



## **MINUTES of the 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, May 1, 2012**

**Before the District School Committee Regular Schedule Meeting the Warrant Subcommittee and Policy Subcommittee had meetings scheduled. Also, Members visited the “The Blue Hills’ Regional Technical School Design and Visual Communications Class of 2012 Senior Art Show being conducted from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School Forty-Seventh District School Committee Regular Meeting was called to order at promptly at **7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, 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. Connolly, Fistori, Flahive, Pascarella, Riman and Silveira

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Messrs. Austin, Joyce and Maguire

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Brandon Phillips, School Year 2011-12 Representative to the District School Committee  
 Mr. James P. Quaglia – Superintendent-Director  
 Mr. Charles J. Gisondi, Treasurer  
 Mr. John Connolly – Town of Canton Selectman  
 Mr. David W. Proule – Business Manager  
 Mr. Michael J. Barrett –Assistant Superintendent-Principal

Mrs. Ana Peach – BHEA Spanish Teacher	Ms. Stacy Hedges – BHEA Teacher	Mr. and Mrs. Brendan H. Gearty, Sr., Norwood, MA (Chairman General Advisory Committee)
Mrs. Kathleen Roberts, Holbrook	Mr. George Roberts, Holbrook	Eagle Scout Daniel J. Roberts (Student)
Mrs. Nancy Finnell – LPN Instructor	Mrs. Maureen McCann, LPN Head	Mrs. Cathy Mohan, LPN Instructor
Mr. Brian Gearty, BHEA	Ms. Judy Bass, Publicist	Mrs. Eileen Dailey, Canton Resident/BHEA
Mr. Stephen Snyder-Student Speaker/Randolph Resident	Ms. Kristin Kelley- Holbrook/ Student Speaker	Ms. Rebecca Cygielnik/Teacher/Speaker
Ms. Christine Morrissey – Student/Randolph Resident/Speaker	Mr. Landon Gaines – Randolph Resident/ Student/Speaker	Ms. Melanie Fiorino-Student/Randolph Resident/Speaker
Mr. Brian King-Student /Braintree Resident/Speaker	Mr. Brian King/Student/Braintree – Speaker	Mr. Jabari Woods/Randolph - Speaker
Ms. Briana Fuertes – Student Randolph/Speaker	Ms. Rene Fuertes – Student/Randolph/Speaker	Mr. Anthony Pierre-Louis - Student / Randolph - Speaker
Mrs. Sarah Titus, Canton Resident – BHEA Guidance Counselor	Mr. John Thyre – Student/Speaker	Mrs. Sarah England – BHEA – Guidance Counselor
Mr. William Groh, BHR Teacher	Mrs.Trish Murphy, BHR Teacher	

Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella welcomed Selectman John Connolly. Selectman Connolly is the contract liaison between the Districts and as such will participate in this evening's contract ratification votes.

\*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.

- **Presentation to Advisory Committee Chairman Brendan H. Gearty, Senior** – Chairman Joseph A.

Pascarella recognized and called on Mr. Brendan H. Gearty, Sr., the retiring long-term Chairman to the BHEA Advisory Committee. Mr. Gearty approached the Chairman and received a Plaque indicating the appreciation of the Blue Hills' Community for the many years of service that Mr. Gearty has provided to the District through his membership as an advisor and chairman to the Advisory Committee. Mr. Gearty is moving to Arizona to partake in a new adventure with his family. Mr. Gearty will be sorely missed by all who know him. Mr. Gearty received a round of applause from the meeting visitors as well as the Committee Members.

- **Acknowledgement of Eagle Scout Daniel J. Roberts** – As an Eagle Scout himself, It was with great pleasure that Chairman Pascarella recognized newly-winged Eagle Scout, Mr. Daniel J. Roberts. Mr. Roberts approached the Chairman at the Committee table and received a special certificate from the Committee, honoring this tremendous accomplishment. Mr. Roberts is a Freshman Engineering Student and resident of Holbrook. Mr. Roberts explained to the audience what he had done for his Eagle Project:

- For the community service project, Eagle Scout Roberts converted the Town of Holbrook's food pantry from one small room to two rooms: "I painted the walls and ceilings, put down new flooring in both rooms, put up new shelves, then stocked those shelves with much-needed food."
- Eagle Scout Roberts' biggest challenge came last summer when he started his Eagle Project. Daniel worked at the Boy Scout camp all summer, he left for camp on Sunday morning and came back Saturday around noon and had to get right to working on the project. The food pantry was closed for two months (June and July). Time management was a crucial ingredient to the successful completion of Eagle Scout Roberts' service project. Using his time wisely, Daniel was able to achieve success.
- The knowledge that Roberts acquired from going through the process of becoming an Eagle Scout will serve him well for a lifetime. Mr. Roberts said: "I have learned that dedication and hard work will help you achieve whatever your goals are."

Eagle Scout Daniel J. Rogers was presented with an Acknowledgement from the full Committee, thanked, and received a round of applause from the audience.

- **Highlights from Recent Costa Rica Trip – Students' Presentation –**

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➤ **Background and Presentation:**

Twenty-one students and three faculty members left Logan 4/13 at 6:00 a.m. Costa Rica bound and returned 4/21. Stacey Hedges (faculty –Science), Ana Peach (faculty-Spanish), Rebecca Cygielnik (faculty-English) accompanied Students: Ashley Gordon, Briana Fuertes, Mary Gill, Kaitlin Carlson,, Kristin DeSouza, Shannon Green, Beth Pearlman, Callie Gray, Jackie Perry, Christina Jones, Marie Apt. Kristin Kelley, Melanie Fiorino, Jabari Woods, Steven Snyder, Christine Morrissey, Landon Gaines, Sam Nickerson, Brian King, ,Gustavo Batista and .Anthony Pierre-Louis. Eleven of the twenty-two students spoke to the Committee at this meeting regarding their experiences on the trip.

- All students were Seniors who presently take or have taken Spanish.
- Trip takers were supplied with a BHR book bag, containing a BHR tee shirt, pencils, pens, post-it notes and a lanyard, key ring, tote bag and baseball cap. Reebok donated baseball caps to give to the students of the schools visited.

🚩 This trip to Costa Rica during April School Vacation was overseen , planned and chaperoned by/with teachers Mrs. Ana Peach, Ms. Stacy Hedges and Ms. Rebecca Cygielnik, was a tremendous success.

Eleven of the attending students presented themselves to the Committee with exuberant reports and their analysis of the trip and the many benefits they received from this Costa Rican trip. The months of planning brought forth a wonderful experience for the student participants with this “perfect trip”. There wasn’t a negative to be had throughout the trip. The trip was a year in the making and culminated with students’ enjoyment of a fun-filled, educational experience. The eleven students, addressing the Committee, shared their experiences from the trip as well as presented a pictorial presentation of the highlights and adventures of the trip. Mrs. Peach stated: “Already, I am receiving interest requests from students for a future trip”. Following the conclusion of the presentation, question and answer period, the Committee commended the participants. Visitors applauded the presenters. Ms. Peach added: “It was truly an honor to work with my co-teachers and students for this trip. We had no problems.”

**Superintendent-Director Quaglia added:** “We are very proud of you and the way you conducted yourself and represented the school on this trip.”

**Member Kevin L. Connolly** stated: “I am very pleased with your group. This is the first time in over 40 years that a group has gone on a trip like this and you made us proud.”

2. **Public Comment** – None.

3. **Minute Approval** – Chairman Pascarella moved for the approval of previous meeting minutes. Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to approve the Minutes of the Tuesday, March 20, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. Member Germano John Silveira, seconded the motion. Motion was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**Voted:** to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, March 20, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to approve the Minutes of the Tuesday, April 10, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes, as

presented. Member Germano John Silveira seconded the motion. Motion was taken to a vote and it was

**UNANIMOUSLY**

**Voted:** to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, April 10, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.

**4. Communications:**

**Agenda** – DSC Meeting, Tuesday, May 1, 2012

**Minutes** – “Drafts” Tuesdays, March 20, 2012 and April 10, 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.

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

**Prom 2012** - Mr. Phillips reported that **Prom 2012** is scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2012 at the “Lakeview Pavilion” in Foxboro. So far, attendance is in the 300 range and tickets are still being offered to Juniors and Seniors during lunch at a cost of \$50. The “Grand March” which takes place at Blue Hills in the Gymnasium at 5 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May will be the best yet with special props being designed to highlight this special event in the lives of the students. Mr. Phillips welcomed the attendance of the Committee at both the Grand March and the Prom.

- **Mr. Brandon Phillips and (Senior BHRT Students) Ms. Briana Fuertes** reported on activities conducted at the Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> “**Day on the Hill**”. Along with their oral report Mr. Phillips and Ms. Fuertes provided a PowerPoint Pictorial accounting of the day’s events. Mr. Phillips and Ms. Fuertes also heralded the hospitality that was extended to them by State Senator Walter F. Timilty. Senator Timilty provided a tour of the State House and further provided them with the secret “legend of the golden mackerel”. Senator Timilty left nothing to be desired for a thrilling adventure at the State House. Ms. Fuertes even had an opportunity to sit in the Senator’s Chair, as he was explaining the intricacies of the state and its legislation. Both Mr. Phillips and Ms. Fuertes commented on the fine job that the Blue Hills’ Culinary Program did with catering this event. Chairman Pascarella and the Committee thanked Mr. Phillips and Ms. Fuertes for their in-depth and comprehensive report.

**6. DSC Chair Report –**

- **Evaluation Subcommittee Appointments** - Chairman Pascarella addressed the Committee and announced the following appointments to the newly-formed Evaluation Subcommittee: They are:

Francis J. Fistori

Charles W. Flahive

Festus Joyce

The first meeting of this recently-formed subcommittee will be called shortly. At this first meeting, a Chairman will be elected and the evaluation documents for the three positions will be reviewed (see Note).

**Note:** The Evaluation Subcommittee eliminates the Superintendent's Evaluation Subcommittee. There are three positions that will be under the auspices of the Evaluation Subcommittee: 1) Superintendent-Director 2) Treasurer; and 3) Recording Secretary/Election Clerk.

- **Highlights from NSBA's 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, April 21-23, 2012** – For the first time in many years, the Annual Conference of the NSBA was conducted in Boston, April 21-23, 2012 at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. Chairman Pascarella and Member Connolly attended the event and were impressed with the number of workshops and opportunities for professional development that were offered. Chairman Pascarella provided a document he received at one of the many workshops entitled "Basic Parliamentary Procedures" . A valuable tool, Chairman Pascarella shared this knowledge and provided this document as a pass out to all Committee Members. Chairman Pascarella urged the members to avail themselves of the many and continuous opportunities that are offered for professional development, especially through MASC.

#### **8. DSC Subcommittee Reports:**

- **Personnel & Negotiation –**

- **Recommendation and Full-Committee Vote\* for the Ratification of:**

**SEIU#888 Cafeteria Workers Union Contract** – Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella moved the question of the ratification of the SEIU#888, Cafeteria Workers Union Contract. Member Kevin L. Connolly made a motion to approve and ratify the contract as presented. Motion to approve and ratify was seconded by Member Germano John Connolly. Motion was taken to a **roll-call vote**, as follows:

Francis J. Fistori, Avon; Aye

Germano John Silveira; Braintree; Aye

Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella, Dedham; Aye

Mr. Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood; Aye

Mr. Richard Riman, Randolph; Aye

Mr. Charles W. Flahive, Westwood; Aye

Canton Selectman/District Contract Liaison – Mr. John Connolly - Aye

The vote passed UNANIMOUSLY by roll-call vote to approve and ratify the  
SEIU#888 Cafeteria Workers Union Contract, as presented and negotiated.

Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella moved the question of the ratification of the SEIU#888, Maintenance and Custodial Union Contract. Member Kevin L. Connolly made a motion to approve and ratify the contract as presented and negotiated. Motion to approve and ratify the contract was seconded by Member Germano John Connolly. Motion was taken to a **roll-call vote**, as follows:

Francis J. Fistori, Avon; Aye

Germano John Silveira; Braintree; Aye

Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella, Dedham; Aye

Mr. Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood; Aye

Mr. Richard Riman, Randolph; Aye

Mr. Charles W. Flahive, Westwood; Aye

Canton Selectman/District Contract Liaison – Mr. John Connolly - Aye

The vote passed UNANIMOUSLY by roll- call vote to approve and ratify the SEIU#888 Maintenance and Custodial Union Contract, as presented and negotiated.

