

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
April 13, 2005
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes

A. Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Ann Louise d'Entremont followed by the salute to the flag.

Members Present: Ann Louise d'Entremont; Ben Wootten; Jon Smallidge; Susan Keenan; Prudy Heilner

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt; Fred Cole; Jan Snow; Frank Wanning; Sarah Ensworth; Barbara Malm; Maryanne Lewandowski; Merrie Eley; Nancy Bos; John Richardson; Sue Slocum

B. Flag Salute

** Election of a Chair **

Prudy Heilner moved, and Jon Smallidge seconded, to nominate Ann Louise d'Entremont as Chair for the ensuing year until April 2006.

With no other nominations the motion passed 5-0.

C. Approval of Agenda

Ben Wootten moved, and Prudy Heilner seconded, to approve the agenda with the following additions: I. New Business item #6 June 27th Workshop Day and I. New Business item #7 To accept a letter of resignation. The motion passed 5-0.

D. Approval of Minutes of Previous School Board Meetings

1. Ben Wootten moved, and Jon Smallidge seconded, to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2005 meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

E. Communications

- Letter of resignation from Kathleen Hudson is enclosed with the office minutes.
- Letter from Della Martin, Kat Hudson, and William Schubeck requesting the Drama coaching position for 2004-2005 is enclosed with the office minutes.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

Alice Herrick (mother of a 3rd and 7th grader) was concerned about the teaching of grammar at Blue Hill Consolidated School. Why go out and hire a new Spanish teacher when students are lacking in English? The board, acknowledging her point, felt that the introduction of Spanish (with verbs, tenses, sentence structure, etc.) will actually serve to enhance English grammar.

G. Information

1. GSA Report- Next meeting is scheduled for April 25th beginning at 7:00 PM at GSA
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2. Principal's Report - The report is enclosed with the office minutes.

3. Superintendent's Report

- Reported about the Union 93 Parent Advisory Committee
- Reported about the April 28th Local Assessment System Meeting for parents and community members with Gail Breslin-Keith beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Hurvitt made a recommendation to enter into a 48 month lease with Kinney Office to replace two copiers (1993 and 1994) with new ones. Each of four payments will be \$4,242.00 There was \$5,000.00 budgeted for 2005-2006.

Ben Wootten moved, and Prudy Heilner seconded, to follow the superintendent's recommendation and enter into the 48 month lease with Kinney Office.

The motion passed 5-0.

4. Other Reports/Information

None

H. Old Business

1. Ben Wootten moved, and Prudy Heilner seconded, to enter into an executive session for the purpose of labor negotiations per 1 MRSA 405 (6)(D) with the board; Fred Cole and Mark Hurvitt. The motion passed 5-0.

Time In: 7:32 p.m. Time Out: 7:54 p.m.

Upon returning to open session, Ben Wootten moved and Prudy Heilner seconded to adopt the proposed contract revision to article 7.1 having to do with the " 5 days - curriculum inservice days of which two shall be school based, two shall be union wide, and one shall be to meet individual, program, or team needs."

The motion passed 4-0-1 (Jon Smallidge)

2. Facilities Assessment

- Ben Wootten moved, and Jon Smallidge seconded, to accept the January, 2005 Facility Building Assessment for Blue Hill Consolidated School from James W. Sewall Comany at .06 per square foot based upon 48,000 square feet. The motion passed 5-0.

I. New Business

1. Possible Coaching Appointments -

- Ben Wootten moved, and Prudy Heilner seconded, to follow the superintendent's nomination and appoint Della Martin, Kat Hudson and William Schubeck to the 2004-2005 drama position and to divide the \$1,000.00 drama stipend in thirds as presented.

The motion passed 5-0.

2. Approval of B.E.E.M. grants-

- Ben Wootten moved, and Jon Smallidge seconded, to approve the four B.E.E.M. grant requests that are outlined in the Principal's April 6, 2005 Report.

The motion passed 5-0.

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I. New Business Continued

3. Teacher Assignments for the 2005-2006 School Year
Ben Wootten moved, and Prudy Heilner seconded, to approve the list presented by the superintendent for continuing contract teachers and assignments for the 2005-2006 school year. The motion passed 5-0.
4. Summary of Accounts - The Summary of Accounts was enclosed with the packet.
5. School Configuration 2005-2006 Discussion
Fred Cole did an excellent power point presentation walking the board through grades K-8 and specialists. The board had questions. There was discussion with parents in the audience. In the end, the board was supportive of Mr. Cole's presentation on school configuration for 2005-2006.
6. Mark Hurvitt proposed changing the June 27, 2005 teacher workshop day to the following: Teams (K-2, 3-5, 6-8) can choose one of two options and can report back to Fred Cole their choice. 1) They can work a 7 hour Saturday in June; 2) they can work two 3.5 hour sessions in June (3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.) Note: Specialists will be assigned to one of the three teams.
Ben Wootten moved, and Prudy Heilner seconded, to accept the superintendent's proposal for the June 27, 2005 teacher workshop day. The motion passed 5-0.
7. Ben Wootten moved, and Prudy Heilner seconded, to accept Kathleen Hudson's letter of resignation effective the end of the 2004-2005 school year contract. The motion passed 5-0.

J. Signing of Vouchers
The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned by Chair Ann Louise d'Entremont at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hurvitt
Superintendent