



MINUTES of the Regular Schedule 2011 Meeting “FORTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE”

Membership: Francis J. Fistori, Avon; Germano John Silveira, Braintree;
Vice Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., Canton; **Chairman** Joseph A. Pascarella, Dedham;
Secretary Robert S. Austin, Holbrook; Mr. Fess Joyce, Milton; Mr. Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood;
Mr. Richard Riman, Randolph and Mr. Charles W. Flahive, Westwood.

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

Before the District School Committee Regular Schedule meeting the Warrant Subcommittee and the Buildings, Facilities, Safety & Security Subcommittee conducted meetings.

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School Forty-Seventh District School Committee Regular Schedule Meeting was called to order at promptly at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2012** at the Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School, William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room 207A, 800 Randolph Street, Canton, Massachusetts. Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella presided.

1. ROLL CALL and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *

MEMBERS PRESENT: Messrs. Austin, Fistori, Flahive, Joyce, Maguire, Pascarella, Riman and Silveira

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Connolly

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. James P. Quaglia – Superintendent-Director
Mr. Michael J. Barrett –Assistant Superintendent-Principal
Mr. Charles J. Gisoni – Treasurer
Mr. Gene Mastro, Director of Buildings and Facilities
Mr. Brandon Phillips, School Year 2011-12 Representative to the District School Committee

Additional Meeting Attendees:

Mrs. Elaine Coutu	Ms. Mary Russo
Ms. Valeen Duffy	Ms. Sarah Bohannon
Ms. Carol Palermo	Mr. Joe Weeks
Ms. Linda Cordes	Mr. Frank Cordes
Mr. Mike Harkin	Mrs. Marybeth Nearen
Mr. Dwight Seaman	

*On occasion, individual(s) attending the meeting do not sign the attendance sheet.

Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella announced that the District complies with the inception of the revised Open Meeting Law in effect, as of July 1, 2010. This meeting is being recorded in person and electronically. All documents referred to within the meeting are in the Meeting-Record File.

NOTE: The listings of matters on the meeting's respective agendas 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.

2. Visitors with Business for the Committee and Public Comment: - Mrs. Linda Cordes and Mrs. Carol Palermo, parents of Blue Hills students, were recognized by Chairman Pascarella. Mrs. Cordes stated that she is against students not participating in the breakfast program being required to stay on unheated busses for 20 minutes. Mrs. Cordes would like to see the non-participating students brought into school rather than remain on the busses and suggested that the gymnasium be used. Mrs. Cordes has been in contact with school administrators with no resolution. Member Charles W. Flahive stated that he respects the parents concerns and that the administration is trying to resolve the situation. Mr. Flahive would like to see teachers in the gym monitoring the non-breakfast students before the start of their school day. It is noted that the breakfast program is state-mandated and the District must implement and comply with the law.

The speaker (Mrs. Russo) stated that there is respect for the intent of the Breakfast Program but fear for the well being of

students staying on a cold bus 20 minutes while waiting for the conclusion of the breakfast and subsequent entrance to the school. Chairman Pascarella thanked Mrs. Cordes for her input and stated that the administrators will be contacted for their input with the issue addressed. Mrs. Cordes stated that she is willing to help in any way she can to see the non-breakfast students be allowed into the school, without the wait. Mrs. Cordes ended her discussion stating that this is the second time she has appeared before the Committee, without resolution.

- Member Germano John Silveira asked how many teachers would be needed to provide supervision for the waiting students within the school? Mr. Barrett replied that he will find out and let the Committee know.
- Vice-Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., stated that if there is any nonsense going on within the bus, the bus driver has a responsibility to put a stop to it.
- Mrs. Marybeth Nearen suggested that the District School Committee Members look at other schools and find out how they are handling their breakfast-program challenges.

3. **Minute Approval** – Chairman Pascarella moved for the approval of previous meeting minutes. Member Germano John Silveira moved to approve the Minutes of the Tuesday, Regular Schedule Meeting of January 3, 2012, as presented. Member Charles W. Flahive seconded the motion. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

Voted: to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, January 3, 2012 Regular Schedule Meeting Minutes.

Vice Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. moved to approve the Minutes of the Tuesday, January 17, 2012 Regular Schedule Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by Member Fess Joyce. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

Voted: to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, January 17, 2012 Regular Schedule Meeting Minutes.

4. **Communications:**

Agenda – DSC Regular Session Meeting, Tuesday, February 7, 2012

Minutes – “Drafts” Tuesday, January 3, 2012 and January 17, 2012 Regular Session District School Committee Minutes

Emails: Regular transmissions of emails are sent to the District School Committee with/on information and activities relative to the operation of the school. The District is intent on using this cost-saving method of communication within its operation. Sent emails are archived and available for the inspection of any and all interested parties.