These ratifications culminate a cooperative and collaborative effort that is appreciated by the District School Committee.

- **NOTE:** Members Austin, Maguire and Joyce were absent and did not participate in the meeting, including votes.

Further discussion 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.

A vote to ratify the settled contracts was postponed in order to invite the District Towns' Contract Liaison, Town of Canton Selectman John Connolly.

- **Warrant** - Chairman Richard Riman stated that there were no issues to be addressed for this warrant.
- **Policy Subcommittee** – Superintendent-Director announced that they Policy Subcommittee was unable to conduct its business tonight because it lacked a quorum.

The Policy Subcommittee continues to review the Policy Book for updating and recommendations to the full Committee. This project is nearly one-half done. The next scheduled/posted meeting will be Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in Board Room 402.

10. **New Business:** None.

11. **Administrative Reports (as needed):**

11.1 **Treasurer:** Chairman Pascarella recognized Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi. Mr. Gisondi spoke of the Blue Hills' Non-Teacher's Retirement Board that is overseen by PERAC. Mr. Gisondi stated, "The landscape of the retirement boards has changed with increased scrutiny with the increase of periodic review being more intense." Along with this, members of retirement boards must now attend mandatory classroom instruction for 18 hours. The introduction of stipends to board members is also being enacted in the yearly \$3K-\$4.5K range. Mr. Gisondi is asking the Committee for a future vote of the Committee to keep in line with the other boards involved with retirements. Mr. Gisondi will continue updates on this matter.

11.2 **Business Manager:** Chairman Pascarella recognized Business Manager David W. Proule. Mr. Proule stated that: We are continuing our visits to district towns to discuss the FY13 Budget and receiving positive reactions on our visits.

11.3 **Assistant Superintendent/Principal:** Chairman Pascarella recognized Assistant Superintendent/Principal Mr. Michael J. Barrett. Mr. Barrett stated that it had been a pleasure working with the individual associated with the Costa Rica trip.

- **Guest Speaker at Graduation** – Once again, Astronaut Scott Tingle, a Blue Hills Alumni, will be guest speaking at this Year's Blue Hills' Class of 2012 Graduation.

11.4 **Superintendent/Director James P. Quaglia:** Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella recognized Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia. Mr. Quaglia continues moving forward with his goals. There are two left:

- →**Policy** in-progress, to be completed during fall of 2012.
- →**Strategic Plan**, to be presented in June.
- **Freshmen Program – Class of 2016** – A program is being conducted tonight by numerous administrators, including Director of Admissions Marybeth Joyce with the accepted Class of 2016.
- **Class of 2012 Design and Visual Communications** – Mr. Quaglia commended the teachers; Mrs. Joann Murphy and Ms. Joanne Wayland and students with their program this evening.
- **Upcoming Incarceration** – Mr. Quaglia will be participating in a MDA fund raiser where he will be incarcerated at the "Tip Top".
- **LPN Program** - A recent accreditation visit rendered a positive report.

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

- **District School Committee Goals** – Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella reminded the members again that the end of May (second Meeting, May 15<sup>th</sup>) will bring about dialogue on the success of the District School Committee Goals 2011-12.
- **Athletic & Extracurricular Subcommittee** - Chairman, Mr. Charles W. Flahive, stated that the subcommittee wants to draft a plan on improvements for the school's athletic fields. Mr. Quaglia stated that there is an "individual" who is willing to do a series of asbuilts for this goal.

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

Upon motion of Member Richard Riman seconded by Member Germano John Silveira., it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

**VOTED:** to approve **FY12 Warrant No. 17, Vouchers 1079-1083, dated May 1, 2012 in the amount of \$1,418,086.90.**

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

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. The executive session was covered by Chairman Joseph A. Pascarella.

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 **8:52 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 May 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.** unless otherwise posted.

Minutes Approved

Respectfully submitted by:

Joseph A. Pascarella, Chairman/Acting Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary