

**Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
March 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; Sarah Ensworth; Patty Clapp; Rob Clapp; Frank Wanning;
Samantha Politte; Linsley Simmons; Shani Billings; John Richardson; Gina Provenzano; Meg Maiden;
Clifton Page; Beth Jackson; William Schubeck; Cindy Avery; Kim Williamson; Kathy Soper; Issac
Kestenbaum

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Agenda

Ben Wootten moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of

I. New Business item #10 Long Term Substitute Discussion and to delete I. New Business item
8 and #9 Special Ed Policy Amendments. The motion passed 5-0.

D. Approval of Minutes of Previous School Board Meetings

1. Jon Smallidge moved and Prudy Heilner seconded to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2006
meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

E. Communications

- The school recognized outgoing board members Ann Louise d'Entremont and Prudy Heilner with tulips and a card. Fred Cole and Mark Hurvitt thanked them for their service. Ann Louise, for her role as Chair, also received a BHCS Bobcat shirt.
- Letter from Sarah Ensworth and Patty Clapp in Reference to Job Sharing
- Letter of Resignation from Sarah Kydd
- At this point, Fred Cole read a letter he had just received from Barbara Malm announcing her resignation, effective June, 2006. She intends to retire.

The board then added another agenda item. Ben Wootten moved and Prudy Heilner seconded to add

I. New Business item # 11 To accept Barbara Malm's letter of resignation. The motion passed 5-0.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

PTF Update: Linsley Simmons handed out the new PTF brochure and she handed out a sheet of PTF activities which are enclosed with the office minutes.

G. Information

1. GSA Report

- Rob Clapp, Trustee, reported that GSA is working on a new construction project for a gym and an auditorium. Part of the facility will probably be located on BHCS leased land. Thus, the trustees will have a proposal to bring to the Blue Hill Board within the next few months. He also reported that the board will bring up special education at GSA for their April meeting.

- Frank Wanning, Trustee, reported that GSA has started on the "quiet phase" of their capital campaign.

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

3. Superintendent's Report - Mark Hurvitt handed out an article on "Teaching to the Test" from the Washington Post.

- He reported that the Labor Committee voted 8-0 to oppose LD430.

- Handed out an article from the Bangor Daily News on Local Assessment System Moratorium in Maine. The board discussed this briefly.

4. Other Reports/Information - None

H. Old Business

1. Getting Ready for Town Meeting

Mark Hurvitt will give a brief overview. Questions on each article will be fielded by Mark, board members, and Fred Cole. Mark Hurvitt will also stop before the EPS article to explain it before people vote as it is very complicated.

I. New Business

1. Request from Sarah Ensworth - The board discussed Sarah's request with Sarah and with Patty Clapp. The board had questions about communication (they will meet daily) and schedule (enclosed).

Ultimately, Ben Wootten made the following motion:

Ben Wootten moved and Susan Keenan seconded to extend Sarah Ensworth's leave of absence from Blue Hill Consolidated School from April 24, 2006 to June 24, 2006 and to make this extension half time. The motion passed 5-0.

(The intention of this motion was for Sarah to be paid one half time to teach and for Patty Clapp to remain as the Long -Term substitute one half time for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year.

This was clear from the discussion).

2. To Accept the Letter of Resignation from Sarah Kydd

Ben Wootten moved and Prudy Heilner seconded to accept Sarah Kydd's letter of resignation effective March 3, 2006. The motion passed 5-0.

3. Possible Appointment of an Ed Tech II for the Remainder of the 2005-2006 School Year

Not ready yet. Mark Hurvitt will appoint and inform the board in April.

4. Music Program Discussion

Fred Cole prepared a handout after surveying 14 area schools about their music programs (instrumental, general, vocal). The board is looking at the music program over the course of the year so it will have an understanding of it as we go into next year's budget season. This will appear in April under Old Business.

5. Summary of Accounts was enclosed for board review.

6. The board read the sample MSMA Drug and Alcohol Use by Student Policy . They will do a second reading in April.

7. The board read the sample MSMA Tobacco Use and Possession Policy. They will do a second reading in April. In the meantime, Fred Cole will meet with Denise Black.

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I. New Business (continued)

8. To Amend Policy 6601 Referral/Pre-Referral of Students with Disabilities - Administrative Procedure This was tabled until April.

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10. Long Term Sub Discussion - Mark Hurvitt brought up the past procedures for paying long term subs (enclosed) and the notion that “consecutive employment “ has meant just that, consecutive employment. If a long term sub has had a sick day, a conference day, or a personal day, that has meant a break in consecutive employment and resulted in going back to \$70.00 per day (from, potentially \$147.03). The board discussed this and didn’t feel that the letter of the law was a reasonable standard, particularly in cases of sickness. Fred Cole mentioned that if a long-term sub was sick, he wouldn’t want them at school, anyway.

Ben Wootten moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to allow for long term subs to take sick days, conference days, or personal days without breaking consecutive employment with the permission of the principal and the superintendent on a case by case basis. The motion passed 5-0.

11. Ben Wootten moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to accept Barbara Malm’s resignation with sincere thanks for her service and with regrets. The motion passed 5-0.

J. Signing of Vouchers

The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. by Ann Louise d’Entremont

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hurvitt
Superintendent