5. **Student Representative** –Mr. Brandon Phillips was recognized by Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella. Mr. Phillips provided the following report:

- **Talent Show**

“Signs for sign-up will go up this week. We plan on having at least 15 acts to have the program run for at least an hour and a half. The Senior Class is excited and is really looking forward to this event. All interested participants will go to see Mrs. Dailey between now and February 17 to sign up (before February vacation).

After February vacation we will start rehearsals. The rehearsals will run for two Weeks from 220 to 310 Monday through Thursday, the date for the show is March 16 from 7 PM - 830 PM and students will need to be at least 6 rehearsals including the dress rehearsal.

If a participant doesn't show up to at least this many meetings we will continue the rehearsals and perform without them. This way we can stay organized and have an idea of the time we will be utilizing the night of the show.

- **Theater**

“A group of students and I have met and decided that it would be best to just to work on what next year’s students could do with bringing in a program. Though this is very discouraging to Seniors and some of our peers not being able to be part of this first hand, we’ll lay down everything to you and the hopefully the students following us will benefit from the foundation we have laid.

Due to time constraints, we will make outside connections with other theater communities in the area and question them on how they got their programs going and use this information to aid us with our goals.

We were planning on having an audition this Thursday but we thought it would be better to have the auditioned be part of the group to spread the word of this endeavor to their peers so they can have a good foundation and that we can look forward to grand performances in years to come and the group will represent the culmination of our Senior-year efforts. We really feel strongly about the student benefit that would be achieved with a return of the arts at Blue Hills.”

6. **DSC Chair Report** – Chairman Pascarella addressed the Committee urging attendance at the **MASC Sponsored “Day on the Hill”** event scheduled for Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at the State House, Boston, Massachusetts. Members wishing to attend should contact Joanne as soon as possible for reservations.

- **Guidelines for Use of E-Mail by Members of Governmental Bodies** – Chairman Pascarella provided a document to the Committee Members with recommendations by the District Attorney’s Office on the proper way to use emails and other definitive protocols.
- **CORI Requests** – Documents were provided to all Members for implementation of CORIs. Chairman Pascarella requested completion and return to Joanne.

7. **DSC Subcommittee Reports:**

- **Personnel & Negotiation** – Was taken to executive session to safeguard the integrity of the contract discussions.
- **Warrant** - Chairman Richard Riman reported “No problem with the warrant review”.
- **Athletic & Extracurricular Subcommittee** – Chairman Charles W. Flahive requested a subcommittee meeting and its posting. Chairman of the Subcommittee, Mr. Charles W. Flahive stated that meeting will include discussion on the possibility of students videotaping meetings. Mr. Flahive stated, “This would be a great project for the students to undertake and getting the students involved with a project such as this as an extracurricular, perhaps as a ‘Multi-Media Club’.” Assistant Superintendent-Principal Michael J. Barrett stated that he will look for input from Teacher John Barbosa on this topic and possibility.
- **Policy Subcommittee** – The 21st of February Meeting has been cancelled with a replacement meeting being posted and scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.
- **Buildings, Facilities, Safety & Security Subcommittee** – Chairman Robert S. Austin reported that a meeting had been conducted this evening and Member Germano John Silveira took notes at the meeting and provided a summary of discussions. Mr. Silveira reported that problems have occurred with the school’s gas heater. Several pieces of malfunctioning equipment delayed the repair of the heater. Current issues with Siemens, our present contractor exist. A technician predicts the repair job may be done in ten (10) business days – or up to a month. Both Mr. Maguire and Mr. Riman expressed concern over the extended time that has elapsed since the job was contracted. The technician stated that what he needs from the Committee is for the Committee to generate movement from Siemens and the manufacturer, GreenHec. The Architect and the technician will be contacting Siemens and GreenHec and will negotiate a meeting to try to resolve the issue. The kitchen project was also discussed. The members of the Buildings, Facilities, Safety & Security Subcommittee will continue on-going meetings to discuss relevant items.

