

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
February 8, 2006
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; Susan Keenan; Prudy Heilner; Jon Smallidge

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt; Fred Cole; Linsley Simmons; Shanie Billings; Frank Wanning; John Richardson; Beth Jackson; Gina Provenzano

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Agenda

Jon Smallidge moved and Prudy Heilner 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 January 11, 2006 meeting.

The motion passed 5-0.

2. Ben Wootten moved and Prudy Heilner seconded to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2006 meeting.

The motion passed 5-0.

3. Ben Wootten moved and Prudy Heilner seconded to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2006 meeting.

The motion passed 5-0.

E. Communications

Mark Hurvitt passed out the warrant articles to board members.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None

G. Information

1. GSA Report - The next meeting is February 27, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at GSA

Frank Wanning reported the following:

a. The Recreation Center was happening Friday and Saturday nights attracting 40-50 kids per night on average.

b. Work Study Program being developed.

c. Outdoor Study Program being developed.

d. Strings Program being developed.

e. "West Side Story" will be at The Grand May 26th and May 27th.

f. International Boarding Program starting in September with ten students.

2. Principal's Report - Fred Cole's report is enclosed with the office minutes.

3. Superintendent's Report - Mark Hurvitt reported that Blue Hill is likely to receive \$4,327.78 less in state subsidy than last year.

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4. Other Reports/Information

None

H. Old Business

1. Survey Approval per 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 handed out the proposed survey (enclosed with the office minutes) which he proposed to mail out to families who have children enrolled at school. Results will be shared with the board, teachers, and in the newsletter.

Ben Wootten moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to approve the survey to send out.

The motion passed 5-0.

I. New Business

1. More Frequent Grade Check Ins

This issue is being discussed with the Union 93 Progress Report Committee. The Blue Hill School Committee’s feedback is that the 1st trimester is too long of a stretch with no formal feedback. There should be more formal grade checks during that time. Also, K-4 should have mid-trimester reports as 5-8 already does. Fred Cole will bring this feedback to the Union 93 Progress Report Committee meeting. He did say that the committee had similar feelings.

2. Robert McCormick’s Request to attend a National Conference in Salt Lake City In April

There was discussion of the merits of Bob McCormick attending this national conference. He has requested special funds under 13.5.c in the contract. The board felt that the \$2,000.00 request was excessive, but did want to partially support his proposal.

Jon Smallidge moved and Ben Wootten seconded to pay up to \$600.00 worth of conference costs, plus cover the cost of a substitute for five days. The motion failed 2-3.

(Jon Smallidge/Ben Wootten; Aye - Ann Louise d’Entremont/Susan Keenan/Prudy Heilner; Nay)

Prudy Heilner moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to pay up to \$800.00 worth of conference costs, plus cover the cost of a substitute for five days. The motion passed 3-2.

(Jon Smallidge/Ann Louise d’Entremont/Prudy Heilner; Aye - Ben Wootten/Susan Keenan; Nay)

There was also a comment by Linsley Simmons, Co-PTF President, that the PTF may be willing to supplement the Board’s \$800.00 contribution. There was a comment by Gina Provenzano that

Fred Cole should check with teachers to see if they really needed a PE substitute, or if it would be more appropriate to do PE themselves for that week.

3. Jon Smallidge moved and Ben Wootten seconded to amend Policy 13201A Community Use of School Facilities, Schedule of Fees with the language that Fred Cole proposed in his principal’s report as follows: Add d: For repeated, regularly occurring (i.e. monthly, weekly) private and public fund-raising events, the following building use fee shall be assessed: 10% of the group’s monthly gross income. Amend c as underlined: For one time, or yearly, private and public fund raising events.....

The motion passed 5-0.

4. Getting Ready for Town Meeting

Mark Hurvitt will give a brief budget overview and answer questions after each warrant article comes up. Board members, and Fred Cole, will also be prepared to comment on certain items if necessary.

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J. Signing of Vouchers

The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Ann Louise d'Entremont at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hurvitt
Superintendent