



District School Committee Meeting
April 23, 2024
Revised/ Approved Meeting Minutes (OD, P)

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Call to Order: Time: 7:02PM

Members in Attendance: Eric Erskine – Braintree, Mark Driscoll (Vice Chair) – Canton, Tom Polito – Dedham, Taryn Mohan (Secretary) – Holbrook, Kevin Connolly (Chair) – Norwood, Karen Graves – Randolph, Sheila Vazquez – Westwood, and Chuck Gisondi – DSC Treasurer

Members not in Attendance: Clinton Graham – Milton and Carl Walker - Avon

Administration in Attendance: Jill Rossetti – Superintendent-Director, Jill Brilhante – Business Manager, Geoff Zini – Principal, Kim Poliseno – Cooperative Education Coordinator, and Michelle Sylvia – Vocational Director

C. Public Comment: None

D. Student Representative Report: Arianis Gonzalez

Arianis said that she hoped everyone enjoyed April vacation, and she reported on Culinary Art's participation in the SkillsUSA Red Coat competition. She went on to say that the student body had a great time watching the eclipse and thanked the administration for the glasses so that everyone was able to participate safely.

She concluded with pictures of the Spain trip and said that it was amazing. Everyone had a wonderful time and the events were wonderful and memorable, particularly being with the monkeys.

E. Treasurer's Report and Warrant: Chuck Gisondi

The Treasurer stated that at the next meeting, he would be asking for a vote on OPEB. The choices were between PRIT and PCOT. Both have advantages and good recommendations.

Vote Required for the following Warrants:

Warrant # 20 for \$ 120,123.02	Voucher numbers 1072
Warrant # 21 for \$ 176,242.08	Voucher numbers 1073-1074
Warrant # 22 for \$ 1,342,879.84	Voucher numbers 1075-1081

Motion to approve Warrant numbers 20, 21, and 22: Taryn Mohan, Holbrook
Second: Mark Driscoll, Canton

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve Warrant numbers 20, 21, and 22 carries unanimously by those members in attendance.

F. Minutes Approval: (Vote is Required)

March 19, 2024

Motion to approve DSC March 29th, 2024 meeting minutes: Mark Driscoll, Canton

Second: Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

Discussion: Member Tom Polito, Dedham, asked if the Special Meeting was posted appropriately. Chair Connolly assured him it was.

Vote: Motion to approve the March 19, 2024, DSC Minutes carries with a 7 (yes) – 1 (abstention) – 0 (No).

Vote: Motion to approve the March 19, 2024, DSC Minutes carries unanimously by those members in attendance

Yes – 7

Abstention - 1

No – 0

Vote: 7-1-0, so moved

G. Superintendent's Report: Jill Rossetti, Superintendent-Director

- PN Out-of-State Professional Development Request for May 10 (3 People) (RI)

Motion to approve PN Out-of-State PD: Mark Driscoll, Canton

Second: Eric Erskine, Braintree

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve out of state PD Class carries unanimously by those members in attendance

- **School Choice:** (vote requested) Must be voted on to meet state deadline Chair Connolly opened up a Public Hearing for this agenda item.

A short discussion was had about this question and BH history with opting out because we do not have available seats to meet District needs.

Motion to opt. out / Elect not to participate in School Choice: Eric Erskine, Braintree

Second: Mark Driscoll, Canton

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to Opt. Out of School Choice for the 24-25 School Year carries Unanimously by those members in attendance.

- BH Recognition School 2023

(See Attached) DESE just released its Accountability Reports 2023. Blue Hills Regional came in first and is a "School of Recognition" with a score of 95%.

Accountability Reports include information on each district and school's performance against improvement targets, as well as information about each school's overall performance compared to other schools in the state.

The superintendent told the Committee that this is a bottom to top effort, and it is a direct reflection of all the hard work the administration, faculty, staff, and students put into making Blue Hills an educationally and vocationally sound and well sought-after school.

On behalf of the School Committee, Mark Driscoll, Vice Chair, praised the Superintendent/Director and the school as a whole, on performing at this level acknowledging this accomplishment. He stated it was an amazing achievement and that he is not at all surprised that Blue Hill is operating at this level.

- **Acceptance Reception Event for Class of 2028**

The superintendent spoke about this event, stating that it was well attended and successful based on the feedback of the participants and the staff who were a part of it. She had a few pictures to share with the Committee.

- **Donations: Stainless Pipe Donation**

An offer of steel and pipe, remainder of a project, was offered to the school and Metal Fab would like the materials. BH is asking that the donation be approved.

Motion to accept the steel donation: Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

Second: Mark Driscoll, Canton

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to accept the steel donation carries unanimously by those members in attendance.

H. DSC Chair Report: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

- No report. Mr. Connolly did ask three DSC to meet him for 5 minutes after this meeting to set up a subcommittee meeting.

I. DSC Sub-Committee Reports:

- **Personnel and Negotiations Sub-Committee:** Eric Erskine, Braintree (Committee will go into Executive Session)

J. Administration Reports:

1. Principal's Report: Geoff Zini

- **School Calendar 2024-2025 (Vote Requested)**
Member Tom Polito said that the school calendar be put on hold because Negotiation agreements may necessitate a change. There was a short discussion about this but the committee decided to vote on it now and change if necessary at a later date. **Motion to approve BH Calendar for the 24-25 school year:** Mark Driscoll, Canton
Second: Eric Erskine, Braintree
Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve calendar carries unanimously by those members in attendance.

- Overnight Trip Request for the Outing Club (Vote Requested)
The Outing Club would like to camp at Mt Greylock on May 17th – 18th weather permitting.

Motion to approve the Outing Club overnight trip: Mark Driscoll, Canton

Second: Sheila Vazquez, Westwood

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve the Outing Club's scheduled overnight trip carries unanimously by those members in attendance.

Mr. Zini then updated the Committee on upcoming important dates for the Prom, Senior Awards Night, NHS Induction Ceremony, and Graduation, making sure that the Committee members knew they were invited and welcomed to attend.

2. Business Manager Report: Jill Brilhante

- District Towns: Town Meeting update
Ms. Brilhante told the Committee that several of the towns have scheduled meetings. She and the Superintendent will be in attendance of the scheduled meetings. District towns will vote on the BH Budgets at these meeting.

K. Unfinished Business: None

L. New Business Topics:

Mr. Polito, Member - Dedham, said he had a question. He said that he sent out an email last week to the Superintendent and did not get a response. He said he wanted a couple contracts and the request is easy, just cut and paste. (the previous week was Spring Break and the Superintendent was out of the office) Member Polito then asked when he could get it. The Superintendent replied this week. Mr. Polito then asked Why so long? The Superintendent replied that she is busy. Mr. Polito then said "Ohhhhh things have changed." Mr. Polito then stood up and said that on March 7th he received an email from the Superintendent that was also sent to the DSC that said he did things that he did not do. He further stated that he couldn't respond because it would be a violation of the open meeting law. He then picked up a pile of documents and told the group it was his response to the Superintendent's email and lies about him. Mr. Polito said he showed his response to former DSC members, the Town of Dedham Human Resource Department, the Town Administrator, MASC, and the Town Managers; all of them have approved his response. He said that this is ok because the information falls under public records. The Superintendent then stated she had the right to due process, including two days written notice and legal representation, and further - this discussion belongs in Executive Session. Mr. Polito retorted that the DSC has a lawyer. Mr. Polito (Member) also stated that he gave the Superintendent notice because he told her he was bringing this up in the general meeting. Mr. Polito also said he wanted it on the agenda and "she" (Recording Secretary) didn't do it. DSC Member Polito then stated that his family believes in Civil Service and have all been active in Dedham. He further stated that in all his years as an elected official, he has never received a letter like this. He is not going to allow his family name to be tarnished.

M. Executive Session: Yes (Negotiations)

The District School Committee may vote to go into executive session pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 30A, section 21 (a)(3) which permits a public body to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the chair declares.

N. Future Business:

The next DSC meeting is Tuesday, May 21, 2024

O. Adjournment: (Vote Required) 7:30 PM

Adjournment from General Meeting to Executive Session to later return for adjournment purposes only.

Motion made to adjourn as stated above: Eric Erskine, Braintree

Second: Tom Polito, Dedham

Discussion: None

Roll Call: by town (in attendance)

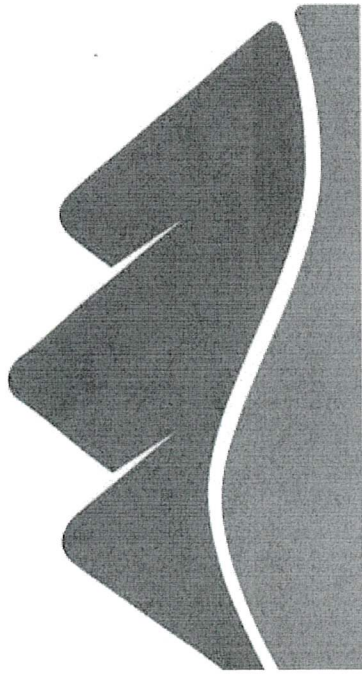
Vote Yes: 7

No: 0

Vote: 7-0-0 so moved

Minutes Prepared by: Pamela Donnellan, Administrative Secretary to the Superintendent-Director
and Recording Secretary for the DSC

Minutes Approved by the DSC on July 23, 2024



BLUE HILLS

REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

April 23, 2024
Superintendent-Director Report
Jill Rossetti

Practical Nursing Out-of-State Professional Development Request

The Experiences of English Language Learners: The Nurse Educator's Role in Facilitating Learning with JoAnne Mulready-Shick

Lincoln, Rhode Island

Friday, May 10, 2024

7:45 -3:00 PM

\$100.00 per person

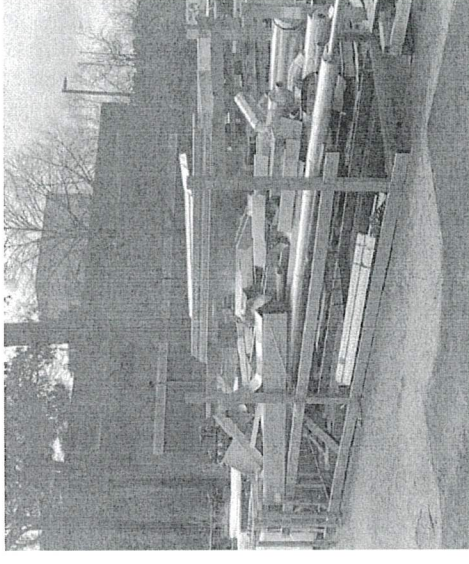
Vocational Donations (Vote Requested)

- **Electrical**

- New England Turtle and Hughes: pallets of miscellaneous materials: A&G material and some 1/2"-1" EMT.
- Sully Mac: \$500.00 in materials
- Mr. M's Contractor donated aluminum wire and lighting fixtures

- **Metal Fabrication**

- various stainless steel tubing, ferrules, elbows, etc.



School Choice (Vote Requested)

Each year, the District School Committee must vote on whether or not to participate in the School Choice Program.

This vote must be submitted to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education prior to June 1, 2024.

