)**, 800 Randolph Street, Canton, Massachusetts. Chairman Charles W. Flahive presided at this meeting, as duly elected Chairman of the District School Committee.

NOTE: The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Chairman Charles W. Flahive, conducting this meeting as duly elected Chairman of the 51st District School Committee, announced that all business conducted at this meeting complies with the revised Open Meeting Law in effect, as of July 1, 2010. There are occasions when attendees do not sign in. This meeting’s notes were taken by Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary and digital recorder.

1. ROLL CALL and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *

MEMBERS PRESENT: Messrs. Erskine, Fistori, Flahive, Joyce, Maguire, Nearen and Polito

MEMBERS ABSENT Members Connolly, Joyce and McNeil

OTHERS PRESENT: Student Representative Geoffrey Ostman
Mr. Charles J. Gisondi, District Treasurer
Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director
Mr. Steven Moore, Assistant Superintendent/Business & Personnel
Ms. Jill M. Rossetti, Principal
Mr. Rich Sauro, Auto Body Instructor, Blue Hills Regional

With deepest respect and condolences, a moment of silence was observed for the recent passing of Ms. Bridget Kelley and Liam Matthew Powers.

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2. **Public Comment** – None.

3. **Student Report:** Chairman Flahive recognized Student Representative Geoffrey Ostman.

Mr. Ostman reported:

- I. **Student Council** is discussing and looking into a “ski Saturday” this winter at one of the state ski slopes. There is strong interest from the students to start a Blue Hills’ Ski Club and a proposal is being prepared to submit to Principal Rossetti.
- II. **Drama Club** has found a free play and will also be presenting to Principal Rossetti.
- III. **SADD** completed a month of creative and positive decision making advertisements throughout the school’s hallways to benefit student body.
- IV. **Food Drive** is completed with a total of 75 boxes donated and picked up by the Greater Boston Food Bank with towns of Dedham and Milton earmarked for assistance. Each year district towns are recipients.
- V. **GSA** is hosting a “no-name calling” event this month.
- VI. **Multicultural Club** is up and running and will report on its activities at a future date.
- VII. **Winter Sports** are in full swing.

Members of the District School Committee thanked Mr. Ostman for his report.

4. **Minute approval:** Past minutes were approved unanimously.

5. **DSC Chairman’s Report/Comments:**

Chairman Charles W. Flahive addressed the full committee stating that the **ad hoc Legal Subcommittee** continues to deliberate on the selection of the finalists for the Legal Counsel Position. The next meeting will include determining the finalists and work will be done on preparing questions for the in-person interviews. Chairman Flahive continues to remind the full committee that they are encouraged to examine the legal returns, if they wish. The next ad hoc Legal Subcommittee meeting will be posted for **January 20, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.**

6. **Subcommittee Reports:**

- **Warrant Subcommittee:** The Warrant Subcommittee recommended the approval of the submitted warrant after careful inspection of the submitted backup invoices.

7. **Administrative Reports:**

7.1 **Treasurer, Mr. Charles J. Gisondi** was recognized by Chairman Flahive. Treasurer Gisondi stated that he continues to be pleased with what the Bank of Canton offers the District with the recent transition of over 23 links to its institution.

Warrant Approval – Chairman Charles W. Flahive accepted a motion, as follows:

Secretary Thomas R. Polito moved to approve FY16 Warrant #11 (Vouchers 1026-1028), dated January 5, 2016, in the amount of \$1,489,222.22. Motion was seconded by Member Eric C. Erskine. Motion to approve was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve FY16 Warrant #11 (Vouchers 1026-1028), dated January 5, 2016, in the amount of \$1,489,222.22.

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Mr. Gisondi was excused from the remainder of the meeting to return to his desk and bank transfer work.

7.3 Assistant Superintendent/Personnel and Business: Chairman Flahive recognized Mr. Steven M. Moore.

Mr. Moore immediately proceeded in a presentation of the 2017 Budget Staffing Plan and Salary Budget detailing every aspect of the presentation with a PowerPoint Presentation and further providing documents and overview of the 2017 Staffing Plan and Salary budget. Each District School Committee Member has received documentation on the proposals which include the following:

- **The addition of One (1) FTE Social Studies Teacher**
- **The elimination of One (1) FTE Assistant Business Manager**
- **The addition of a 0.6 Purchasing Manager/Clerk**

The net proposed increase to all salary accounts for 2017 is \$281,200 prior to these additions.

With the staffing exchange and by factoring a known retirement the salary budget actually decreases by \$13,396 with the above-captioned staffing changes. It was noted that each of the above recommendations must be validated with a vote of the Committee. For the record, it is noted that three members of the Committee are absent.

Votes: Chairman Charles W. Flahive accepted the following votes (in order of votes):

The elimination of One (1) FTE Assistant Business Manager: Secretary Thomas R. Polito moved to approve the elimination of one (1) FTE Assistant Business Manager. Motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Marybeth Nearen. Motion was taken to a vote and it was UNANIMOUSLY

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE elimination of One (1) FTE Assistant Business Manager: Secretary Thomas R. Polito moved to approve the elimination of one (1) FTE Assistant Business Manager.

The addition of a 0.6 Purchasing Clerk, with the condition that the position is *discretionary* and subject to re-evaluation at the end of one year.

Vice Chairman Nearen moved to approve the addition of a 0.6 Purchasing Clerk, with the condition that the position is discretionary and subject to re-evaluation at the end of one year. Motion was seconded by Secretary Polito. Motion was taken to a vote, following discussion and it was by MAJORITY

VOTED: to approve the addition of a 0.6 Purchasing Clerk, with the condition that the position is *discretionary* and subject to re-evaluation at the end of one year.

Note: Chairman Flahive abstained from the vote and Secretary Polito voted NO. All others were in favor.

The addition of One (1) FTE Social Studies Teacher

Member Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., moved to approve the addition of One (1) FTE Social Studies Teacher. Motion was seconded by Member Eric C. Erskine. Following discussion on the motion, Motion was taken to a vote and it was by MAJORITY

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VOTED: TO APPROVE The addition of One (1) FTE Social Studies Teacher, as recommended.

Chairman Flahive voted “no”. Chairman Flahive stated that he wanted the record to show that he would rather see an English or Math Teacher added to the staff for the betterment of the students learning in these crucial subjects.

It is noted that Vice Chairman Nearen left the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

7.4 **Principal – Ms. Jill M. Rossetti** was recognized by Chairman Flahive. Principal Rossetti did not have a report this evening.

7.5 **Superintendent/Director:** Chairman Charles W. Flahive recognized Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia.

Mr. Quaglia spoke of the following:

- 1) MSBA has called and Blue Hills is one step closer to its goal.
- 2) Construction has commenced for the school’s music room.
- 3) Cafeterium sound system is being researched for improvement.
- 4) Stage floor is going to be repaired.

8. **Unfinished Business and New Business** – After question from Chairman Flahive on Student Shirts status, Business Manager Moore stated that he is investigating the request.

9. **Discussion or Suggestions** for the Good of the District, Including newsworthy educational items: None.

10. **Executive session:** A brief executive session was conducted to discuss a personnel matter.

11. **Meeting Adjournment.** Chairman Flahive called for adjournment, following the conclusion of all business.

Member Fran Fistori moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Member Aidan Maguire, Jr., taken to a vote and **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to adjourn the Regular Schedule Meeting, with all regular business concluded, at **8:45 p.m.**

The Committee’s **next meeting** will be a **Regular Schedule Meeting**, conducted in the **William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room (#207A)**, on **Tuesday, January 19, 2016** at **7:00 p.m.**, unless otherwise posted.

Minutes approved by:

Respectfully submitted by:

Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary