



**MINUTES of the “51st District School Committee”
Regular Schedule 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, May 3, 2016

Prior to this Special Meeting, a subcommittee meeting was scheduled to be conducted. Meetings and report/recommendations will be forthcoming, resulting from the conduct. The subcommittees were:

- **Personnel & Negotiation – conducted at 5 p.m. on Monday May 2nd.**
- **Warrant Subcommittee – (6:30 P.M.)**Report > Subcommittee Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., will be reporting on the examination of the warrant documentation and subsequent recommendation.

The Blue Hills Regional Vocational School **Fifty-First District School Committee Regular Schedule Meeting** was called to order, promptly, **on Tuesday, May 3, 2016**, at the Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School, **William T. Buckley District School Committee Board Room (#207A)**, 800 Randolph Street, Canton, Massachusetts by Chairman Charles W. Flahive.

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.

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 voice recorder.

1. ROLL CALL and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Student Representative Geoffrey Ostman.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT Mssrs. Fistori and McNeil

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Charles J. Gisondi, District Treasurer

Ms. Jill Rossetti, Principal
Mr. Steven Moore, Assistant Superintendent/Business & Personnel
Ms. Marybeth Joyce, BH Director of Admissions and Financial Aid
Mr. Geoff Zini, Director of Academic Programs
Mr. Ed. Catabia, Athletic Director/Coach
Mr. Thomas Cavanaugh, Dean of Students,

David Joseph Teacher	Eileen Dailey, BHEA/Resident	Stacy Hedges Teacher	Matt Manders Coach
Nicole Flynn Teacher	Elizabeth Joyce- Grikis, Teacher		

NOTED: There were attendees at this meeting that did not sign the attendance sheet.

Chairman Charles W. Flahive welcomed the meeting attendees and praised the group for their appearance at this meeting.

2. **Public Comment** – None.

3. **Student Report:** – No report.

4. **Minute approval:** None.

5. **DSC Chairman's Report/Comments:** Called to executive session for a portion of the discussions.

6. **Subcommittee Reports:**

- **Ad hoc Legal Subcommittee – Subcommittee Chairman Charles W. Flahive introduced the three finalists for the position of School Council. Following interviews and full DSC deliberations, the following transpired with a MAJORITY vote by the Committee to appoint:**

LEGAL COUNSEL (AS OF May 3, 2016)

**Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP, 300 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 410,
Quincy, MA 02169**

Joanne will contact the Law Firms of the decision of the District School Committee.

Evaluation Subcommittee – Report > Subcommittee Chairman Fran Fistori, although not present at this meeting, still requires delinquent reports to be filed respecting the Superintendent-Directors yearly review and leading to contract negotiations.

Personnel & Negotiation Subcommittee – Report > Subcommittee Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., reported that a meeting was conducted on May 2, 2016 and the Committee recommends the approval of the Superintendent-Director's Contract for three years, as requested. The matter and contract was discussed within Executive Session resulting in the decision to recommend. Vice Chairman Nearen moved to approve the Superintendent-Director's three year contract. Motion to approve was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion was taken to a VOTE and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve the Superintendent-Director James P. Quaglia's three-year contract, as of July 1, 2016.

The contract will be executed as soon as possible.

- **Warrant Subcommittee** – Report > Subcommittee Chairman Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., recommended approval of the submitted Warrant, following examination of submitted warrant details and the reply of Assistant Superintendent/Personnel & Business Steven M. Moore.

7. **Administrative Reports:**

7.1 **Treasurer, Mr. Charles J. Gisondi** was recognized by Chairman Flahive. Treasurer Gisondi was recognized by Chairman Flahive and requested the approval of the FY16, Warrant #19:

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

Secretary Thomas R. Polito moved to approve FY16 Warrant #19, dated May 3, 2016, in the amount of \$418,414.38. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion to approve was taken to a vote and it was **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve FY16 Warrant #19, dated May 3, 2016, 2016, in the amount of \$418,414.38.

