

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
January 12, 2005
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes

A. Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Ann Louise d'Entremont followed by the salute to the flag.

Members Present: Ann Louise d' Entremont; Ben Wootten; Prudy Heilner; Trish Pettigrew arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Members Absent: Jon Smallidge

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt; Fred Cole; Alan Michelson; Robert Billings; Frank Wanning; Maryanne Lewandowski; Deborah Reinke; Susan Keenan; Lesley Johnson; Meg Maiden; Kim Williamson; Kathy Hally; Denise Black; Jim Schatz; Tom Bugbee

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Agenda

Ben Wootten moved, and Prudy Heilner seconded, to approve the agenda with the amendment to I. New Business item #8 to read: Set future budget meetings or adopt budget. The motion passed 3-0.

D. Approval of Minutes of Previous School Board Meetings

1. Ben Wootten moved, and Prudy Heilner seconded, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2004 meeting. The motion passed 3-0.

E. Communications

1. A letter from Jim Lagasse submitting a bid for shoveling and sanding the walkways of the Blue Hill Consolidated School for the 2004-2005 school year was enclosed.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

Jim Schatz, our State Representative to the legislature, filled the board in on the latest EPS Funding news from Augusta. The current printout (1/10/05) shows Blue Hill receiving \$237,864.00 from the State. This is a process in flux, and he expects changes over the course of the legislative session.

G. Information

1. GSA Report - Next meeting is on January 24, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at George Stevens Academy.
2. Principal's Report - The report is enclosed with the central office minutes.
3. Superintendent's Report
 - Mark Hurvitt commented on the EPS Funding. He will be attending a session with the Commissioner on this topic on January 13, 2005.
 - Mr. Hurvitt passed out invitations to the Board for the John Bapst auction on March 12, 2005.
 - Mr. Hurvitt asked if any board member would like to serve on the HCTC Advisory Committee.

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G. Information (continued)

3. Superintendent's Report (continued)

- Mr. Hurvitt talked about Pee Wee liability. The Board wants to let parents know that student accident insurance does not apply to Pee Wee.
- Mr. Hurvitt informed the board that he had sent out letters to parents of teachers who do not fall under the Federal "Highly Qualified" definition to comply with NCLB law. There are five teachers at Blue Hill Consolidated School.
- Mr. Hurvitt went over the Summary of Accounts. He alerted the board of two transfers at Town Meeting.

4. Other Reports/Information

Denise Black wanted to bring up the bus situation. She would like four buses, not three. The bus contract is up August 2006. The board will look into the current state of three buses.

5. Possible Meeting with the Budget Committee

Denise Black and Al Michelson were present from the Budget Committee. The board went through the budget with them page by page. They asked questions.

H. Old Business

1. School Philosophy/Revision (Goal 1)

Trish Pettigrew moved, and Ben Wootten seconded, to table this until the February agenda. The motion passed 4-0.

2. Technology Philosophy (Goal 3)

Trish Pettigrew moved, and Ben Wootten seconded, to table this until the February agenda. The motion passed 4-0.

3. Nutrition Follow Up Discussion (Goal 2)

Trish Pettigrew moved, and Ben Wootten seconded, to table this until the February agenda. The motion passed 4-0.

4. Possible Executive Session for the Purpose of Labor Negotiations Update

1 MRSA 405 (6) (D)

Trish Pettigrew moved, and Ben Wootten seconded, to table this until the February agenda. The motion passed 4-0.

I. New Business

1. Ben Wootten moved, and Trish Pettigrew seconded, to amend Michelle Schildroth's "B" Basketball contract and pay her \$245.00 more for the 2004-2005 season.

The motion passed 4-0.

2. Coaching Appointment

Ben Wootten moved, and Prudy Heilner seconded, to appoint Rob Clapp as the Girls "A" Softball Coach for the 2004-2005 school year. The motion passed 4-0.

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I. New Business (Continued)

3. Snow Shoveling and Sanding Bid

Ben Wootten moved, and Trish Pettigrew seconded, to award the snow shoveling and sanding bid to Jim Lagasse per his bid of \$50.00 per storm to shovel and sand the walkways of the Blue Hill Consolidated School on weekends and vacations.

The motion passed 4-0.

4. School Nursing Time

The board discussed 16 hours of nursing time per week at Blue Hill Consolidated School. The board decided that 16 hours is sufficient. They will discuss the status of this position as it relates to the union and to the four towns at the April Union #93 Joint School Committee Meeting.

5. Trish Pettigrew moved, and Ben Wootten seconded, to enter into an executive session with Fred Cole, Principal, for the purpose of contract review with Mark Hurvitt and the board per 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(D)

The motion passed 4-0.

Time In: 9:45 p.m.

Time Out: 10:09 p.m.

6. Upon returning to open session, Ben Wootten moved, and Prudy Heilner seconded, to follow the superintendent's recommendation and extend Fred Cole's principal's contract to June 30, 2007.

The motion passed 4-0.

Ben Wootten moved, and Trish Pettigrew seconded, to follow the superintendent's recommendation and raise Fred Cole's principal's contract salary 5% to \$60,900.00 for the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

The motion passed 4-0.

Ben Wootten moved, and Prudy Heilner seconded, to follow the superintendent's recommendation and amend Fred Cole's principal's contract to pre-pay for coursework as we do for teachers.

The motion passed 4-0.

7. School Budget Discussion for 2005-2006

The Board discussed the budget thoroughly page by page, line by line. Several people came to speak about the 6th grade - currently, there are two teachers for seventeen students. After much discussion, the board decided to RIF a teacher for the 2005-2006 school year.

8. Ben Wootten moved, and Trish Pettigrew seconded, to adopt the current 2005-2006 school year budget subject to changes made tonight.

The motion passed 4-0.

9. Ben Wootten moved, and Prudy Heilner seconded, to eliminate the warrant article authorizing the superintending school committee to make a contract with the Trustees of George Stevens Academy for tuition of a majority of the secondary students.

The motion passed 4-0.

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I. New Business (Continued)

10. Ben Wootten moved, and Trish Pettigrew seconded, to acknowledge receipt of the General Purpose Financial Statements with Independent Auditor's Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 3, 2004. The motion passed 4-0.

J. Signing of Vouchers

The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Ann Louise d'Entremont at 10:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hurvitt
Superintendent