



Blue Hills Regional District School Committee
Fifty-Seventh District Committee

District School Committee Meeting
November 16, 2021
Meeting Minutes
BHR, Room W-218
7:00 PM

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Members in attendance: Eric Erskine (Chair) – Braintree, Aidan Maguire (Secretary) – Canton, Tom Polito – Dedham, Taryn Mohan – Holbrook, Kevin Connolly (Vice Chair) – Norwood, Sheila Vazquez – Westwood, and Chuck Gisondi – DSC Treasurer

Administration in Attendance:

Jill Rossetti–Superintendent-Director, Michelle Resendes– Business Manager, Geoff Zini– Principal, Kimberly Poliseno – Co-op Coordinator

C. Public Comment: None

D. Treasurer’s Report and Warrant: Chuck Gisondi

Warrant # 8 Voucher number 1028, for \$250,670.82

Motion to approve Warrant # 8: Aidan Maguire, Canton

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: none

Vote, Roll Call: Motion to approve Warrant number 8 was carried unanimously

E. Student Representative to the DSC Introduction

Principal Zini introduced Noel Hill, a senior in the Drafting/CAD program as the new student representative of the DSC. Noel presented a slideshow and highlighted his 4 core values of faith, foundations, family and friends. Mr. Maguire asked Noel about his future education plans. Mr. Polito asked more about Noel's family and visits back to his Jamaican homeland. It was a pleasure to meet Noel and the committee looks forward to working with Noel in the future.

F. DESE Graduate Follow-up Report: Kimberly Polisenno, Coop Coordinator

Ms. Polisenno presented the DESE 2020 graduation follow-up report, explaining the data collection process. The goal is a 75% response rate, further explaining that the usual in-person exit surveys could not be done due to COVID, and these surveys typically kick off the results. It has been a struggle reaching students, but statistics indicated that the Positive Placement (Perkins) indicates that 2020 grads are employed / going to school. The Positive Placement (Chapter 74) speaks to those studying or working in the field they graduated from. In looking at HVAC, Metal Fab and Auto Repair, the numbers are lower than prior years, but 2020 was not a typical year. Ms. Polisenno will run a comparison report. Mr. Polito asked how students were contacted and Ms. Polisenno reiterated that the 75% response is ideal and that contact is made by email, phone calls, teacher/student connections and social media.

G. Superintendent's Report: Jill Rossetti

- COVID Dashboard

Ms. Rossetti reported to the committee that the COVID numbers in the District towns have gone down, plateaued, and rose again. All over the map. Updates are provided to the Dept of Ed weekly.

- Donation from DA's Office for \$1500 to Criminal Justice for Peer Leadership

This donation was received for attending and earning points. The committee's recommendation is for Mr. Zini and Ms. Rossetti to accept the gift along with one teacher and a few students. Thank you note will be written to Tom Morrissey.

Motion to accept donation: Tom Polito, Dedham

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: None

Vote, Roll Call: Motion to accept the donation was carried unanimously.

Front Sign, Batting Cement Pad, Cafeteria Furniture, Preschool Playground New front sign has been placed at the school entrance. Batting Cement Pad is done. Cafeteria Furniture is complete and set up. Preschool Playground is done.

H. Minutes Approval: (Vote is Required)

November 2, 2021

Motion to approve the November 2, 2021 DSC Meeting Minutes: Kevin Connolly, Norwood
Second: Tom Polito

Discussion: None

Motion to approve DSC November 2nd meeting Minutes passed unanimously.

I. DSC Chair Report: Eric Erskine, Braintree

Mr. Erskine reported on the conference. Most classes were informative-sexual harassment and LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning) and spelling out of acronyms would be helpful. Suggestion that a DESE rep come and present to teachers on the multiple layers of identity.

J. DSC Sub-Committee Reports:

- Negotiations and Personnel Sub-Committee

The November 10th meeting was canceled by the Union, and rescheduled for November 18th.

- Curriculum and Advisory Sub-Committee

Mr. Maguire reported on the Shed Contract

The construction technology shed contract was scaled down to address pricing on wood costs. Price of wood has increased 400%, so the value of “today’s” wood will be used when setting prices.

Mr. Maguire also reported on 2 projects:

1. A basement demolition in Norwood (no asbestos, no lead paint).
2. A demo for a renovation, giving students a week of work. Recommendation is to agree to carry out the projects.

K. Administration Reports:

1. Principal’s Report: Geoff Zini

- Open House

330 registration cards were completed but an estimated 400+ students attended.

- Showcase

400 eighth graders have registered to attend from the nine towns. Kids register on the admissions website and select their top three programs. There is a max capacity, and 13 buses will be running on November 23rd. Arrival time is approx 8-8:30am. Three program visits per student at 30 minutes each. Showcase has been running for 3 years now,

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first implemented under Ms. Rossetti, giving a glimpse of “What is life like at BHR”? Mr. Maguire asked for a breakdown by towns. There are over 500 applicants and a huge demand for acceptance at our school.

- Thanksgiving Day Game
10AM at Bristol Plymouth

2. Business Manager Report: Michelle Resendes

- Quarter 1 Budget Report FY22

Discussed Salary accounts for period ending 9/30/2021- pretty close to being fully expended; negotiating 3 more contracts

Discussed expense accounts for the period ending 9/30/2021- looking really great.

Discussed what is covered in 1000 (i.e., admissions, travel, postage), 2000 (i.e., teachers), 3000 (i.e., student services- skills USA, transportation (varies a lot and will keep an eye on it)), 4000 (i.e. facilities, emergency projects (expected to decrease)), 5000 (i.e benefits, insurance, COVID), 7000 (i.e., capital projects) and 8000(i.e., long term debt (auditors want that recorded here)) series

Mr. Polito requested an itemized breakdown of open house expense costs (mailings, buses) and Ms. Rossetti will have it looked into.

Motion to transfer funds: Tom Polito, Dedham

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: None

Motion to accept the transfer of funds passed unanimously.

- Budget Goals

FY 2023 Goals need to be approved.

There has been a shift in our financial goals, as post covid has brought more focus on the social emotional realm for students and staff.

1. Financial Goal- based on data informed decisions
2. School Building Goal- still maximizing operational efficiency
3. Equity and Access- always a goal for rigorous and relevant curriculum, resources and programs
4. Student Engagement- focused on grants and professional development.
5. Communication and Community Relations- Building rapport with communities. The sign out front is an example of communication.

Motion to approve/accept the Budget Goals: Tom Polito, Dedham

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: None

Motion to accept Budget Goals passed unanimously.

L. Unfinished Business:

- **Aidan Maguire, Canton: Reports back to committee on Resolution Number 9** - Mr.

Maguire reported back to the group after looking further into Resolution Number 9 and shared that the rest of the delegates voted to prohibit the use of Native American Mascots.

M. New Business Topics:

Ms. Mohan raised the topic of hiring grant writers and questioned its benefits. Although a good idea in theory, Ms. Resendes responded that they are difficult to find and the writing is manageable for now. Time consuming, but general consensus is that Admin has the support it needs.

N. Executive Session: None

O. Future Business:

The next DSC meeting is Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

P. Adjournment: (Vote Required) 7:55 PM

Motion to Adjourn: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Tom Polito, Dedham

Discussion: None

Motion to Adjourn carried unanimously

Minutes Prepared by: Tracey Monti, Administrative Assistant, Special Services

DSC Minutes for November 16, 2021: Approved by the DSC on December 7, 2021