



**MINUTES of the “51st District School Committee”
Regular Schedule 2015 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 19, 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 Meetings are 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 19, 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, McNeil and Polito

MEMBERS ABSENT Members Connolly and Nearen

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Charles J. Gisondi, District Treasurer
Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director
Mr. Steven Moore, Assistant Superintendent/Business & Personnel
Ms. Jill M. Rossetti, Principal
Ms. Kimberly Polisenso, Placement Coordinator

2. Public Comment – Chairman Charles W. Flahive addressed the full committee stating that the **ad hoc Legal Subcommittee** has received numerous (9) interest statements, including qualifications, from legal firms. At this time, the **ad**

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ad hoc Legal Subcommittee continues reviewing the submissions and has posted a meeting on **Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.** to discuss interview questions and narrow down the list to finalists. Each finalist will have an in-person interview. Chairman Flahive reminded the full committee that they are encouraged to examine the legal returns, if they wish.

3. **Student Report:** None.

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

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

Chairman Charles W. Flahive addressed the full committee stating that the **ad hoc Legal Subcommittee** has received numerous (9) interest statements, including qualifications, from legal firms. At this time, the ad hoc Legal Subcommittee is thoroughly exploring the submissions and will schedule a meeting in January to discuss deliberations and possible recommendations and review of subcommittee members score sheets for submitted candidates.

Chairman Flahive reported that he had heard from Member Fess Joyce. Member Joyce was unable to attend this evening's meeting because of illness.

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 the that the Bank of Canton continues to offer innovative suggestions to improve the banking experience of the district. Treasurer Gisondi will return to the District School Committee with his recommendations for the Bank of Canton's ideas. Member Maguire mentioned that he is seeing ATM machines located at voc-tech schools he visits.

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

Secretary Thomas R. Polito moved to approve FY16 Warrant #12, dated January 16, 2016, in the amount of \$941,823.33. Motion was seconded by Member Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. Motion to approve was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve FY16 Warrant #12, dated January 16, 2016, in the amount of \$941,823.33.

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.**

- **Introduction of Ms. Patty Guerin:** Mr. Moore was pleased to announce that Ms. Guerin is now a member of the Finance Department. This position was open upon resignation.
- **FY15 Audit:** Mr. Moore announced that the auditors have come and gone and are preparing a report on their findings.
- **Finance Archive:** The Finance Department is currently working on a finance archive and enacting an intense review of records.

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7.4 **Principal – Ms. Jill M. Rossetti** was recognized by Chairman Flahive. Principal Rossetti introduced Ms. Kim Polisenio who presented the 2014 Graduate Report:

# of Graduates	Responses (% Resp.)	Positive Placement (Perkins)	Positive Placement (Ch. 74)	Military	Employed Related	Additional Education	Employed Non-Related	Unemployed	Not in Labor Force
190	160 84.21%	160 100%	139 86.88%	8 5%	46 28.75%	85 53.13%	21 13.13%	0 0%	0 0%

This report demonstrates the outstanding success of students of Blue Hills Regional Technical School.

Following the report, questions and answers, the Members of the District School Committee thanked Ms. Polisenio for her presentation.

Freshmen Exploratory: Ms. Rossetti announced the Freshmen are now placed in their programs with exploratory completed. Chairman Flahive asked: "How many students get their first choice?" Principal Rossetti replied: "Around 90% this year with our 17th Program up and running and 225 Freshmen placed."

Additional School/Student Information:

- HVAC&R is [NORA](#) (National Oil heat Research Alliance) Certified
- CAD / Drafting freshmen exploratory students worked on their bedroom model project; Juniors in Construction Technology continues working on "band room", as well as off-campus construction project.
- Congratulations to Jilene Dietsch and Jillian Painten as our MIAA Student Ambassadors
- 112 students registered for SkillsUSA District 1 Competition which will be held, **Friday, February 26** at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School. This is a 30% increase from last year.
- On-site OSHA visits are being conducted throughout the programs.
- MCAS, after-school program is being implemented.

Thank you was extended to Principal Rossetti for her updates by the members of the District School Committee.

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

- Federal Reserve Bank: Superintendent Quaglia and Principal Rossetti will be attending a seminar in Boston. Additional information will be forthcoming.
- Marine Technology: Superintendent Quaglia is researching the possibility of initiating a program that is based on the Marine Technology industry.
- Decommissioned Items: Superintendent Quaglia presented a document listing items he recommends for decommissioning for the perusal of the District School Committee and will ask for a vote of the Committee at the next meeting (Tuesday, February 2, 2016).

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- 8. **Unfinished Business and New Business** – None.
- 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 Rob McNeil moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Member Fess Joyce, taken to a vote and **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to adjourn the Regular Schedule Meeting, with all regular business concluded, at **8:07 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, February 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.,** unless otherwise posted.

Minutes approved by:

Respectfully submitted by:

Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary
