



BLUE HILLS REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

800 Randolph Street

Canton, MA 02021-9103

“Fifty-Fifth District Committee”

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Membership:

Francis J. Fistori, Avon; Eric C. Erskine, Braintree; Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., Canton;
Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Dedham; Michael C. Franzosa, Holbrook; Matthew P. O’Malley, Milton; Kevin L.
Connolly, Norwood; Marybeth Nearen, Randolph and Charles W. Flahive, Westwood.

Goals: *“Transparency, Accountability and Fiscal Discipline”*

ORGANIZATION:

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Secretary

District Treasurer

Student Representative

Thomas R. Polito, Jr.

Eric C. Erskine

Michael C. Franzosa

Charles J. Gisondi

Mr. Galen Patrick Galeotos

As appointed by Chairman Thomas R. Polito, Jr., on August 20, 2019

SUBCOMMITTEES *

ATHLETIC & EXTRACURRICULAR
BUILDINGS, FACILITIES, SAFETY AND SECURITY
CURRICULUM & ADVISORY -
EVALUATION -
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION -
PERSONNEL & NEGOTIATIONS -
POLICY -
WARRANT -
School MSBA -
WEBSITE & TECHNOLOGY

Members

Members Flahive, Fistori, Franzosa
Members Connolly, Erskine, Maguire & Polito
Members Connolly, Maguire, O’Malley
Members Fistori, O’Malley, Polito and Nearen
Members Erskine, Franzosa, O’Malley, Polito,
Members **Polito**, Connolly, Erskine,
Members **Nearen**, Fistori, and O’Malley
Members **Maguire**, Erskine, Flahive
Members **Polito**, Connolly, Maguire and Erskine
Members Connolly, Flahive, Franzosa and O’Malley

* Subcommittee Chairmen will be listed first and bolded after first meeting of subcommittees’ appointments by Chairman of the District School Committee. The Chairman of the District School Committee serves as *Ex-officio* member on all subcommittees.

Conducted pursuant to the Executive Order dated March 12, 2020 suspending certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, Gen. L. c. 30A §20 et seq. and 940 CMR 29.01 et seq.

THIS SPECIAL MEETING WAS CONDUCTED USING ZOOM TECHNOLOGY

Prior to the meeting being called to order, Joanne stated that she had spoken directly to Member Aidan G. Maguire, Jr. Member Maguire is recovering from serious emergency surgery and is unable to attend this meeting.



ZOOM MINUTES OF THE 4.14.2020 SPECIAL MEETING

This SPECIAL ZOOM meeting may be abbreviated. Chairman Thomas R. Polito, Jr., may call agenda items out of order.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic and State of Emergency, on March 12, 2020, Governor Baker issued an Executive Order Temporarily Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A sec. 20. Pursuant to the Order, public bodies are temporarily relieved from the Open Meeting Law's requirement that meetings be held in public places, open and physically accessible to the public, so long as measures are taken to ensure public access to the bodies' deliberations "through adequate, alternative means



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Meeting ID: 445 434 6594

FYI: All Blue Hills' students have Chromebooks and our teachers have set up learning sessions with the students, Vocationally and Academically.

7:03 p.m.

1. **Roll Call** – A quorum was met. Eight of the nine members were present at roll call. Member Charles W. Flahive excused himself at 7:17 p.m.

Francis J. Fistori, Avon, Eric C. Erskine, Braintree; Aidan G. Maguire, Jr., Canton (Absent) Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Dedham; Michael C. Franzosa, Holbrook; Matthew P. O'Malley, Milton; Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood; Marybeth Nearen, Randolph and Charles W. Flahive, Westwood (Excused at 7:17 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT: Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi, Superintendent-Director Jill M. Rossetti, Business Manager Michelle Resendes, Principal Geoffrey L. Zini, Facility Manager David Galego, Director of Academics Paul Barvuso, IT Manager Matt Eisen, SPED Director Angelo Dimitriou.

AND:

Kathy Dowd, Stephanie Mayne, Kim Poliseno, Ann Marie Furtolo, Kris Luoto, Katlyn Lovell, David Joseph, Kim Poliseno, Robert Donnelly, Stacy Hedges, Brian Gearty, Stephanie Mayne Carol Baskins, Michelle Barley, Dwight Seaman, Jane O'Malley, Eileen Dailey, Nicol Flynn, Mike Sheehan, Jen Braga, Joann Murphy, Carole Martins, Ronald Eby, Ryan Kiff, Quinn Peters, Jonathan PalmerRich Spada, Courtney Wall, Sarah Kiefer, Matt Eisen, Melissa Taksar, Nicole Flynn, Margaret, Susan Grant, Elaine Couto, Brian Gearty, Xavier Mahoney, Elizabeth ?, Nancy Finnell, Jason Winchell, Sarah Kiefer, Scott Donn, Vicki DeMeo, Carol Martins, Bill Banfour, Seamus Killeen, Burke Doherty, Grace Quinterio, Jill Bearse, Elizabeth/Bess, Stacy Hedges, Michelle Barley, Don Conaghan, Riann Brooks, Linda Varasso, Ryan Kiff, Cathy Mohan, Cindy Fama, Scott D., Jaquin Connolly, Janice Lavoie, Anthony Giuffre. Stephanie Mclean., Rich Spada, Elaine Coutu (65+ attended this hearing.)

Note: Attendance may not be perfect as I wasn't able to identify some attendants with phone numbers provided. (Joanne)

CHOICE PROGRAM: Chairman Thomas R. Polito, Jr., called the Choice Program out of order. Chairman Polito requested input from Superintendent-Director Jill M. Rossetti. Superintendent-Director Rossetti stated that she is not in favor of the program for Blue Hills. Currently, Blue Hills' Regional has a waiting list of in-district students. Following discussion Chairman Polito accepted a motion from Member Charles W. Flahive moved to reject the Choice Program for School Year 2020-2021. Motion was seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly. Motion was taken to a **ROLL-CALL VOTE AND UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to reject the Choice Program for School Year 2020-2021.

Voting Members:

Francis J. Fistori, Avon, Eric C. Erskine, Braintree; Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Dedham; Michael C. Franzosa, Holbrook; Matthew P. O'Malley, Milton; Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood; Marybeth Nearen, Randolph and Charles W. Flahive, Westwood (Excused at 7:17 p.m., after this vote.)

2. FY21 BUDGET OPEN MEETING: A unanimous roll-call vote opened the budget hearing.

Voting Members:

Francis J. Fistori, Avon, Eric C. Erskine, Braintree; Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Dedham; Michael C. Franzosa, Holbrook; Matthew P. O'Malley, Milton; Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood; Marybeth Nearen, Randolph

The Preliminary Budget was approved on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, Unanimously. This meeting is for all to have an opportunity to ask relevant questions on the FY21 Budget. Chairman Polito recognized Business Manager Michelle Resendes. Mrs. Resendes stated that ALL municipal officials have received copies of the budget with all details, prior to this hearing. Mrs. Resendes proceeded to go through the entire budget, line by line for the benefit of all. Visits had begun with individual towns (Holbrook/Canton) until COVID-19 struck. Questions were asked by the Committee and input was requested from the attendants. In some cases, Business Manager Resendes must research issues addressed.

Following discussions, Chairman Polito accepted a motion to close the FY21 Budget Hearing, with a condition included by Member Marybeth E. Nearen that all questions on ambiguous items be reconciled at a future meeting. **Motion was seconded by Member Fran J. Fistori. Motion was taken to a ROLL-CALL VOTE AND IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to close the FY21 Budget Hearing, with a condition included.

Voting Members:

Francis J. Fistori, Avon, Eric C. Erskine, Braintree; Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Dedham; Michael C. Franzosa, Holbrook; Matthew P. O'Malley, Milton; Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood; Marybeth Nearen, Randolph.

3. Treasurer: Chairman Tom Polito called on District Treasurer Charles J. Gisondi. No report.

4. Warrant: No warrant at this time.

5. Minute Approval: Chairman Polito moved to the approval of the 3.31.20 SPECIAL ZOOM MEETING. Member Kevin L. Connolly moved to approve the 3.31.20 SPECIAL ZOOM MEETING. Motion was seconded by Member Marybeth Nearen. **Motion was taken to a roll-call vote, without discussion and it was UNANIMOUSLY**

VOTED: to approve the 3.31.20 SPECIAL ZOOM MEETING.

