

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
February 9, 2005
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes

A. Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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; Jon Smallidge; Trish Pettigrew

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt; Fred Cole; Jan Snow; Frank Wanning; Don Eley; Denise Black;

David Walsh; Issac Kestenbaum

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Agenda

Ben Wootten moved, and Jon Smallidge seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of I. New Business item#5 Appointment of a Softball "B" Coach.

The motion passed 5-0.

D. Approval of Minutes of Previous School Board Meetings

1. Ben Wootten moved, and Trish Pettigrew seconded, to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2005 meeting.

The motion passed 5-0.

2. Ben Wootten moved, and Trish Pettigrew seconded, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2005 meeting.

The motion passed 5-0.

E. Communications

There was a coaching letter from Michelle Schildroth for the position of Girls "B" Softball.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

- David Walsh introduced Issac Kestenbaum who will be covering Blue Hill School news from

"The Packet".

- Mark Hurvitt thanked David Walsh for all of his good reporting.

- Frank Wanning spoke about GSA's impending capital campaign and how the school has to operate on State Average Tuition Rate even though it costs a lot more for a GSA education.

- Ben Wootten noted that the dilemma is one he has been dealing with for years. However, he said, "If you want to be an independent, private school, you can't also have your hand in the public pocket." Nevertheless, the board was willing to entertain a possible request from GSA in the future and discuss the issue with them at that point.

G. Information

1. GSA Report - The minutes from the January 24, 2005 meeting are enclosed with the central office minutes.

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G. Information

2. Principal's Report - The report is enclosed with the minutes. The board discussed Spanish and French with Ben Wootten stating his preference for Spanish and Prudy Heilner stating her preference for French. This will be a discussion at the March meeting.
3. Superintendent's Report
 - Mark Hurvitt reported about LDI and EPS.
 - Mark Hurvitt called for a replacement for Trish Pettigrew on the Union 76/93 Efficiency Committee. It will be Ben Wootten. Next meeting is on February 15, 2005 at the Union 93 central office beginning at 9:00 a.m.
4. Other Reports/Information
 - None.

H. Old Business

1. School Philosophy/Revision (Goal 1)
 - Ben Wootten moved, and Trish Pettigrew seconded, to approve the amendment of Policy 6121 - Blue Hill Consolidated School Statement of Philosophy.
The motion passed 5-0.
2. Technology Philosophy (Goal 3)
 - Jon Smallidge moved, and Prudy Heilner seconded, to approve the Educational Technology Philosophy as presented.
The motion passed 5-0.
 - It was difficult for this committee to reach a consensus and to agree on this statement. There were many competing ideas.
3. Nutrition Follow Up (Goal 2)
 - Ann Louise d'Entremont proposed using the balance of the "Changing the Scenes" grant (\$296.48) and proposed a meeting with Fred Cole, Robin Mitchell, and Bob McCormick. The board thought this was a good way to proceed. Fred Cole will set up the meeting.
4. Possible Executive Session for the Purpose of Labor Negotiations 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (D)
 - There was no executive session.

I. New Business

1. To Set the March School Committee Meeting Date
 - The next meeting of the Blue Hill School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 10th.
2. Getting Ready for Town Meeting
 - Mark Hurvitt will give a brief overview of budget highlights and on EPS before the articles are considered.
3. The Summary of Accounts was mailed under separate cover.

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I. New Business (continued)

4. Bus Discussion

- Mark Hurvitt reported on the meeting with Dave Cosenza from John T. Cyr Bus and Fred Cole on February 4, 2005.

- He reported that there will be a meeting held with Dave Cosenza and drivers on 2/23/05.

- Considering bus cameras.

- Concerned with behavior on all three buses.

- Looking into bus routes, especially the East Blue Hill bus run.

- Will report back to the board in March.

5. Ben Wootten moved, and Jon Smallidge seconded, to follow the superintendent's nomination and appoint Michelle Schildroth to the Girls "B" Softball coaching position for the 2004-2005 school year.

The motion passed 5-0.

J. Signing of Vouchers

The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m. by Chair Ann Louise d'Entremont.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hurvitt
Superintendent