



Blue Hills Regional District School Committee  
Fifty-Ninth District Committee

**District School Committee Meeting**  
**September 17, 2024**  
**Approved Meeting Minutes**

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

**B. Call to Order: Time: 7:05**

**Members in Attendance:** Carl Walker – Avon, Eric Erskine – Braintree, Mark Driscoll (Vice Chair) – Canton, Taryn Mohan (Secretary) – Holbrook, Clinton Graham – Milton, Kevin Connolly (Chair) – Norwood, Karen Graves – Randolph, and Chuck Gisondi – DSC Treasurer

**Members not in Attendance:** Tom Polito – Dedham, Sheila Vazquez – Westwood

**Administration in Attendance:** Jill Rossetti – Superintendent-Director, Geoff Zini – Principal, Tim Rose – Facilities Director, and Stephanie Albernaz – Admissions Director

**C. Public Comment: None**

**D. Introduction of new BH staff to the DSC.**

Mr. Zini, Principal, introduced and gave a brief bio for each of the new hires to Blue Hills. They all started in September. Included in this group are, Payton Brandyberry, Olivia Centrella, Aaron Christian, Brendan Fitzpatrick, Charles Glover, Brett Holmes, Kiki Koutrobis, Hannah Moniz, and Natalie Valente.

**D. MOA: Review and Approval for BHAA, and SEIU Clerical and Café**

John Connolly is in attendance, Canton Select Board and Representative read and voted to approve the three individual MOA as written.

Individually, the Committee voted as follows:

**Motion to approve the Clerical MOA:** Eric Erskine, Braintree

**Second:** Carl Walker, Avon

**Discussion:** None

**Vote, Roll call:** Yes Votes: 6

No Votes: 0

Abstain: 1 (Canton)

**Motion Carries: 6, 0, 1**

**Motion to approve the Café MOA:** Eric Erskine, Braintree

**Second:** Mark Driscoll, Canton

**Discussion:** None

**Vote, Roll Call:** Motion Carries unanimously by those members in attendance

**Motion to approve the BHAA MOA:** Mark Driscoll, Canton

**Second:** Carl Walker, Avon

**Discussion:** None

**Vote, Roll Call:** Motion to approve the BHAA MOA carries unanimously by those members in attendance.

**E. Treasurer's Report and Warrant:** Chuck Gisondi

Vote Required for the following Warrants:

Warrant # 3 for \$ 641,100.55 Voucher numbers 1007 - 1012

Warrant # 4 for \$ 622,253.73 Voucher numbers 1013 – 1015

**Motion to approve Warrants number 3 and 4:** Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

**Second:** Mark Driscoll, Canton

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Motion Carries unanimously by those members in attendance

**F. Minutes Approval:** (Vote Required)

August 20, 2024

**Motion to approve the DSC meeting Minutes for August 20, 2024:** Karen Graves, Randolph

**Second:** Eric Erskine, Braintree

**Discussion:** None

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

**G. Summer School Report:** Kim Poliseno, Cooperative Education Coordinator

Ms. Poliseno reviewed the report she submitted to the Committee including the subjects taken, number of students enrolled, number of students on IEP's and how many students passed (all but one).

Mr. Graham asked if the student, who did not pass, could have done so with additional help. Ms. Poliseno explained that the student mentioned in the report did not pass because the student did not do any work at all. (report is attached)

**H. Admissions Director:** Stephanie Albernaz, Admissions Director

- Admissions Policy Update: Vote Required for State Report to be Submitted for October Deadline.

Stephanie Albernaz presented the admissions policy in its entirety, highlighting the requested changes. After a short discussion, she asked the Committee if they would vote on the updates she outlined.

**Motion to approve the changes to the Admissions Policy:** Mark Driscoll, Canton

**Second:** Karen Graves, Randolph

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Motion to approve changes made to the Admissions Policy carries unanimously by those members in attendance.

**I. Superintendent's Report:** Jill Rossetti, Superintendent-Director

- Professional Teacher Status

Ms. Rossetti told the Committee that Clay Cochran made Professional Teaching status this year. He teaches in Metal Fab and is a wonderful addition to the Vocational Program.

She then asked the Committee to approve an out-of-state Conference in Chicago for Jonathan Pryor. The conference is sponsored by Pepsi and the only expense will be his flight. The trip is scheduled for November 3-6, 2024. It is a good opportunity for Mr. Pryor, STC, to work with/meet other people and companies that are looking for partnerships.