Voting Members:

Francis J. Fistori, Avon, Eric C. Erskine, Braintree; Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Dedham; Michael C. Franzosa, Holbrook; Matthew P. O'Malley, Milton; Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood; Marybeth Nearen, Randolph

6. **DSC Chair Report** – Chairman Thomas R. Polito, Jr., stated April Vacation is a matter of great importance and will impact the Blue Hills' School Attendance Calendar. This action requires the approval of the District School Committee. Superintendent-Director is recommending the following:

- Monday, April 20th, will be NO SCHOOL (Patriots Day)
- April 21 - April 24 - Y Days
- April 27 - May 1 - X Days
- Seniors' Last Day of School - June 1 (no change)
- Last Day of School - JUNE 19

Chairman Polito moved to the question. Motion was made by Member Kevin L. Connolly to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent-Director. Motion was seconded by Secretary Michael C. Franzosa. Without further discussion motion was taken to a **roll-call vote** and it was UNANIMOUSLY

VOTED: to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent-Director.

Members voting:

Francis J. Fistori, Avon, Eric C. Erskine, Braintree; Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Dedham; Michael C. Franzosa, Holbrook; Matthew P. O'Malley, Milton; Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood; Marybeth Nearen, Randolph

8. **Subcommittee Reports** (As needed.) None.

9. **Administrative Reports** (As needed.)

9.1 **Business Manager** – Ms. Michelle Resendes was recognized by Chairman Polito– Mrs. Resendes spoke on Student Transportation and what is being done to recounicle. At this time, the matter is in the formative stage and a future report and update will be forthcoming for the District School Committee

9.2 **Principal** – Mr. Geoffrey L. Zini was recognized by Chairman Polito. – Principal Zini continues to communicate with students, families and staff on the state of the school during this crisis. District School Committee members also receive communications from Principal Zini, as well as Academic and Vocational directors. Principal Zini stated that teachers and students of Blue Hills are doing fantastic with virtual learning and participation is excellent. Mr. Zini commended the teachers.

9.3 **Superintendent/Director:** Ms. Jill M. Rossetti was recognized by Chairman

- **COVID-19 Update – As of today, schools in the Commonwealth are closed until 5.4.**
- **No one is entering the school without the consent of Facility Manager David Galego.**
- **Debbie Crossen continues to work full steam as the Security Officer and manning the phone system.**

- Vice Chairman Eric C. Erskine stated: “He has spoken with a parent from Dedham and learned that the Town of Dedham is trying to set up special signs of upcoming seniors of their town high school throughout the town.” Vice Chairman Erskine wondered if something of this kind could be implemented for Senior Students of Blue Hills?
- Students are receiving assignments from their teachers via email. Chromebooks continue to play an integral part in vocational and academic components of education from Blue Hills. Total support is here from all staff.
- Superintendent-Director realizes the impact this pandemic has played with students and families and continuous service is being offered to all in need by the staff.
- Students Chromebooks are a valuable learning tool and all students are equipped with these and using them.
- “Thank you” to all students, administrators and staff for everything they are doing to get Blue Hills Tech through this unprecedented crisis.

Member Kevin L. Connolly, asked permission from Chairman Polito to speak. Mr. Connolly stated that he wishes to thank Ms. Rossetti and Mr. Zini for the fine job they are doing in handling this pandemic, in all ways.

Entry Process: Superintendent-Director Rossetti provided all members of the DSC with a written report on the Entry Process for their review and future comments. This document was provided electronically, prior to this meeting.

8. **Unfinished Business** – N/A

9. **New Business** – N/A

10. An **executive session** was unnecessary.

11. **Adjournment** was called by Chairman Thomas R. Polito, at 8:07 p.m.; following motion from Member Francis J. Fistori, Michael C. Franzosa and seconded by Member Kevin L. Connolly.

Adjournment By roll-call vote: Members voting:

Francis J. Fistori, Avon, Eric C. Erskine, Braintree; Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Dedham; Michael C. Franzosa, Holbrook; Matthew P. O'Malley, Milton; Kevin L. Connolly, Norwood; Marybeth Nearen, Randolph

Michael C. Franzosa Secretary	Thomas R. Polito, Jr. Chairman
	Joanne Doyle Kuzborski Recording Secretary