Mr. Gisondi reported that the ATM will be installed in the front lobby.

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

- **Town Finance Committee Visits:** Mr. Moore reported that that the District Town visits continue to be productive and positive, relative to the FY17 Budget. Mr. Murphy thanked Member Fess Joyce for his attendance and support at the recent Town of Milton Meeting.

7.4 Principal – Ms. Jill M. Rossetti was recognized by Chairman Flahive.

Principal Rossetti reported upcoming events:

- **Senior Art Show** – Tuesday, May 24th from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. All DSC Members are invited. Ms. Rossetti also provided a passout (on record)
- **Out-of-State Travel, for Students:** Principal Rossetti requested the permission of the District School Committee for two out-of-state events to be conducted by the for DVC to Newport, RI, and for SKILLS, USA for competition in Kentucky. Following presentation, Chairman Flahive moved the question: Secretary Polito moved to approve the out-of-state student field trips as presented by Principal Rossetti. Member Kevin L. Connolly seconded the motion to approve the out-of-state field trips for DVC to Newport, RI and Skills USA for a competition in Kentucky. Without further discussion the motion was taken to a full committee vote, resulting in a **UNANIMOUS**

VOTE: to approve the out-of-state field trips for DVC to Newport, RI and Skills USA for a competition in Kentucky.

- **End of Year Tex's BBQ** is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22 (right around Noon Time) and a gracious invitation was extended to all DSC Members.
- **Signs of Suicide Pilot (SoS)** Program with all the 10th grade students was conducted yesterday (May 2nd) and was a huge success. This program assists with recognizing symptoms that may elevate to suicidal thoughts.
- **SkillsUSA 52nd Annual National Leadership & Skills Competition in Kentucky** –Students, Nathan Murphy (Weymouth), Daniel Obichie (Randolph) and Andrew Wharton (Braintree) won a gold medal in the Engineering category, qualifying them to move on to the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Louisville, KY from June 20-24, 2016.
 - Also winning medals were Briana Martinex, Jozmyn Conrad, Andrea Leigh, Bobby Bullock and Chris Bullock.
 - State Officer Elect is Karimah Land
 - National Voting Delegate is Chinedu Ibiam.
- Lacrosse and Girls Softball Teams had team building exercises last week.
- Teacher Appreciation Week was conducted with great success.

Chairman Flahive thanked Principal Rossetti for her report.

7.5 **Superintendent-Director:** No report.

8. **Unfinished Business and New Business –**

Executive Session: Conducted earlier in the meeting as called by Chairman Flahive.

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

- **“Day on the Hill”** (Tuesday, April 26th 2016 at the Boston State House at 9 a.m.) sponsored by MASC/MASS. Member Kevin L. Connolly attended the “Day on the Hill” sponsored by MASC/MASS. Mr. Connolly stated that this year’s event was very low key.
- **“Program of Studies for School Year 2016-17”** Chairman Flahive complimented Principal Rossetti for this submission. Principal Rossetti stated that Director of Academics Geoffrey Zini had a great deal to do with this accomplishment and also Teachers Dan Jordan and Chris Deady of the Graphics Program and their students.

10. **Executive session:** A brief executive session was called, necessary 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. Chairman Flahive moved the meeting to Executive Session declaring that the DSC would return to complete regular session business at 7:15. Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to have the Committee move to executive session, with the Committee returning to the Regular Session purely to adjourn with no unfinished regular business on the table. Motion was seconded by Member Eric Erskine and taken to a **ROLL CALL VOTE. UNANIMOUSLY** by roll-call vote, the Committee

Voted: to have the Committee move from executive session, with the Committee returning to the Regular Session to continue regular business.

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 Fess Joyce, taken to a vote and **UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to adjourn the Regular Schedule Meeting, with all regular business concluded, at **9:42 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, May 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.,** unless otherwise posted.

Minutes approved by:

Respectfully submitted by:

Thomas R. Polito, Secretary

Joanne Kuzborski, Recording Secretary