

**Blue Hill School Committee Meeting**  
**January 11, 2006**  
**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'Entremont followed by the salute to the flag.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jan Snow; Thomas Dean; Beth Jackson; Don Eley; Merrie Eley; Kim Williamson; Kim Parrott; Beth Ann Avery; Nick Doolittle; Sam Eley; Ben Eley; Lakota Bowen; Derek Gray; Jody Douglass; Duane Gray; Richard Seger; Louise Shackett; Allan Michelson; Ken Ryan; Mark Hurvitt; Fred Cole

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 Prudy Heilner seconded to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2005 meeting as presented.

The motion passed 5-0.

E. Communications

1. Board Goal #4 "The board would like to evaluate its role in overseeing 9-12 education of Blue Hill students" Jody Douglass, Head of School, will address the Board.

Jody Douglass fielded questions from the board members on a variety of topics related to GSA.

2. To Review the Draft School Budget for 2006-2007 with the Budget Committee

From 7:20 p.m. to 8:25 p.m. the board reviewed the draft budget with the Budget Committee going through the document page by page and answering questions.

3. Presentation on the Results of One Year of Testing In Cardiovascular Endurance in Grades 4-8 given by Robert McCormick - Robert McCormick, along with two professors from UMO (Dr. Butterfield and Dr. Lehnard) and several BHCS students presented his work on "the pacer", an aerobic test administered to BHCS students last year and this year. Statistics show that BHCS students are much more aerobically fit than the national average than their counterparts in Maine. The two professors praised Mr. McCormick's program. Mr. McCormick has also requested to attend a National Conference in Salt Lake City to present this research in April. The board will consider his request in February.

4. To Set Budget Meeting Times

The next budget meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2006 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the BHCS.

5. A Drama coaching letter is enclosed with the office minutes.

6. Presentation - Spring Play

Herb Mitchell came as the character Knute Rockne, the legendary Notre Dame football coach. He did a skit for the board and for the audience.

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7. A letter of resignation from Vanessa Cipriani is enclosed with the office minutes.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public - None

G. Information

1. GSA Report - Jody Douglass was present earlier on the agenda.
2. Principal's Report - The report is enclosed with the office minutes. The karate class will be a February agenda item.
3. Superintendent's Report - Mr. Hurvitt handed out an executive summary on a State report recommending restructuring in Maine school administration.
4. Other Reports/Information - None

H. Old Business

1. 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." The board reviewed the enclosed survey that Fred Cole proposed to send out to parents of kids who are enrolled at school. It will appear on the February agenda for possible adoption. Kim Parrott, representing the Montessori Pre-School, also commented on the board's pre-school goal.

\* Ben Wootten left the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

2. Jon Smallidge moved and Prudy Heilner seconded to approve Policy #3400 Competitive Food Sales. The motion passed 4-0.

3. Update on Food Offerings - Advisory Committee  
Fred Cole reported that he met with the committee. There are three recommendations, all having budget implications. The board will take up recommendations the next time they do budget work on January 18th.

4. School Budget 2006-2007 Discussion - This item was tabled until January 18, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

5. Prudy Heilner moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to approve the LAS - Basic Instructional Program (IHA) Policy . The motion passed 4-0.

6. Prudy Heilner moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to approve the LAS - Local Assessment System (ILA) Policy. The motion passed 4-0.

I. New Business

1. Jon Smallidge moved and Prudy Heilner seconded to follow the superintendent's recommendation and to accept Vanessa Cipriani's letter of resignation effective January 2, 2006. The motion passed 4-0.

2. To Inform the Board of the Two Ed. Tech III Appointments  
Mark Hurvitt informed the board that Rebecca Gies and Jennifer Friend were recently appointed as Education Tech. III's for the 2005-2006 school year.

3. Possible Appointment of a Drama Coach  
Jon Smallidge moved and Prudy Heilner seconded to follow the superintendent's recommendation and to appoint Herb Mitchell as the drama coach for the 2005-2006 school year. The motion passed 4-0.

4. The Summary of Accounts was enclosed for review by the board. Continued on page 3.

5. Jon Smallidge moved and Prudy Heilner seconded to enter into an executive session for the purpose of principal contract matters per 1 MRSA (405)(6)(D) with the board, Mark Hurvitt and Fred Cole. The motion passed 4-0.

Time In: 9:33 p.m. Time Out: 10:00 p.m.

6. Possible Action on Principal Contract Matters

Upon returning to open session, the following motions were made:

Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to follow the superintendent's recommendation and to extend Fred Cole's contract to June 30, 2008.

The motion passed 4-0.

Prudy Heilner moved and Susan Keenan seconded to follow the superintendent's recommendation and to raise Fred Cole's principal's salary 3% for the 2006-2007 contract year to \$62,727.00

The motion passed 4-0.

J. Signing of Vouchers

The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m. by Chair Ann Louise d' Entremont.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hurvitt  
Superintendent