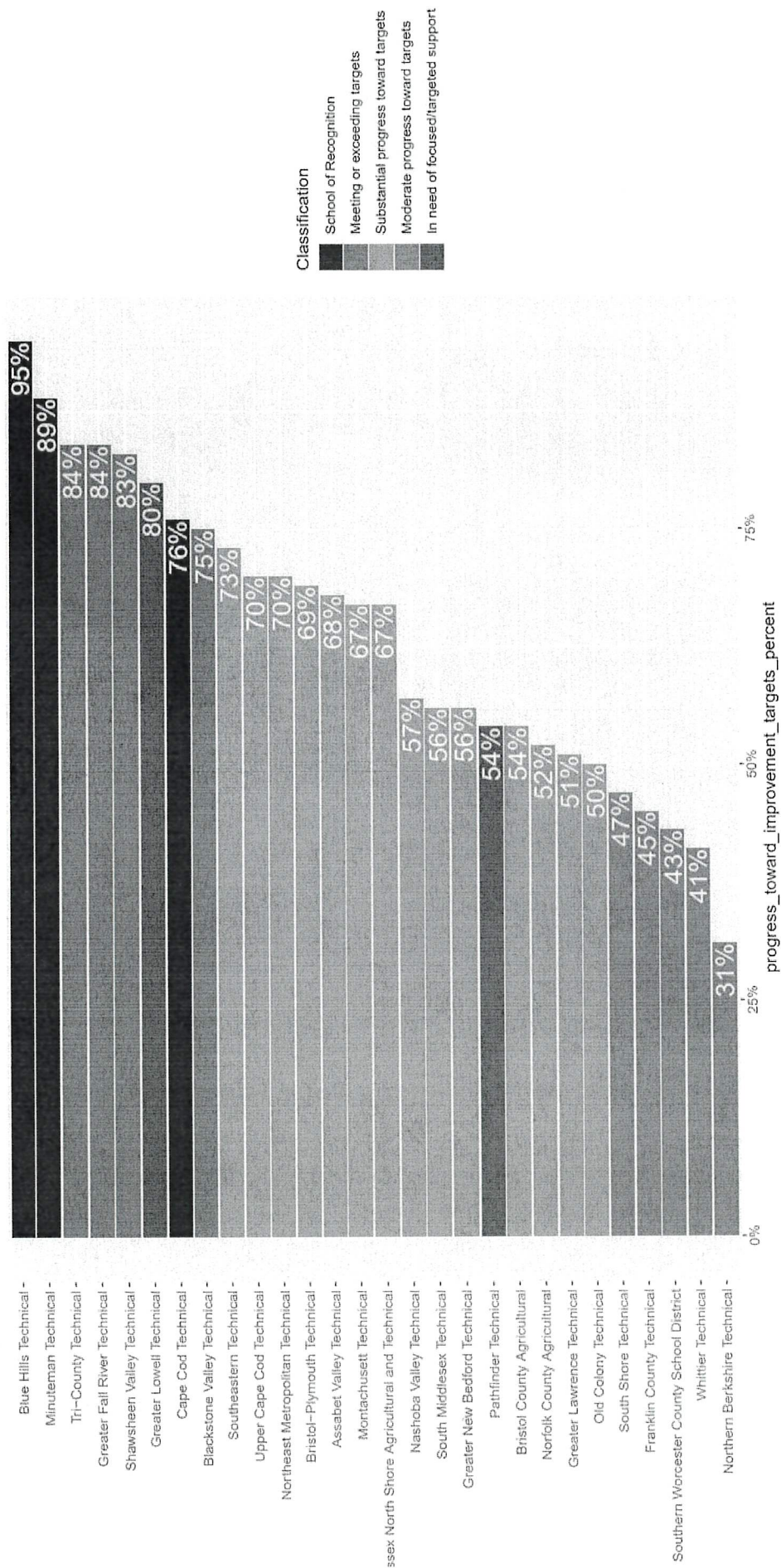
Policy JFA:

M.G.L c 76, 12B

Historically, the DSC has voted not to participate in the School Choice Program.

Recommendation: Districts may elect not to enroll school choice students if no space is available.

Accountability reports include information on each district and school's performance against improvement targets, as well as information about each school's overall performance compared to other schools in the state.



Class of 2028 Acceptance Reception Evening 3/21/24