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- **Curriculum & Advisory** – A meeting has been set for March 6, 2012 to review proposed off-campus projects for the Construction Technology Program.
8. **Unfinished Business:** None.
9. **New Business:** None.
10. **Administrative Reports (as needed):**
- 10.1 Director of Maintenance and Facilities Gene Mastro was recognized by Chairman Pascarella. Mr. Mastro proceeded to provide the Committee with the following information:
- 1) **Summary of Total Cost of Water Project** – The Finance Department has provided the Committee on the cost factor involved with the water-main break. Mr. Mastro detailed the events from start of December 22, 2011 to resolution, with the rebuild/repair/replacement of the water meter being the last item for completion.
 - 2) **District School's Recycling Program** – Mr. Mastro reported that Blue Hills' works hard to be "green" and is involved with many school/student generated programs. Currently, the National Honor Society collects paper for recycling and there are numerous containers available for plastic/glass/can recycling. Can recycling can create funding for student activities and there have been opportunities for the student body to avail themselves to this fund raising. Mr. Riman stated that containers for bottle and can recycling were needed in all the conference rooms to optimize the return that the students can get from recycling them. Note was made that it had not worked successfully before. Mr. Riman noted that it should be attempted again, as numerous bottles and cans are regularly disposed of during committee meetings.
 - 3) **Update on District's Equipment Inventory** – A recent inventory report was provided to the Committee to provide this information.
- Following the conclusion of Mr. Mastro's report, members of the Committee extended their thanks.
- 10.2 Treasurer: C. Gisondi - No report.
- 10.3 Business Manager: Chairman Pascarella recognized Business Manager David W. Proule. Mr. Proule:
- **Continued Review of FY13 Budget** – Mr. Proule provided a pass-outs entitled FY12-13 Budget Summary and FY13 Budget Proj w/history (printed 2/7/2012). Mr. Proule reviewed the reports, line by line and proceeded to answer questions from the Committee on the details of the report. The FY13 Open Budget Hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 7:05 p.m., within the Special District School Committee Meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Members of the Committee thanked Mr. Proule for his reports.
- 10.4 **Assistant Superintendent/Principal:** Chairman Pascarella recognized Mr. Michael J. Barrett.
- **School Search** – A drug search was conducted on 2/1. No drugs were discovered.
 - **Costa Rica Trip** – The April School Vacation trip to Costa Rica is coming up. Twenty-one students will be taking the trip and raised expense money by selling 5200 scarves. This trip is school sponsored.
- 10.5 **Superintendent/Director James P. Quaglia:** Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella recognized Mr. James P. Quaglia, Superintendent/Director.
- **House Doctor Agreement/Architect** – Mr. Quaglia advised the Committee that an RSQ went out and nothing came back from Habeeb. Our recommendation is for TRA Architects of Newton. This candidate has extensive experience with school projects and administration.. This topic will be continued through a Buildings, Facilities, Safety and Security Subcommittee meeting.
11. Discussion or Suggestions for the Good of the District, Including newsworthy educational items.
- **Adult /Basic Education** - Director of the ABE Program, Mrs. Ellen Borgenicht, appeared for endorsement of grant documents to be submitted for potential program funding. Endorsements were provided.

- **Continued Development of Goals** – Superintendent Director Quaglia stated that he would like to continue the development of the goals and requests the Committee provide him with any topic they so desire to have addressed by administration.
- **Upcoming Projects** – Mr. Quaglia stated that the next large projects from the Master Plan are the pool deck and HVAC work. Vice Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. stated that he believes these projects may require the inspection of a structural engineer.
- **MSBA** – The vote of the Committee from the approved minutes of the Tuesday, January 17, 2012 Meeting will be sent to the Massachusetts School Building Association (MSBA) as required. Mr. Quaglia keeps a close tie with requirements and deadlines for potential project funding through MSBA.
- **Super Bowl Football Team, Cheerleaders and Coaches** – An outing to the State House for the football team, cheerleaders and coaches will be conducted this Thursday, February 9, 2012 and is hosted by **State Senator Brian A. Joyce**. Thanks are extended to **Vice-Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr.**, for the part he has played in honoring the team. **State Senator Brian A. Joyce** also attended the recent December “Football Banquet” celebration and provided each and every athlete a special commendation for winning the Super Bowl Div.

13. **Warrant** - Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella accepted motion for the following warrant:

Upon motion of Secretary Robert S. Austin, seconded by Vice Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED:** to approve **FY12, Warrant No. 12, Vouchers 1061-1064, dated February 7, 2012 in the amount of \$1,267,474.78.**

14. **Executive session:** By **UNANIMOUS roll call vote**, the Committee voted to move into executive session as provided under executive session to discuss collective bargaining, strategies and/or possible litigation under Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) (b), 2, 3 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Laws. Open meeting discussion may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and requires executive session. Chairman Pascarella advised the audience that the Committee would leave the executive session solely for the purpose of adjournment. The District Recording Secretary was asked to leave. Member Fess Joyce excused himself from the meeting. Executive Session was covered by Secretary Robert S. Austin.

15. **Adjournment** – Following conclusion of all District School Committee’s regular meeting and executive session. Chairman Pascarella accepted a motion from Member Charles W. Flahive and seconded by Member Fran Fistori to close the Regular Session Meeting of the District School Committee.

It was **unanimously:**

VOTED: to adjourn the Regular Scheduled Meeting at **9:00 p.m.**

The Committee’s **next meeting** will be a **Special Meeting** conducted in the **William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room (#207A), on February 28, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**, unless otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved

Respectfully submitted by:

Robert S. Austin, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary