

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
July 12, 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 Ben Wootten followed by the salute to the flag.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt; Fred Cole; William O'Connell; Megan Granger; Barbara Bland Frank Wanning

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Agenda

Jon Smallidge moved and John Richardson seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the amendment to table I. New Business item #3 To appoint a half time grade 4 teacher for the 2006-2007 school year until their August meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

D. Approval of Minutes of Previous School Board Meetings

1. Jon Smallidge moved, and John Richardson seconded to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2006 meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

E. Communications

None

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None

G. Information

1. GSA Report - Frank Wanning gave a report. They had a retreat to talk about the school's mission as they are about to launch a capital campaign. They are committed to increasing the percentage of students on the peninsula who attend GSA, and they would like to do more with special education.

2. Principal's Report -The conference day item came up for discussion. Mark Hurvitt said that if the board wanted to entertain this conference day change that it would have to vote to change the calendar at the August meeting.

Susan Keenan made a motion to change the Blue Hill school calendar in the following way: to eliminate the August 31, 2006 Teacher Conference day and substitute it for conference nights for the week of September 25th. Alice Herrick seconded this motion.

The motion passed 5-0.

Thus, August 31, 2006 will not be a teacher work day.

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G. Information (continued)

3. Superintendent's Report

- Mark Hurvitt reported on the TABOR referendum happening in November.
- He reported on the June 16, 2006 special town meeting in order to transfer \$37,000.00.
- He reported that the superintendent's authority to accept resignations, hire, and fire support personnel and to "notify the board in a timely fashion" expires on August 31, 2006.

Jon Smallidge moved and John Richardson seconded to extend that authority to August 31, 2007. The motion passed 5-0.

4. Other Reports/Information- None

H. Old Business

1. Community Health and Counseling Services Discussion -

The board asked for the contract for CHCS to be reviewed at the June meeting. We got it back on July 11th, not in time for the board to get it early and read it. So, the board went over all the revisions at the meeting. They were generally pleased with the revisions. John Richardson had a question about Article VII. The board decided to have Mark Hurvitt sign a 1 year contract with CHCS (06-07) under the revised format. The board also decided to allow Barbara Bland to continue work with the students already on her caseload at BHCS (7 students) for the 2006-2007 school year. The board directed Mark Hurvitt to create a contract for this and to insure that Barbara bland has proof of licensure. At that point, Barbara Bland showed her licenses to the board.

John Richardson moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to sign a revised one year contract for 2006-2007 with CHCS and to allow Barbara Bland to continue to work with students already on her caseload for the 2006-2007 school year with the contract that will be drawn up by the superintendent. The motion passed 5-0.

2. CHIPS Program Discussion - The Mason's will have a booth at the Blue Hill Fair to process Student Identification Documents. The summer Blue Hill newsletter will announce the details of this booth. Also, there was discussion about setting up a booth at the September 7, 2006 Blue Hill picnic.

3. Revisit Board Goals - Ben Wootten went over each one of the four 2005-2006 board goals. This item will be revisited at the August meeting with the intent of carrying over some goals to 2006-2007 and adding some new ones.

I. New Business

1. John Richardson moved and Susan Keenan seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Megan Granger as the 80 % time Guidance Counselor for the 2006-2007 school year. The motion passed 5-0.
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2. Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint William O'Connell as the Middle School Science & Math Teacher (Grades 7 & 8) for the 2006-2007 school year.

The motion passed 5-0.

3. The appointment of a Half Time Grade 4 Teacher for the 2006-2007 school year was tabled until August.

4. Susan Keenan moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Jennifer Friend as a 1:1 Ed Tech II for the 2006-2007 school year.

The motion passed 5-0.

5. The Certification Support Team Annual Report was reviewed.

6. Proposed Wellness Policy - The board did a first reading of the draft policy and will do a second reading at their August meeting.

7. To Award the Blue Hill Water Filtering System Bid - One bid was opened.

Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to accept the bid for \$13,833.00 from Lowry Engineering in Blue Hill.

The motion passed 5-0.

8. Summary of Accounts - The summary (6/30/06) was available for board review. Mark Hurvitt commented on the ending balance which was 1% of the total budget.

J. Signing of Vouchers - The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. by Chair Ben Wootten.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hurvitt
Superintendent