

**Blue Hill School Committee Meeting  
December 14, 2005  
Blue Hill Consolidated School  
Minutes**

A. Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chair Ann Louise d'Entremont followed by the salute to the flag.

Member Present: Ben Wootten; Ann Louise d'Entremont; Jon Smallidge; Susan Keenan

Members Absent: Prudy Heilner

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt; Fred Cole; Maryanne Lewandowski; Jan Snow; Frank Wanning; Cathy Snow; Beth Jackson

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Agenda

Ben Wootten moved and Susan Keenan seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

The motion passed 4-0.

D. Approval of Minutes of Previous School Board Meetings

1. Ben Wootten moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2005 meeting.

The motion passed 4-0.

E. Communications

1. Letter of Resignation from Emma Laszlo
2. Coaching Letter from Nichole Bebout

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None

G. Information

1. GSA Report - Mark Hurvitt handed out the November 28, 2005 minutes and a MLR position paper.

2. Principal's Report - Fred Cole gave an oral report as follows:

- a. He reported on growing pains concerning Progress Reports;
- b. First trimester parent conferences had concluded;
- c. Staff will reconsider specialist grading in light of some issues which have surfaced over the first trimester. Ben Wootten commented that there should be more frequent status checks.
- d. Jan Snow will be out until early February with a medical leave. Vicki Doolittle will be the substitute.
- e. Sarah Palmer will be out on maternity leave starting in mid-January. Haley Malm will be the substitute.

substitute.

3. Superintendent's Report - Mark Hurvitt reported the following:

- a. He handed out the \$100.00 laptop article involving Seymour Papert, Blue Hill resident;
- b. He handed out pre-school information;
- c. Informed the board that Mike Astbury was coaching Boys "A" Basketball.

4. Other Reports/Information

None

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**H. Old Business**

1. Food and Beverage Policy/ Food Advisory Committee Update

The committee met on December 12th and created Draft #3 of the policy which was handed out.

The board liked this draft better and it will be on the agenda in January. The board also charged the committee to meet again before January 11, 2006 to discuss the following: More fresh foods,

fewer packaged foods, more local foods, more protein in breakfast choices, etc. There should be a report at the January 11th meeting in order to look at the potential budget implications which go with these issues.

2. Board Feedback on November Draft Survey in reference to 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 solicited feedback from the staff and board. He will propose an instrument at the January 11th meeting. Brooksville's survey yielded a 54% return.

3. Board Goal #4 "The board would like to evaluate its role in overseeing 9-12 education of Blue Hill students" - Frank Wanning reported that he did not feel comfortable reporting back about special education and that Jody Douglass will come to the January 11th meeting to talk about that issue and any other issues of interest. Frank Wanning did say that he felt GSA was making a real effort with communications, a sentiment echoed by the board. there are now quarterly meetings, GSA sends over transcript information, and Bags Brokaw and Libby Rosemeier work on reaching out to parents, students, and community members.

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

The motion passed 4-0.

Time In: 7:52 p.m. Time Out: 8:08 p.m.

5. Upon returning to open session, Ben Wootten moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to ratify the Blue Hill Teachers Contract September 1, 2006-August 31, 2009.

The motion passed 4-0.

#### I. New Business

1. Ben Wootten moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to follow the superintendent's recommendation and to accept Emma Laszlo's letter of resignation effective December 16, 2005.

The motion passed 4-0.

2. Ed. Tech. Appointments:

Ben Wootten moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Susan Snyder as the K-4 Title 1A Ed. Tech. II for the 2005-2006 school year.

The motion passed 4-0.

3. Ben Wootten moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Nichole Bebout as Girls "B" Basketball Coach for the 2005-2006 school year and increase the stipend to \$980.00 to compensate for an extra night of basketball.

The motion passed 4-0.

4. Ben Wootten moved and Susan Keenan seconded to follow the superintendent's recommendation and to amend Michelle Schildroth's Boys "B" Basketball Coaching stipend from \$735.00 to \$980.00 for the 2005-2006 school year to compensate for an extra night of basketball. The motion passed 4-0.

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#### I. New Business (continued)

5. First Reading of Local Assessment System - Basic Instructional Program (IHA) Policy

The board read the policy and would like to do a second reading at their January board meeting.

6. First Reading of Local Assessment System - Local Assessment System (ILA) Policy

The board read the policy and would like to do a second reading at their January board meeting.

7. First Draft of the 2006-2007 School Budget

The board walked through the draft, page by page, asking questions but making no changes. The board then appointed a Finance Committee (Ben Wootten; Susan Keenan; Fred Cole, Mark Hurvitt) who will meet on December 22, 2005 at 4:15 p.m. at the Central Office to attempt to make some decisions in order to give the board more direction at their regular January 11, 2006 meeting. The Finance Committee will probably meet several times before January 11.

8. Set Special Budget Meeting Times - December 22, 2005 beginning at 4:15 p.m. at Central Office in Blue Hill.

9. Jon Smallidge moved and Ann Louise d'Entremont seconded to enter into an executive session with the Fred Cole, Principal; Mark Hurvitt and the board per 1 MRSA S (405)(6)(D) for the purpose of the principal's contract discussion. The motion passed 4-0.

Time In: 9:24 p.m. Time Out: 9:43 p.m.

J. Signing of Vouchers

The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. by Chair Ann Louise d'Entremont.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hurvitt  
Superintendent