**Motion to approve the Out-of-State trip:** Clinton Graham, Milton

**Second:** Mark Driscoll, Canton

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Motion to approve the out-of-state trip carries unanimously by those members in attendance.

Ms. Rossetti then asked the Committee to approve a donation from Scott Tingle (a BH Alumni and astronaut) of space suits, gear that he used in space and photos taken over time during his career. She also stated that Construction Tech. would help build or purchase a display case for the items.

**Motion to approve the donation:** Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

**Second:** Karen Graves, Randolph

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Motion to approve the donation from Scott Tingle carries unanimously by those members in attendance.

**J. DSC Chair Report:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

- Sub-Committee discussion rescheduled to the October 2024 meeting

- Eric Erskine, presentation and plaque

Chair Connolly presented Eric Erskine a plaque in honor of his many years of excellent service to the district and specifically as Chair from July 2021 through July 2023.

- RSVP for the Advisory Board Dinner on October 9<sup>th</sup>. You were sent an invitation via email this morning. Please respond.

- MOA's for approval/signature: Clerical, Café, and BHAA (John Connolly is in attendance) (see D above)

**K. DSC Sub-Committee Reports:**

- **Curriculum Sub-Committee:** Eric Erskine

New Vocational Program: Introduction

Karen Graves, Randolph, explained to the Committee that a proposal for 2 new vocational programs have been presented to the Curriculum Sub-Committee.

The first being a Dental Assisting Program (State Approved, Chapter 74)

Ms. Graves then reviewed the overall plan covering the following: Space and Logistics, Demand, Staff, Funding and Next Steps. The program looks to be a good fit for Blue Hills, and the next two months will be spent working with the state to complete required applications.

The second is to participate in Project Playhouse.

Project Playhouse builds dream playhouses for terminally ill children. The students in Construction Tech, Drafting, Electric, etc. will all participate. Materials will be donated. It is a wonderful project and will utilize both vocational and technical skills that our students are learning in class.

**Motion to approve these two indicatives:** Mark Driscoll, Canton

**Second:** Eric Erskine, Braintree

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Motion to approve moving to next steps with the two listed programs carries unanimously by those members in attendance.

#### **L. Administration Reports:**

##### **1. Principal's Report:** Geoff Zini

Introduction of new staff (See D above)

Calendar of Activities and Athletic Schedule

Mr. Zini presented a calendar of school events that included a link to the sports calendar for the BH Fall Sports teams. He cautioned that the sports calendar is subject to change and often does due to the weather.

Mr. Zini then asked the Committee to approve an overnight Fall Skills USA event scheduled for November 25 and the Spring Skills Event scheduled for May 1-3, 2025. Both events will have teacher chaperones and approximately 10 students (not yet named) who will participate (compete).

**Motion to approve the Skills Fall and Spring overnight Events:** Mark Driscoll, Canton

**Second:** Eric Erskine, Braintree

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Motion to approve the overnight Skills Fall and Spring events carries unanimously by those members in attendance.

##### **2. Business Manager Report:** Jill Brilhante (Not in attendance)

#### **M. Executive Session: Yes (Administrative Salaries)**

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, October 15, 2024

**O. Adjournment:** (Vote Required) 7:45 PM

**Motion to adjourn the General meeting. Members will leave from Executive Session:** Eric Erskine, Braintree

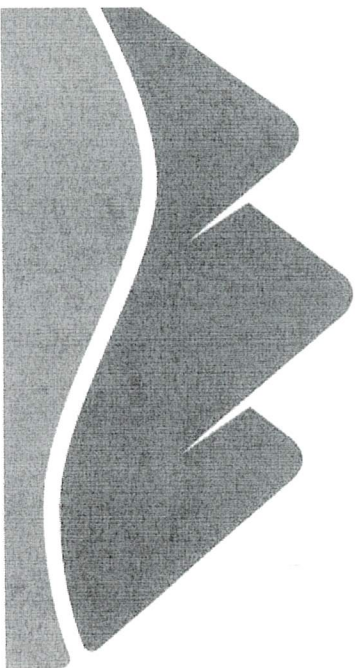
**Second:** Carl Walker, Avon

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Motion to adjourn General Meeting and go into Executive Session carries unanimously by those members in attendance.

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

Minutes Approved on: October 12, 2024 by the DSC



# **BLUE HILLS**

## **REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

September 17, 2024  
Superintendent-Director Report  
Jill Rossetti

# Professional Teacher Status (PTS)

Clay Cochran, Metal Fabrication



# STC Conference Request

Learn more about hosting student groups that are interested in engineering and logistics automation

Expand existing engineering design challenge for high school students called Pack Challenge

Backed by major sponsors as well as Project Lead the Way

November 3-6, 2024 in Chicago, Illinois

Econocorp provide trade showcase at no cost to the District

Place to stay, no cost to the District

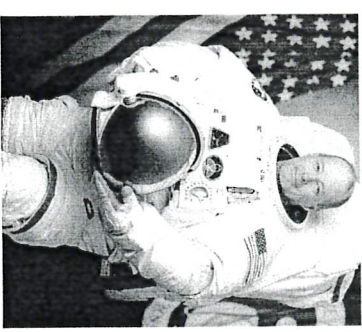
\$300.00-\$400.00 for travel and airfare to the event

<https://www.econocorp.com>

<https://www.packexpointernational.com>

<https://www.packexpointernational.com/education/student-opportunities/pack-challenge>

# Donation from Commander Scott Tingle, Astronaut



Box of Flight Gear with Notes from Commander Tingle (will share)

Flight Suits (1 Green, 1 Blue)

Helmet

Anti-G Suit, lots of zippers, bladders in the fabric that inflate when they pull g-forces greater than 1 gravity. Inflate around legs/abdomen, forcing blood back up into their brains so they don't pass out while dynamically maneuvering

Integrated Harness with a few goodies!

Boots, light and vented, very important for the middle east where temperatures on the flight deck are above 120 degrees

Kneeboard

Pictures of various deployments



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## Schedule at a Glance

Schedule is subject to change.

Tuesday, September 17	
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Registration
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Pre-Conference Workshops (\$)
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Emerging Leaders Scholarship Workshop (Invitation Only)
Wednesday, September 18	
7:00 am – 6:00 pm	Registration
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Education Sessions (Including Affiliate Track)
9:15 am – 10:15 am	Education Sessions (Including Affiliate Track)
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Education Sessions (Including Affiliate Track)
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch Break ( <i>on your own</i> )
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Opening Session

Wednesday, September 18	
1:45 pm – 2:45 pm	Education Sessions (Including Affiliate Track)
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Education Sessions (Including Affiliate Track)
4:15 pm – 5:15 pm	Education Sessions (Including Affiliate Track)
5:45 pm – 6:30 pm	First Timer's Reception
5:45 pm – 6:30 pm	Corporate Alliance Partners' Reception (Invitation Only)
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Welcome Reception
7:30 pm – 11:00 pm	Complimentary shuttles for registered participants to/from downtown Nashville <i>Last pick-up from downtown: 11:00 pm</i>

Thursday, September 19	
7:00 am – 6:00 pm	Registration
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Education Sessions (Including Affiliate Track)
9:15 am – 10:15 am	Innovation Hour
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	General Session
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch Break ( <i>on your own</i> )
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	AEDG Meeting (Invitation Only)
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Education Sessions (Including Affiliate Track)
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Education Sessions (Including Affiliate Track)
3:45 pm – 5:45 pm	Expo Opening Reception

Thursday, September 19	
6:15 pm – 8:30 pm	Eagle Award Reception and Dinner (Invitation Only)
6:15 pm – 8:30 pm	Pinnacle Award Reception and Dinner (Invitation Only)
5:45 pm – 11:00 pm	Complimentary shuttles for registered participants to/from downtown Nashville <i>Last pick-up from downtown: 11:00 pm</i>

Friday, September 20	
7:30 am – 4:00 pm	Registration
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Education Sessions
9:15 am – 10:15 am	Best in School Business Awards
10:15 am – 12:15 pm	Expo Closing Reception
12:15 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch Break ( <i>on your own</i> )
12:15 pm – 1:30 pm	Industry Insights Luncheon (Invitation Only)
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Education Sessions
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Education Sessions
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Education Sessions
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	President's Closing Reception
6:00 pm – 12:00 am	Complimentary shuttles for registered participants to/from downtown Nashville <i>Last pick-up from downtown: 12:00 am</i>