

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
April 12, 2006
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes

A. Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Mark Hurvitt, Superintendent, followed by the salute to the flag.

Members Present: Jon Smallidge; Alice Herrick; Susan Keenan; John Richardson

Members Absent: Ben Wootten

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt; Fred Cole; Beth Jackson; Frank Wanning; Linsley Simmons; Molly Marks;

Alyssa Coates; Jeff Scheff; Susan Hudson; Tara McKechnie; Stephanie Larson; John McKechnie

Mark Hurvitt welcomed the new board members; John Richardson and Alice Herrick.

B. Flag Salute

** Election of a Chair ****

Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to table the election of a chair until the May board meeting.

The motion passed 4-0.

At this point, Mark Hurvitt appointed Jon Smallidge to Chair the meeting.

C. Approval of Agenda

Susan Keenan moved and John Richardson seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of I. New Business item # 9 To accept the resignation of Sandra Goodman and I. New Business #10 To accept the resignation of

Sarah Dunlay.

The motion passed 4-0.

D. Approval of Minutes of Previous School Board Meetings

1. Susan Keenan moved and John Richardson seconded to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2006 meeting.

The motion passed 4-0.

E. Communications

1. PTF Update - Beth Jackson reported the following:

- Jessica Naylor came from "Project Alert" to speak to the group at the last meeting.

- Looking into fire safety and bike safety

- Had a successful pot luck and variety show on April 1.

- Reached the \$800.00 fundraising goal to match the board's contribution to send Bob McCormick to Salt Lake City.

- Will help with kindergarten registration with refreshments.

- Will do a craft fair (sell tables) during Mother's Day weekend

- Will do a playground spruce-up day.

- On June 5th the PTF will organize a "Flash in the Pans" bash with BEEM

Jon Smallidge thanked the PTF for all of their good work.

2. Letter of Resignation from Sarah Dunlay

3. Transportation Request Letter from Bill Cousins

4. Letter from William Schubeck Requesting the Jazz Band Director Position

5. Letter from Susan and Ed Sorenson

6. Letter of Resignation from Sandra Goodman

7. Letter from Tara McKechnie

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

Several parents spoke out concerning the administration's recommendation to transfer Tara McKechnie to third grade. No one was in favor of the recommendation. Molly Marks gave the board a letter, and then read it.

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G. Information

1. GSA Report - The next meeting is April 24, 2006 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Frank Wanning reported that GSA has hired Scott Simon to begin schematic design for the performing arts/gym facility. GSA will come to the Blue Hill Board at some point because the proposed building will be on BHCS leased land. The board also authorized the hiring of a capital campaign consultant. The quiet phase of the capital campaign will start this summer. The money will support endowment and buildings.
2. Principal's Report - The report is enclosed with the office minutes. Also, Fred Cole reported that St. Francis is thinking of starting a pre-school in Blue Hill and that the board will get a letter from St. Francis.
3. Superintendent's Report - Mark Hurvitt reported that Haley Malm, while working as a long-term substitute for Sarah Palmer in January 2006, had a "break in service" due to a death in the family. This issue occurred before the board looked at the long-term sub continuous service language on March 8, 2006.
Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to make the decision on long-term substitute continuous service retroactive to January 1, 2006 and to pay Haley Malm the difference as if she had no break in service.
The motion passed 4-0.
4. Other Reports/Information
None

H. Old Business

1. Report on Education Technician II Appointments
Mark Hurvitt reported that Connie Jan Sears and Nichole Bebout were appointed as Ed. Tech II's replacing Sarah Kydd for the 1:1 position.
2. Music Program Discussion - This discussion is tabled until May.
3. Second Reading To Amend Drug and Alcohol Use by Student Policy - This is tabled until May.
Fred Cole will meet with Denise Black about this policy before that.
4. Second Reading To Amend Tobacco Use and Possession Policy - This was tabled until May.
Fred Cole has met with Denise Black and he went over the proposed Tobacco Use Policy.
5. 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." Report on Survey
- Fred Cole did a comprehensive powerpoint presentation on the survey that BHCS mailed out to 147 families of enrolled students in February 2006. Sixty were returned. (41% rate) Eighty-two percent were completed by mothers. Fred Cole will look at this data more with staff. The board would like to further discuss the results in May.

I. New Business

1. Susan Keenan moved and John Richardson seconded to approve the transportation request for Bill Cousins' daughter to ride the bus to Ellsworth High School for the 2005-2006 school year subject to board revocation at any time.
The motion passed 4-0.
2. Coaching Appointments - Susan Keenan moved and Alice Herrick seconded to appoint Michelle Schildroth to the Boys "A" Baseball coaching position and, if Fred Cole finds a suitable baseball coach over school vacation, to allow him to hire that coach, inform the board in May, and re-assign Michelle Schildroth to the Girls "B" Softball coaching position.
The motion passed 4-0.
Note: Michelle Schildroth would prefer to coach softball, but BHCS's primary need is "A" baseball as of April 12th.

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3. Susan Keenan moved and John Richardson seconded to appoint William Schubeck as Jazz Band Director for the 2005-2006 school year. The motion passed 4-0.
4. Teacher Assignments for the 2006-2007 School Year:
Jon Smallidge moved to accept the superintendent's and principal's recommendation for continuing contract teaching assignments. There was no second.
- John Richardson moved and Susan Keenan seconded to enter into an executive session for the purpose of assignment of officials/appointees/employees per M.R.S.A. SS 405 (6)(A) with the board, Mark Hurvitt, and Fred Cole. The motion passed 4-0.
- Time In: 8:46 p.m. Time Out: 9:10 p.m.
- Upon returning to open session, Jon Smallidge moved and John Richardson seconded to accept the superintendent's and principal's recommendation for the 2006-2007 continuing contract teaching assignments. The motion passed 3-1 (Susan Keenan)
5. First Reading To Amend Policy 6601 Referral/Pre-Referral of Students with Disabilities - Administrative Procedure - Susan Keenan moved and John Richardson seconded to approve the amendment to Policy #6601 Referral/Pre-Referral of Students with Disabilities- Administrative Procedure. The motion passed 4-0.
6. First Reading To Amend Policy 6601 Referral/Pre-Referral of Students with Disabilities
John Richardson moved and Alice Herrick seconded to approve the amendment to Policy #6601 Referral/Pre-Referral of Students with Disabilities. The motion passed 4-0.
7. Possible Delegation of Votes for the April 26th Joint Union 93 School Committee Meeting
No delegation.
8. John Richardson moved and Susan Keenan seconded to reschedule the June 14th Blue Hill School Board Meeting to June 15th. The motion passed 4-0.
9. Susan Keenan moved and John Richardson seconded to follow the superintendent's recommendation and to accept Sandra Goodman's resignation effective the end of the 2005-2006 school year. The motion passed 4-0.
10. Susan Keenan moved and John Richardson seconded to follow the superintendent's recommendation and to accept Sarah Dunlay's resignation effective the end of the 2005-2006 school year. The motion passed 4-0.

J. Signing of Vouchers - The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. by Chair Pro-Tem Jon Smallidge.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hurvitt
Superintendent