



Blue Hills Regional District School Committee
Fifty-Sixth District Committee
DSC Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, October 06, 2020

Per Governor Baker's order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A sec 20, the public will not be allowed to physically access the School Committee meeting. Members of the public can access the meeting via live stream at the link provided.

Call to Order: Roll Call at 7:02 PM

Members in Attendance: Fran Fistori – Avon, Eric Erskine (Vice Chair) Braintree, Aidan Maguire – Canton, Matthew O'Malley – Milton, Kevin Connolly – Norwood, Marybeth Nearen – Randolph, and Charles Flahive – Westwood

Members not in Attendance: Thomas Polito (Chair) – Dedham and Michael Franzosa (Secretary) – Holbrook.

BH Administration in Attendance: Jill Rossetti - Superintendent, Geoff Zini – Principal, Michelle resends – Business Manager, David Galego – Facilities Director, Marybeth Joyce - Admissions Director, and Chuck Gisondi – DSC Treasurer

Open Session: ZOOM Meeting

Public Comment: None

Treasurer's Report:

Issuance of Bond Anticipation was approved at the last meeting. Seven and a half million dollars has been received and is in bank. Next vote will be in April/May 2021.

Warrant: Vote required

FY'20 Warrant Number 24 \$74,120.81

Motion to approve: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Marybeth Nearen, Randolph

Roll Call Vote: Motion passes unanimously by those in attendance

FY'21 Warrant Number 06 \$1,839,338.67

Motion to Approve: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Charlie Flahive, Westwood

Roll Call Vote: Motion passes unanimously by those in attendance

Admissions Policy Addendum, SY 20-21, Marybeth Joyce, Admissions Director

Ms. Joyce thanked the committee for recognizing her and then went on to explain that the proposed addendum was for this year only and affected data between March 13, 2020 and June 30, 2020. This addendum will address how data is scored for admission into Blue Hills. This will address scoring data issues impacted by COVID-19 restrictions.

Ms. Joyce stated that DESE is behind and approves the change and is asking that school committees demonstrate their support by voting on this addendum.

Motion to approve Admissions Addendum: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Marybeth Nearen, Randolph

Roll Call Vote: Motion approved unanimously by members in attendance

DSC Chair Report: Eric Erskine, Vice Chair sitting in for Tom Polito, Chair

No report

Sub-Committee Reports as Needed:

Policy Sub-Committee: Travel

Request made to Committee to approve a change in language to the Travel Policy, specifically testing.

Motion to approve: Marybeth Nearen, Randolph

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed unanimously by members in attendance

Administrator's Reports:

Principal Report: Geoff Zini

School opened on September 18th. At this time, BH has completed its 2nd cycle. Students have been able to enter the building safely and attendance is at an average of 94%. Students and staff are all doing well complying with safety rules including keeping social distancing and wearing masks. Everyone is working hard and we at Blue hills are off to a great start. There is no school on Monday so we are changing deep clean from Wednesday to evening hours and moving in school learning to Tuesday/Wednesday and Thursday/Friday.

Business Manager Report: Michelle Resendes

Michelle introduced a new Hire for the Finance Department, Nandine Timperio. She will be working part time in payroll.

Superintendent's Report: Jill Rossetti, Superintendent

Ms. Rossetti told the Committee that the school was offered a truck as a donation. The truck would be used for Auto Repair and Collision classes. Once repaired, it will go to facilities and replace an aging vehicle. Both the shops and Facilities would like to see this happen.

Motion to accept the truck donation: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Marybeth Nearen, Randolph

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed unanimously by members in attendance

Update: All Alice and Fire Drills are completed for the beginning of the school year. All have gone well. A Flu clinic is being offered at school for those who would like them. Joan Gainey, the school nurse is the contact.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business Topics:

A DSC Delegate and Alternate have to be named for the Virtual MASC 75th Annual Meeting. After some discussion:

Kevin Connolly, Norwood made the motion to appoint Marybeth Nearen, Randolph as the DSC delegate.

Second: Eric Erskine, Braintree

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed unanimously by members in attendance

Aidan Maguire, Canton, made the motion to appoint Tom Polito as the Alternate

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed unanimously by those in attendance

Executive Session: N/A

Future Business:

The next School Committee Meeting will be held October 20, 2020.

Just before the vote was taken to adjourn, Charlie Flahive let the Committee know that he was resigning his seat. He thanked the Committee and Administration. He let them know that it was becoming increasingly more difficult for him to participate because of family concerns. The committee and others thanked him, gave well wishes, and told him that he will be missed.

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Adjournment: 7:50 P.M.

Motion to Adjourn: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Charlie Flahive, Westwood

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried by all members in attendance.

Minutes Submitted by:

Pamela Donnellan, Administrative Secretary to the Superintendent-Director

Minutes Approved: 11/17/2020 by the DSC