



Blue Hills Regional District School Committee
Fifty-Sixth District Committee
DSC Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, September 01, 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: Members and Regular BH Administration Present: **7:04PM**

In Attendance: Eric Erskine: Braintree, Aidan Maguire: Canton, Thomas Polito: Dedham, Michael Franzosa: Holbrook, Matthew O'Malley: Milton, Kevin Connolly: Norwood, Marybeth Nearen, Randolph, and Charles Flahive: Westwood.

Not in Attendance: Francis Fistori, Avon

Administrators in Attendance: Chuck Gisondi, Jill Rossetti, Michelle Resendes, Geoff Zini, David Galego, Michelle Sylvia, Paul Bavuso, and Angelo Dimitriou

Open Session ***ZOOM LINK Below***

Public Comment: None

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Gisondi

Mr. Gisondi reminded the Committee that he was going to start the borrowing (Short-Term) process and that he would like this to be on the next DSC agenda.

Warrant: Warrant: (Vote Required)

FY20: Warrant Number 22: \$64, 629.35

Motion to Approve: Marybeth Nearen, Randolph

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed unanimously by members in attendance

FY21: Warrant Number 4: \$79,956.00

Motion to Approve: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Marybeth Nearen, Randolph

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed unanimously by members in attendance

Minutes Approval:

August 04, 2020 – Tabled until next meeting (9/15)

Presentation: Marybeth Joyce, Practical Nurse Handbook

The Nursing Student Handbook had to be updated to reflect the changes to the program as it pertains to COVID Pandemic, specifically remote learning. The state (Regulating Boards) wanted the language in the student handbooks that formally state the regulations and requirements and any changes to the program for remote learning.

A vote is required.

Motion to accept changes to the Nursing Student Handbook: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Marybeth Nearen, Randolph

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed unanimously by members in attendance

Marybeth Joyce went on to introduce and asked us to welcome Betty Tangney as the new LPN Lead Teacher. Marybeth Neared spoke for the committee welcoming her to Blue Hills.

DSC Chair Report: Mr. Tom Politio, Jr.

Update: DSC Recording Secretary

Mr. Politio was able to speak to the former DSC Recording Secretary and at that time, offered her the opportunity to return to work. The offer was 12 hours per week at the hourly rate she was at when she left on June 31, 2020. There are no benefits attached to this offer because it does not meet Blue Hills's requirements for them. The former DSC Recording Secretary said she would think about it but was requesting to meet with the committee via ZOOM to discuss a possible counter offer and salary. Mr. Politio agreed to bring her response back to the committee.

The committee had a short discussion about not needing a recording Secretary for any more hours per week and were not in a position to raise her pay. The committee agreed to adhere to the original ask but felt that because of her years in service, they would meet with her. This conversation ended with Mr. Politio agreeing to get back to the Former DSC Recording Secretary and set up a meeting if that is how she wanted to proceed.

Subcommittee Reports as Needed

Evaluation Subcommittee: Francis Fistori, Avon

Mr. Polito, Chair took the lead as Mr. Fistori is not in attendance at today's meeting. Mr. Polito began by explaining that he had only seven towns out of nine contributing to the Superintendent's evaluation. The overall consensus is that Significant Progress has been made. Special note was taken because not only is this the Superintendent's first year in this role, She has had to address issues that were not new to just her position but new to the school community, state and country – COVID. The Committee feels that Jill has addressed all Pandemic issues professionally, timely and thoughtfully. This has been demonstrated by the policies put in place, her relationships with her staff and her ongoing hard work. The committee is pleased with the superintendent's job performance. The committee did not speak to the Superintendent prior to this meeting with its findings

Website Subcommittee: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

The Sub-Committee met to discuss the website issues that were brought up at the last meeting and to go over some thought of their own. The following are items brought to table:

- They would like a copy of the original charter on the website.
- Would like it to be more user friendly
- On the DSC page they would like their Bios available and all contact information available
- The committee invited Matt Eisan, IT, to the next meeting to go over changes

Marybeth Nearen, Randolph, thanked the Committee and school personnel for listening to the committee's concerns and really hearing what they had to say.

School Name Subcommittee:

This sub-committee now has its members (Tom Polito - Dedham, Aidan Maguire – Canton, Marybeth Nearen – Randolph, and Charlie Flahive – Westwood). The Sub-Committee has not met to date and will let the Committee know when they are prepared to be placed back on a meeting agenda.

The Superintendent brought paperwork in that went back years to confirm that the School's name has always been 'Blue Hills Regional Technical High School' and that it is the District School Committee's formal name that included "Vocational". She further stated that the school committee was free to put vocational on their letterhead and other documents but that the school will keep its name as listed above.

iAdministrator's Reports:

Principal's Report:

Reopening Q&A Session

Principal Zini reported that the Q&A Session went very well. They received positive feedback from staff, families and student. The overwhelming community response was such that a second

Q&A session will be scheduled to bring additional information forward. It was also an opportunity to answer scheduling, and logistical questions in general but to reassure families that their child's safety and educational needs are at the forefront of all planning.

School start date

Principal Zini reported that the first day of school is tentatively scheduled to be 09/18/2020. This will be day 1 of this 170 day school year. This allows for mandatory training for teachers providing the tools they require to successfully start remotely and on site from day one of school. A vote is required.

Motion to tentatively approve 09/18 the first day of school: Eric Erskine, Braintree

Second: Marybeth Nearen, Randolph

Vote passed unanimously by members in attendance

Business Manager Report

Q4 Report and End-of-the-Year Report

Michelle Resendes presented the Committee with the final report for 2020. She spent a great deal of time reviewing numbers and answering questions in detail. Requires a vote.

Motion to approve the Q4 and End of year report presented by the Business Manager: Eric Erskine, Braintree

Second: Marybeth Nearen, Randolph

Vote passed unanimously by members in attendance

Superintendent's Report Superintendent Rossetti will provide an update on a variety of matters going on throughout the district.

Update of the Opening of School

The Superintendent stated that a lot of information has been presented and that the Administrative Team has been working very hard to ensure that the start of school runs as smoothly as possible. She asked the Committee to remember that this is a work in progress and that their goal was to present a fluid plan that could easily go forward or be pulled back to address changing needs.

Fall Sports Recommendations

The Superintendent is recommending that Fall Sports at this point be cancelled so that their efforts can be placed on getting the winter and Spring sports on line. The mandates set forward by the State make it impossible to put together Fall Sports in a meaningful way. After a discussion outlining the pros and cons, the recommendation was called for a vote.

Motion to approve the cancellation of Fall Sports: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Marybeth Nearen, Randolph

Vote passed unanimously by members in attendance

Unfinished Business

Add Travel Policy to the next meeting (9/15) agenda

New Business Topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting: N/A

Executive Session: N/A

Future Business – Next School Committee meeting will be held on September 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The School Committee reserves the right to implement additional remote participation procedures and will notify the public of these procedures as soon as practicable.

Adjournment 8:28 PM

Motion to Adjourn: Michael Franzosa, Holbrook

Second: Marybeth Nearen, Randolph

Motion passed unanimously by members in attendance.

Minutes:

Written by Pamela Donnellan, Administrative Secretary to the Superintendent-Director

Approved by BH District School Committee on Tuesday, November 17, 2020