



MINUTES of a Regular Schedule 2012 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, March 20, 2012

Before the District School Committee Regular-Schedule Meeting the Warrant Subcommittee. A previously posted Policy Subcommittee meeting was cancelled.

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School Forty-Seventh District School Committee Regular Meeting was called to order promptly at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20 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, Connolly, Fistori, Flahive, Maguire, Pascarella, Riman and Silveira
MEMBERS ABSENT: Messrs. Joyce and Flahive
OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. James P. Quaglia – Superintendent-Director
Mr. David W. Proule – Business Manager
Mr. Michael J. Barrett –Assistant Superintendent-Principal
Mr. Charles J. Gisondi – Treasurer
Mr. Brendan Gearty – Norwood Printing Company – General Advisory Committee Chairman
Mr. Richard Sullivan, Powers & Sullivan, Certified Public Accountants (Auditors)
Mr. Frank Serreti, Powers & Sullivan, Certified Public Accountants (Auditors)
Mr. Bernard H. Baher, Consultant

Additional Attendees:

Mr. Brian Gearty – Teacher and President of the BHEA – Attending also were a large number of teachers and others who did not sign the attendance record.	–Mrs. Patricia Brooks – President of the SEIU#888, Clerical Union
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*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. **Public Comment – Mr. Brian Gearty** was recognized by Chairman Pascarella. Mr. Gearty spoke on the Teachers' Contract status stating that the teachers are dissatisfied with the lack of reconciliation of this contract now moved to mediation. Mr. Gearty stated that if the proposed recommendations of the Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee were to be accepted, Blue Hills would no longer be a school that attracts teachers to teach at Blue Hills. Mr. Gearty was accompanied by many Blue Hills' teachers and spoke in their behalf. **Mrs. Patricia Brooks** spoke of the dissatisfaction of the Clerical Union with the inability of the parties of interest to reach a mutually agreed resolution. The Clerical Union is now in mediation, as well. **Mr. Brendan Gearty** spoke on behalf of the education that young people receive at Blue Hills and the far-reaching impact of these educations as well-trained students blend in communities and use the

skills they have acquired at Blue Hills.

- **Presentation by Mr. Bernard H. Baher** – Chairman Pascarella welcomed Consultant, Mr. Bernard H. Baher. Mr. Baher presented a book entitled *“I’ve Got a Little Story” by Mr. Bernard H. Baher.* Mr. Baher stated that the non-fiction novel he wrote was “made” by Mr. Brendan Gearty, owner/operator of Norwood Printing and his assistants. Mr. Baher generously donated a copy of this novel to the Blue Hills’ School Library, as it depicted numerous activities and events conducted at the school over the course of Mr. Baher’s past 48 years. Mr. Baher received rounds of applause from the audience, acknowledging Mr. Baher’s many accomplishments, including 48 years of service to the Blue Hills’ Regional School District. Of these, Mr. Baher served 22 years as a District School Committee Member, representing the District Town of Avon. Mr. Baher was a founding father to the “Blue Hills’ Foundation” and continues his service to the Blue Hills’ District as a permanent consultant. Without a doubt, Mr. Baher has been the longest-standing contributor to the Blue Hills’ District and its Community. Most recently, Mr. Baher has come into school to speak to students about his engineering experiences and to do presentations on pertinent engineering data. The District School Committee expressed their gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Baher and the District looks forward to continued contributions by Mr. Baher., **There is no one that has done more for the goals and missions of the Blue Hills Regional Technical School District than Mr. Bernard H. Baher.** The District School Committee expressed their appreciation to Mr. Baher and looks forward to additional contributions through his consultant's position.

3. **FY10-11 Audit Presentation by Powers & Sullivan, Certified Public Accountants** - Members of the Committee received the following audit documents:

1. Report on Examination of Basic Financial Statements/Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011
2. Reports on Federal Award Programs/Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011
3. Management Letter – Dated June 30, 2011

Business Manager David W. Proule was recognized by Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella. Business Manager Proule introduced Mr. Richard Sullivan and Mr. Frank Serreti, Powers & Sullivan. Messrs. Sullivan and Serreti presented the details of the FY10-11 Blue Hills Regional Vocational School Audit and summarized the above-entitled audit documents, including outcome, recommendations and status of prior recommendations. Following the conclusion of the presentation, Member Richard Riman stated that he may have questions on the Audit when he completes the review of the documents that were presented this evening. Committee Members thanked the presenters for their service.

4, **Vocational Advisory – Mr. Brendan Gearty**

- ❖ **Resignation** – Mr. Brendan H. Gearty, Sr., Advisory Committee Chairperson. It was with great disappointment that the Committee accepted the resignation of Mr. Brendan H. Gearty, effective end-of-school year 2012.

Mr. Gearty stated:

“It has been a pleasure to serve as the Chairman of the Blue Hills Advisory Committee all of these years. I took on the position with full commitment to the students of this wonderful vocational school to act as their advocate for today and for their futures here at the school and out in the working industries. It is our job as advisors to make sure that the needs of the students are met throughout their four years here at Blue Hills Regional. The School Committee has always been a great support to the Advisory Committee. We have not always seen eye to eye and agreed on everything over the years, but the end result has always been in the best interest of the students. I hope that the person that takes over this position will have the same vision that I have for this school.

At this time, I would first like to thank Pat Brooks, secretary of the Advisory Committee, for always being there and for her support throughout the years. She truly is my right hand lady! If it wasn't for Pat, there would probably be no advisory committee. She has put in countless hours to make sure that these meetings run smoothly and take place year after year. I wouldn't have survived without her organization skills.

I would like to thank the shop teachers for all of the hard work and dedication that they give to their shops every day. The reputation of the shops begins with the teachers who are teaching our students what they need to know to go out into the workforce today and be compatible. If it weren't for the dedicated teachers, the reputation of our students entering the workforce would not be what it is today.

I would also thank Denise O'Loughlin and the past vocational coordinators as well as our advisory chairpersons and committees for dedicating their time, advice and expertise to our school and our students. Without your time, dedication and knowledge, our students wouldn't be aware of the current industries and what makes them run and keeps them going.

It is with a heavy heart that I, Brendan H. Gearty, Chairman of the Advisory Committee, resign from my position as of the end of this current school year 2012. I will be moving to Arizona as it is a perfect time for us to start a whole new beginning and to be close to my family.

In closing, I want to thank the people of Blue Hills, past and present, for helping me to succeed and fulfill my dreams and make me the man that I am today. My interaction with you all will never be forgotten. I hope that everyone who walks through the front doors will be lucky enough to have the adventure and experience that I have had and continue to carry on the Blue Hills pride."

5. Review of Vocational Texts and Projects – Vocational Director Denise O'Loughlin

- **Vocational-Technical Program Texts:** Chairman Pascarella recognized Director of Technical Programs, Mrs. Denise O'Loughlin. Mrs. O'Loughlin presented a list of the books/texts that are presently used by the 16 programs that are offered by Blue Hills. Following presentation, Member Richard Riman questioned the suitability of the PhotoShop text that is being used adding that numerous updates have been added to this program. Following questions and answers, Chairman Pascarella thanked Director O'Loughlin for the presentation.

6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – None.

7. Communications:

Agenda – DSC Meeting, Tuesday, March 20, 2012

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.

8. Student Representative –Mr. Brandon Phillips was not present.

9. DSC Chair Report – Chairman Pascarella addressed the Committee stating that visits to District Towns for budget discussions have been set. Representatives of respective towns are requested to attend these meetings. Chairman Pascarella advised the Committee that Joanne on vacation through Monday, March 26th. The Administrative Assistant (Ms. Laurie Colbert) to Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia continues to provide support services for the District School Committee during Joanne's absence.

- **April 2012 Meetings:** Chairman Pascarella discussed the regularly-scheduled meetings of April. There was discussion with the Committee. Following discussion, Chairman Pascarella accepted a motion from Member Kevin L. Connolly to cancel the regularly scheduled April 3 and 17, 2012 and schedule a **Special Meeting for Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.** Motion was seconded by Member Germano John Silveira. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to cancel the regularly scheduled April 3 and 17, 2012 meetings and schedule a Special Meeting for

Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

NOTE: The ½ hour later start time will allow members to attend the Ring Ceremony for the Blue Hills' Championship Football Team (at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 in the Cafetorium).

10. DSC Subcommittee Reports:

- **Personnel & Negotiation** – Was taken to executive session to safeguard the integrity of the contract discussions. Meetings have occurred with the SEIU#888 Clerical Union and BHEA Mediation meetings have been scheduled.
- **Warrant** - Chairman Richard Riman reported that the subcommittee has a question on the distribution of funds to LPN students. This question was directed to Director of Admissions and Financial Aid Marybeth Joyce and a reply was that the scholarship monies come directly to the school and those funds are disbursed to the scholarship receivers for their expenses while they attend school full time.
- **Policy Subcommittee** – Chairman Germano John Silveira reported to the full Committee that a meeting scheduled for this evening was cancelled.

11. Unfinished Business: None.

12. New Business:

13. Administrative Reports (as needed):

13.1 **Treasurer: C. Gisondi** - No report.

13.2 **Business Manager:** Chairman Pascarella recognized Business Manager David W. Proule. Mr. Proule provided the schedule for FY13 Meetings with District Towns (conducted and upcoming):

Milton 2/29
Dedham 3/6
Holbrook 3/12
Canton 3/19
Norwood 3/21
Braintree 5/8

13.3 **Assistant Superintendent/Principal:** Chairman Pascarella recognized Mr. Michael J. Barrett. Mr. Barrett provided the Committee with a copy of the document entitled ***School-Sponsored Student Travel, Waiver and Release of Liability***. This document was created by School Counsel and all students have signed. Vice-Chairman Maguire asked if adult chaperones have also signed? Mr. Barrett will research this question.

13.4 **Superintendent/Director James P. Quaglia:** Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella recognized Mr. James P. Quaglia. There was no report.

14. Discussion or Suggestions for the Good of the District, Including newsworthy educational items.

- ♦ School-Sponsored Student Travel, Waiver and Release of Liability – Was prepared by School Counsel.

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

Upon motion of Secretary Robert S. Austin, seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly, it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve **FY12 Warrant No. 15, Vouchers 1071-1072, in the amount of \$580,184.65.**

Chairman Pascarella called for a five-minute refreshment break before calling the executive session to order.

16. 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 executive session was covered by Secretary Robert S. Austin.

17. **Adjournment** – Following conclusion of all District School Committee's regular meeting and executive session. Chairman Pascarella accepted a motion from Member Kevin L. Connolly 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 **10:12 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 April 10, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.** unless otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved

Respectfully submitted by:

Robert S. Austin, Secretary

Laurie Colbert, Acting Recording Secretary