

**Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
November 9, 2005
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes**

A. Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Ann Louise d'Entemont followed by the salute to the flag.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt; Fred Cole; Frank Wanning; Heather Albert-Knopp, Healthy Peninsula;
John Richardson; Issac Kestenbaum

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Agenda

Ben Wootten moved and Jon Smallidge 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 Prudy Heilner seconded to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2005 meeting.

The motion passed 5-0.

E. Communications

Letter of resignation from Bronwyn Meredith-Umphrey is enclosed with the office minutes.

Coaching letter from Jeb Billings is enclosed with the office minutes.

Coaching letter from Michelle Schildroth is enclosed with the office minutes.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None

G. Information

1. GSA Report - Frank Wanning gave the report.

- The next meeting is November 28, 2005 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at GSA

- They are starting four task forces: 1. Communications; 2. Long Term Financial Planning;

3. Development; 4. Facilities

The plan is to launch a Capital Campaign before summer.

2. The Principal's Report is enclosed with the office minutes.

3. Superintendent's Report:

- Mark Hurvitt informed the board about the MSMA Conference in Augusta along with Susan Keenan who also attended.

4. Other Reports/Information

None

H. Old Business

1. Second Reading of the Food and Beverage Policy

Ben Wootten moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to table this item and refer it to the newly created Food Service Advisory Committee.

The motion passed 5-0.

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H. Old Business

2. Second Reading of the Elementary Teacher Job Description

Prudy Heilner moved and Ben Wootten seconded to adopt the revisions to Policy #4106D.

The motion passed 5-0.

3. Second Reading of the Volunteer Job Description

Prudy Heilner moved and Susan Keenan seconded to adopt the Volunteer Coordinator Job Description as policy with the noted minor revisions.

The motion passed 5-0.

I. New Business

1. Ben Wootten moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to follow the superintendent's recommendation and to accept Bronwyn Meredith-Umphrey's resignation effective this 2005-2006 school year.

The motion passed 5-0.

2. The October 1st Enrollment Report is enclosed with the office minutes.

3. The Summary of Accounts is enclosed with the office minutes.

4. B.E.E.M. Grants -

Ben Wootten moved and Prudy Heilner seconded to follow the superintendent's recommendation and to accept the five enclosed proposals totaling \$1,657.90.

The motion passed 5-0.

5. Coaching Appointments

Ben Wootten moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Michelle Schildroth to the Boys "B" Basketball position for the 2005-2006 school year.

The motion passed 5-0.

Mark Hurvitt reported that because of his military commitment Jeb Billings needed to withdraw his Boys "A" Basketball coaching request. Fred Cole is working on lining up a boys coach before the season starts on November 14th.

Jon Smallidge moved and Prudy Heilner seconded to allow the superintendent to appoint a Boys "A" Basketball coach and to inform the board at their December meeting.

The motion passed 5-0.

6. Mark Hurvitt informed the board that Jane Haldane has been hired at \$10.77 per hour, 7 hours per day for the 2005-2006 school year to replace an Ed Tech II in the primary grades who recently resigned.

7. Ben Wootten moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to follow the Transportation Committee's recommendation and to award the bus contract for September 1, 2006 - August 31, 2011 to Laidlaw and to go with Laidlaw's three bus option totaling \$835,371.00.

The motion passed 5-0.

8. Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to acknowledge receipt of the Blue Hill School Department Financial Statements with Independent Auditor's Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2005.

The motion passed 5-0.

9. To Establish a Food Service Advisory Committee

This will be a standing committee consisting of representatives from the kitchen staff, teaching staff, parents/community members, and students. Fred Cole has been charged with organizing this committee and will report its membership to the board at the December meeting.

Ben Wootten moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to launch this committee.

The motion passed 5-0.

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10. To Discuss Board Goal #1: "The board would like to increase the percentage of Blue Hill children who attend BHCS. Two possible action steps are to gather more data and to explore starting a Pre-K Program"

Fred Cole envisioned two survey's :

One to current parents and one to parents who have students in other K-8 schools but who still live in Blue Hill. He handed out a draft of a BHCS parent survey. This will be discussed again in December. Ben Wootten added that a self-addressed, stamped envelope should be enclosed.

Concerning the preschool piece, Mark Hurvitt will call Brooklin, the Bay School, Deer Isle, MDI, Brooksville and report information to the board in December.

11. To Discuss Board Goal #4: "The board would like to evaluate its role in overseeing 9-12 education of Blue Hill students."

Ben Wootten was concerned that 29% of Blue Hill students are going somewhere other than George Stevens Academy. Also, now trustees are allowed to have three consecutive three year terms without being forced to take a year off rather than two consecutive three year terms which was the agreement when the Joint Board was disbanded. The board was generally unclear about its role concerning 9-12 Blue Hill students. Frank Wanning will share issues with GSA and report back at the December meeting.

12. Ben Wootten moved and Susan Keenan seconded to enter into an executive session for the purpose of negotiations per 1 MRSA (405)(6)(D) with the board and Mark Hurvitt.

The motion passed 5-0.

Time In: 8:43 p.m. Time Out: 9:16 p.m.

There was no action upon returning to open session.

13. Ben Wootten moved and Susan Keenan seconded to enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussion of the Superintendent's Contract with the board and Mark Hurvitt.

The motion passed 5-0.

Time In: 9:17 p.m. Time Out: 9:26 p.m.

There was no action upon returning to open session.

14. Possible delegation of votes for the November 15, 2005 - Union #93 Joint School Committee Meeting to be held at Penobscot School beginning at 7:00 p.m. - No delegation of votes.

J. Signing of Vouchers - The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. by Chair Ann Louise d'Entremont.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hurvitt
Superintendent