



Blue Hills Regional District School Committee  
Fifty-Seventh District Committee

**District School Committee Meeting**  
**March 1, 2022**  
**Draft Meeting Minutes**  
**BHR, Room W-218**  
**7:00 PM**

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

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

**Members Not in attendance:** Clinton Graham - Milton

**Administration in Attendance:**

Jill Rossetti–Superintendent-Director, Geoff Zini– Principal, and David Galego - Facilities Director

**C. Public Comment: None**

**D. Student Representative Report:** Noel Hill, Not in attendance

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

Warrant #15 Voucher number 1050, 1051, 1052, for \$886,643.35

**Motion to approve Warrant # 8:** Aidan Maguire, Canton

**Second:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Discussion:** none

**Vote, Roll Call:** Motion to approve Warrant number 15 was carried unanimously

## **F. Budget Hearing: Jill Rossetti, Superintendent-Director**

- The DSC Chair opened the Budget Hearing and directed the room's attention to the screen presentation she had prepared to outline the Proposed 2022 -2023 Operating Budget and Assessments.

Mr. Erskine, Chair, asked if everybody had had an opportunity to review the budget (It had been distributed to the Committee earlier). The budget had also been reviewed by the Finance Sub-Committee and the full board prior to the hearing. Mr. Erskine then asked if there were any questions about the budget. Mr. Burke (community member) asked why Randolph's Required Local Contribution decreased so significantly. It was explained that each town's contribution is calculated by the state. They arrive at their numbers by adding the Local Property Efforts and the local Income Efforts. The total is the town's required contribution. In this case, it lowered Randolph's contribution rate. No further questions were raised.

**Motion to approve the Proposed 22-23 Operating Budget** as written: Kevin Connolly, Norwood.

**Second:** Tom Polito, Dedham

**Discussion:** None

**Vote, Roll Call:** The Proposed 22-23 Operating Budget was passed unanimously by those in attendance

**Motion to close the Budget Hearing:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Second:** Tom Polito, Dedham

**Discussion:** None

**Vote, Roll Call:** The motion to close the Budget Hearing portion of the meeting was unanimously approved by those in attendance.

## **G. Superintendent's Report: Jill Rossetti**

- COVID Dashboard

Ms. Rossetti reported to the committee that the COVID numbers in the District towns have been trending down. Masks in school and pre-school are no longer mandatory. Masks, however, must be worn in the nurse's office.

- MASC New Face Covering Policy:

The most recent Mask Policy has been distributed. The committee has read through it once, it will be with the Policy Sub-Committee.

## **H. Minutes Approval: (Vote is Required)**

February 15, 2022

**Motion to approve the February 15, 2022:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Second:** Sheila Vazquez, Westwood

**Discussion:** None

**Motion to approve DSC February 15, 2022 meeting Minutes** passed unanimously.

**I. DSC Chair Report:** Eric Erskine, Braintree

Mr. Erskine reported that the new MASC Face Covering Policy has already been discussed and that he had nothing to add. He then elected to move on to the next agenda item.

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

- Negotiations and Personnel Sub-Committee

All contracts have been resolved and the MOA's are currently in the attorney's possession for review and signature.

- Curriculum and Advisory Sub-Committee

Mr. Maguire, Canton, had very good things to say about the proposed construction project for the students in Construction Tech. The project is scheduled to begin in September and offers many hands-on learning opportunities. He reminded the committee that the home owners are responsible for all work permits, pouring the foundation prior to September and have provided the required deposit to ensure that this project will move forward. A short discussion ensued. The Sub-Committee recommends approving the construction Project.

**Motion to approve the construction project:** Aidan Maguire, Canton

**Second:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Discussion:** A short discussion about how these opportunities came to the school. It was explained that much of the referrals are from applications on the web-site due to COVID restrictions.

**Vote, Roll Call:** The construction project was approved unanimously by those in attendance.

**K. Monthly Meeting Proposal:**

- Francis Fistori proposed that the DSC meet monthly instead of twice a month. He maintains that the committee has evolved and its members are able to work together well, hearing all points of view and moving cooperatively through their agenda. The group is able to complete work in a timely and thoughtful way often completing their agenda items in less than an hour. He feels that meeting once a month is a viable option. Some members were questioning this option. Concerns brought to the table included not meeting often enough for budgetary reasons (check runs and so forth), emergencies, and completing items on the DSC calendar. This topic is tabled until March 15th. At that time, they will have reviewed the DSC calendar and look at Proposing a Once a Month Meeting with the caveat of an additional (second) meeting if needed.

## **L. Administration Reports:**

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

- Upcoming Spring Events: Mr. Zini let the committee know that the students and staff are excited about the Spring events this year because many of the COVID restrictions have been lifted. Many events are planned and more are in the planning stage. Everything will be on the website and promoted at school. Spring Events include but are not limited to the following: Eighth Grade Reception, Scholarship Night, Semi Formal dance, Prom, Field Day and Graduation. All events will be on the Homepage of the website.

### **2. Business Manager Report: Michelle Resendes**

- Business Manager not in attendance

## **L. Unfinished Business:**

- Tom Polito, Dedham brought up face coverings and said that we needed to vote on the policy. A short discussion ensued saying the policy had to go to the sub-committee first for review and recommendation. The committee agreed and moved to forward the policy to the policy sub-committee and bring it back on the 15th of March for a reading and vote.

Mr. Maguire, Canton, stated that he felt we may need several policy meetings to review new policies and well as those that have been amended. There was a question about the number of policies this may have affected.

## **M. New Business Topics:**

Mr. Polito asked about the ESSER I and ESSER II accounts, specifically, how funds were utilized. The Superintendent told the group that she would ask the Business Manager to pull her report that was brought to the committee earlier for review at the next meeting.

## **N. Executive Session: Yes**

## **O. Future Business:**

The next DSC meeting is Tuesday, March 15, 2022

**P. Adjournment:** (Vote Required) 7:40 PM

**Motion to Adjourn the general meeting and move into a short Executive Session:** Aidan Maguire, Canton

**Second:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Discussion:** None

**Motion to Adjourn General Meeting and move into Executive Session:** carried unanimously at 7:40 PM

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

Minutes Approved by the DSC on March 15, 2022