

**Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
March 12, 2003
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes**

A. Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chair Don Eley followed by the salute to the flag.

Members Present: Don Eley; Ann Louise d'Entremont; Lori Huckel; Trish Pettigrew;
Ben Wootten

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Beth Jackson; Anne Piazza; Annette Johnson; Kathy Hally; Julia O'Neill;
Margret Baldwin; Steve Harris; Maureen Harris; Leslie Walton; Cathy Snow; Gail Ladd;
Dewaine Craig

B. Flag Salute

On behalf of the Board and staff, Don Eley and Gail Ladd thanked Lori Huckel for her years of service on the Board. The staff presented her with a plant and dessert was served at the conclusion of the meeting.

C. Approval of Agenda

Ben Wootten moved, and Lori Huckel seconded, to approve the agenda as presented.

The motion passed 5-0.

D. Approval of Minutes of Previous School Board Meetings

1. Ben Wootten moved, and Lori Huckel seconded, to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2003 minutes.

The motion passed 5-0.

E. Communications

1. A letter of resignation from Sylvia Wilder to become effective the end of the 2002-2003 school year.

Lori Huckel moved, and Ann Louise d'Entremont seconded, to accept Sylvia Wilder's resignation effective the end of the 2002-2003 school year, with regrets, and authorized the superintendent to post the position.

The motion passed 5-0.

2. Anne Piazza requested for secondary students attending Ellsworth High School to be allowed to ride the special education bus if space were available.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

Specialists Presentation - Margret Baldwin lead a presentation by the specialists which covered a school wide theme of writing across the curriculum.

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G. Old Business

1. Approve Immunization Policy - Ann Louise d'Entremont discussed that the Chicken Pox immunization will be a phase-in process until 2007 and requested further investigation, prior to approval of the process. This draft policy will be carried forward to April while Dewaine Craig checks with the school nurse.

H. New Business

1. Ben Wootten moved, and Lori Huckel seconded, to approve the Policy on Pest Management in School Facilities and on School Grounds.

The motion passed 5-0.

2. Lori Huckel moved, and Ben Wootten seconded, to approve the Policy on Teaching About Controversial/Sensitive Issues.

The motion passed 5-0.

3. There were minor adjustments in wording to the "Workplace Discrimination, Harassment, or Violence Report Form" and it will be forwarded to legal counsel for review.

4. The non-contracted employees bargaining unit process was discussed. Dewaine Craig distributed the current voting information.

5. Discussed the current draft of the teacher contract. Cathy Snow and Fred Cole were present from the Teachers Association. There were suggestions as to the wording in Article 5, on page 11, paragraph 5.7.

Trish Pettigrew suggested an executive session to be scheduled for the April meeting to review several of the discussions that were held during the negotiations process. Don Eley will gather the working topic sheets from Jan Snow to be used during the April executive session.

6. Lori Huckel moved, and Trish Pettigrew seconded, to ratify the 2003-2006 Blue Hill Teachers Contract.

The motion passed 5-0.

7. Town Meeting Process

Discussed the process to be used to support the budget during the meeting. Considerable discussion was centered on the non-school time building use by individuals and the community. There were questions as to why the wording ballfield was not included in Article 63. Also, why the Budget Committee recommended no appropriation.

Ben Wootten moved, and Ann Louise d'Entremont seconded, to charge the Playground Committee with the authority to design, for school committee approval, a full school-wide playground design. The cost of the playground design should not exceed \$60,000 with this approval.

The motion passed 5-0.

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8. Bus Run Update - A public meeting will be held on April 9, 2003 beginning at 6:30 pm, to detail the proposed three bus runs for the 2003-2004 school year. There will be two trial bus runs in late May.

I. Information

1. GSA Report - The next meeting with the GSA administration is on March 31st beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the GSA library. The suggested agenda items may include a follow up to the Learning Results discussion and plans for next year's course offering.
2. The Principal's Report included the following:
 - The D.A.R.E. program begins this week for 5th and 6th graders
 - GSA registration for 8th graders
 - Playground updatesDiscussed a press release, its content, the timeliness of its release

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The motion passed 5-0.

3. The Superintendent's Report included "Acorn Grove" and the types of school units within the state.

4. Other Reports/Information

Lori Huckel moved, and Ben Wootten seconded, to move I. Information after the F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public on the agenda beginning with the April agenda.
The motion passed 5-0.

J. Signing of Vouchers

K. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dewaine B. Craig, Superintendent