



Blue Hills Regional District School Committee
Fifty-Seventh District Committee

District School Committee Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2021

BHR, Room W-218

7:00 PM

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Call to Order: Time: 7:01pm

Members in attendance:

Eric Erskine (Chair) – Braintree, Aidan Maguire (Secretary) – Canton, Fran Fistori – Avon, Thomas Polito – Dedham, Taryn Mohan – Holbrook, Kevin Connolly (Vice Chair) – Norwood, Sheila Vazquez – Westwood

Members not in attendance: Chuck Gisondi – DSC Treasurer, Clinton Graham – Milton

Administration in attendance: Jill Rossetti – Superintendent-Director, Geoff Zini – Principal

C. Public Comment: None

D. Treasurer's Report and Warrant: Chuck Gisondi was absent.

Warrant # 10

Vouchers 1037-1039 for \$868,060.54

Motion to approve Warrant # 10: Eric Erskine, Braintree

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: none

Vote, Roll Call: Motion to approve Warrant # 10 was carried unanimously

E. Superintendent's Report: Jill Rossetti

- COVID Dashboard

Cases are trending up. Masks continue to be worn. Ms. Rossetti has a meeting with the commissioner at 3pm tomorrow.

- Other

1. Ms. Rossetti announced that we have been awarded a cybersecurity training from 2 grants written by our IT director. The year-long training will run from January to December for all administrative and clerical staff.
2. Ms. Rossetti shared Tom Cahill's recreation update: Swim meets are happening but without spectators. Seven lifeguards took a hybrid training course, with skills portion in person and five were hired to work for us!
We have groups lined up to use the gym once mandates are lifted, as well as two gym rental groups.
Mr. Polito asked about pool expenses/costs and Mr. Maguire asked about pool staff salaries. Ms. Resendes explained that Blue Hills has a recreational account which covers Mr. Cahill's salary and pays for things such as pool chemicals. Ms. Rossetti will provide the group with a breakdown of pool fees by school. Mr. Maguire asked about potential revenue from signs on the fences on the BHR field, but will need to talk to towns about this.
3. Ms. Rossetti shared the Facilities Director's interest in a School Dude Training. Held in North Carolina for 3 days in March, costing approx \$1400 plus flight. Mr. Connolly questioned its location and if there is something like this closer. This training is only offered in NC, and Ms. Resendes stressed that it is the best training program one can have, while explaining what the learning pieces and working pieces are. Ms. Rossetti asked for support from the Committee.
Motion to approve Training Program: Eric Erskine, Braintree
Discussion: none
Motion to approve was carried unanimously.

F. Minutes Approval: (Vote is Required)

December 7, 2021

Motion to approve the December 7, 2021 DSC meeting minutes: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Sheila Vazquez, Westwood

Discussion: None

Motion to approve December 7, 2021 DSC meeting minute passed unanimously.

G. DSC Chair Report: Eric Erskine, Braintree

- Personnel and Negotiations Sub-Committee Meeting update
No discussion.

H. DSC Sub-Committee Report:

- Finance and Administration Sub-Committee Meeting Update
Ms. Resendes has heard from departments about budget requests and request for new positions. Group discussed adding a second full time nurse, one additional IT department staff and one additional facilities staff person.

- Ms. Resendes expressed that numbers are very preliminary- still under review and not fully finished, but 3 new staff would increase salaries by about 3.3%.

I. Administration Reports:

1. Principal's Report: Geoff Zini

Mr. Zini provided a progress update on the school improvement plan, which is an annual plan modeled after the 3-4 year strategic plan.

Reviewed our commitment to four core values (Community, Opportunity, Relevance, Employability), and discussed our four Pillars of Success (Teaching and Learning, Climate and Culture, Communication and Professional Development).

J. Unfinished Business: None

K. New Business Topics:

Mr. Connolly raised the topic of our readiness to return to remote learning due to the increase in covid numbers. Ms. Rossetti responded that we are absolutely prepared to transition back to remote as fast as we can. Her meeting with the Commissioner will provide some insight.

L. Executive Session: Yes

M. Future Business:

The next DSC meeting is Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Motion to cancel the January 4, 2022 DSC meeting: Tom Polito, Dedham

Second: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Discussion: None

Motion to cancel the January 4, 2022 DSC meeting and have one meeting on January 18, 2022 passed unanimously.

The next DSC meeting is Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

N. Adjournment: (Vote Required) 7:32 PM

Motion to Adjourn: Eric Erskine, Braintree

Second: Sheila Vazquez, Westwood

Vote to Adjourn was unanimous by members in attendance