



Blue Hills Regional District School Committee
Fifty-Eighth District Committee

District School Committee Meeting
November 15, 2022
Draft Meeting Minutes
BHR, Room W-218
7:00 PM

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Call to Order: Time:

Members in Attendance:

Francis Fistori – Avon, Eric Erskine (Chair) – Braintree, Aidan Maguire (Secretary) – Canton, Thomas Polito – Dedham, Taryn Mohan – Holbrook, Kevin Connolly (Vice Chair) – Norwood, Sheila Vazquez – Westwood, and Chuck Gisondi – DSC Treasurer

Members not in attendance: Clinton Graham – Milton

Administration in attendance:

Jill Rossetti – Superintendent-Director, Michelle Resendes – Business Manager, Geoff Zini – Principal, and Marybeth Joyce – Admissions Director

C. Public Comment: None

D. Treasurer's Report and Warrant: Chuck Gisondi (Vote Required)

Warrant #7 for \$277,999.62 Voucher number(s): 1023 (Vote Required)

Motion to approve Warrant #7: Aidan Maguire, Canton

Second: Thomas Polito, Dedham

Discussion: None

Vote: Warrant number 7 was approved unanimously by those members in attendance

Warrant #8 for \$845,416.37 Voucher number(s): 1024-1027

Motion to approve Warrant #8: Aidan Maguire, Canton

Second: Thomas Polito, Dedham

Discussion: None

Vote: Warrant number 8 was approved unanimously by those members in attendance

Warrant #9 for \$788,693.58 Voucher number(s): 1028-1031

Motion to approve Warrant #9: Aidan Maguire, Canton

Second: Thomas Polito, Dedham

Discussion: None

Vote: Warrant number 9 was approved unanimously by those members in attendance.

E. DSC Student Representative: Introduction: Christian Dedier, Senior Class President
Mr. Zini, Principal, introduced Christian as the new student Representative to the DSC for this school year. Christian is a Senior, is from Milton, and is enrolled in the Drafting/CAD Vocational Program at Blue Hills. He was prepared with a report this evening and spoke about how great it was to be back to normal. He spoke about the Homecoming game and dance, the Pep Rally how well the sport teams were doing, particularly the Girls/Boys Soccer.

F. Admissions Reports: Marybeth Joyce, Admissions Director

- Enrollment Report

The report presented was two-fold. It described and outlined enrollment numbers by grade and district town and then from last year to this current year. These numbers are a snapshot of October 1, 2022. Ms. Joyce explained that these numbers do fluctuate as we backfill in grades 9 and 10 when students leave. Ms. Joyce fielded questions from the Committee such as listing reasons why a student may leave, i.e. moving out of the district. She also provided a written report to the members prior to this meeting so that the Committee would have an opportunity to review the numbers and get answers to any questions they may have.

G. Superintendent's Report: Jill Rossetti

- COVID-19 Dashboard Update

COVID numbers continue to trend downward, however, we do have cases at Blue Hills. The Superintendent will continue to monitor the numbers and will keep the DSC up to date with any changes to the numbers, regulations and guidelines.

- Donation: Notifier Fire Protection alarm materials

Motion to approve donation: Thomas Polito, Dedham

Second: Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve donation carried unanimously by those members in attendance

- Donation: \$1,500 from Canton police Association for the Criminal Justice Program

Motion to approve donation: Thomas Polito, Dedham

Second: Taryn Mohan, Holbrook

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve donation carried unanimously by those members in attendance.

- Ms. Rossetti told the Committee about the School Readiness Survey that was being completed by the school community and of the visitors attending Blue Hills on Wednesday and Thursday as part of a School Equity Audit.

- Ms. Rossetti informed the Committee that Blue Hills was technically in the first phase (Engineering) of exploring receiving fully funded Stadium lighting for the Football (sports) Field. This will take a little time but is wonderful news for Blue Hills.

H. Minutes Approval: (Vote Required)

- October 11, 2022

Motion to approve DSC minutes for 1011/2022: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Thomas Polito, Dedham

Discussion: None

Vote: 7 – yes, 0 – no, and 1 abstention (Holbrook)

Motion to approve October meeting minutes passed.

I. DSC Chair Report: Eric Erskine, Braintree

- DSC Sub-Committee Assignments and Chairs for each: update

Tabled until December 2022

- November 8th Election Results and impact on DSC

Canton: Mark Driscoll won the BH School Committee Seat with 119 votes, replacing Aidan Maguire.

Randolph: Karen Graves won the BH School Committee Seat with 46,037 votes, replacing Yahaira Lopez.

J. DSC Sub-Committee Reports:

- Policy Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee has a little more work to do in reviewing those changes outlined by MASC.

- Aidan Maguire, MASS/MASC Joint Conference Report

Mr. Maguire reported that he (as the voted Delegate of this committee) voted as recommended and outlined by MASC on stated items during the Annual Delegate's Meeting at the MASC/MASS joint Conference.

K. Administration Reports:

1. Principal's Report: Geoff Zini

- Open House and Showcase reports

Open House was a Huge Success with numbers surpassing expectation and years past prior to the COVID Shut-down. Everyone worked hard and it and the stated interest in the program is exciting. The Showcase has not happened yet but we are prepared with a wonderful program for the eighth-grade students scheduled to attend,

- Thanksgiving Game

The Thanksgiving game is scheduled for Wednesday before thanksgiving. This is a night game With Stadium lights. We expect a huge turnout.

2. Business Manager Report: Michelle Resendes

- Q1 Report

Ms. Resendes provided the Committee with a written report prior to this meeting for their review. The information she provided about each number series was listed and explained in writing as well as during this presentation.

The one significant item was the reoccurring cost of the short-term loans due to MSBA holding up payment to the school for the renovation project that was completed over a year ago. The Q1 report in general is in-line with the approved budget and there have been no significant unexpected expenses.

- Budget Calendar (Vote Required)

Ms. Resendes supplied the Committee with a copy of the Budget schedule for the next year. There are no major changes and the calendar is in-line with district town calendars.

Motion to approve the 2023 Budget Calendar: Thomas Polito, Dedham

Second: Francis Fistori, Avon

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to approve the Budget Calendar, carried unanimously by members in attendance.

L. Unfinished Business:

M. New Business Topics:

Thomas Polito would like to have STC placed on the agenda of an upcoming meeting to discuss the direction the program is moving and looking into making changes to the Advisory Board. This topic will be discussed in the appropriate DSC Sub-Committee prior to the next meeting.

N. Executive Session: None

O. Future Business:

The next DSC meeting is Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

P. Adjournment: Time: 8:40 PM

(Vote Required)

Vote to Adjourn: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Francis Fistori, Avon

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion to Adjourn carries unanimously

Minutes Prepared by: Pamela Donnellan, Administrative Secretary to the Superintendent
And DSC Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved: DSC on 12/13/2022