

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
August 9, 2006
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes

A. Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ben Wootten followed by the salute to the flag.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt; Fred Cole; Jerry Millay; Libby Elliott; Jay Marsh; Elsa Marsh; Matt Elliott; Sam Elliott; Tina Stephens; Robert Stephens; Frank Wanning; Nadine Lewis

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Agenda

John Richardson moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the following amendments: To add I. New Business item #16 To accept Gail Strehan's letter of resignation effective the end of the 2006-2007 school year; I. New Business item #17 To approve a transportation request to Ellsworth;

I. New Business item #18 To acknowledge receipt of the Blue Hill Consolidated School Student Activity & Principal Funds Comparative Financial Statements with Independent Auditor's Report for the Years Ended June 30, 2006 and 2005. 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 July 12, 2006 meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

E. Communications

1. Coaching letter from Robert McCormick is enclosed with the office minutes.
2. Letter of resignation from Robyn Beals is enclosed with the office minutes.
3. Coaching request from Mark Hurvitt is enclosed with the office minutes.
4. Thank you note from Sarah Dunlay is enclosed with the office minutes.
5. Letter from Maegan Haney requesting time under the Family Medical Leave Act is enclosed with the office minutes.
6. Letter from Maegan Haney requesting the Athletic Director position for 2006-2007 is enclosed with the office minutes.
7. Letter of resignation from Gail Strehan is enclosed with the office minutes.
8. Transportation request from Rick and Jennifer Wight for their son to ride the bus to Ellsworth High School is enclosed with the office minutes.
9. Audit Report for the Blue Hill Consolidated School from James Wadman is enclosed with the office minutes.
10. Note from Lisa Bowden in reference to the 3rd grade enrollment is enclosed with the office minutes.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None

G. Information

1. GSA Report - Frank Wanning reported that the George Sevens Academy board is working on a new strategic plan. He will keep the Blue Hill School Committee informed on all architectural issues.

2. Principal's Report - Fred Cole reported that a meeting is set up with Jeannie Mills, from Saint Francis, to talk about the concept of a Blue Hill preschool with Saint Francis paying. They need a board member. Susan Keenan will attend the meeting on August 15th. Fred Cole will report back to the board in September.

3. Superintendent's Report - Mark Hurvitt recognized Gary Mitchell for flying the flag on the flagpole over the gym during the summer.

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G. Information (continued)

4. Other Reports/Information - None

H. Old Business

1. John Richardson moved and Susan Keenan seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Patricia Clapp as the ½ time grade 4 teacher for the 2006-2007 school year.

The motion passed 5-0.

2. Revised Board Goals

There was quite a bit of discussion on this topic. Ben Wootten will attempt to bring all of the threads together and work with Mark Hurvitt on creating a list for the September board meeting.

Based upon the 2005-2006 goals:

Goal #1- To review the survey results and use them as a basis to improve the school.

Goal #2 - This will be retired.

Goal #3 - This is ongoing.

Goal #4 - This goal will be reworked/rethought by Ben Wootten. The goal will be to try to close gaps between Blue Hill Consolidated School and George Stevens Academy.

Goal #5 will be added to the list. The theme will be a review of Blue Hill Consolidated School grading.

3. Second Reading of the Wellness Policy

This will go on the agenda for the Blue Hill Consolidated School staff inservice day and will be amended appropriately for the September meeting.

I. New Business

1. Susan Keenan moved and John Richardson seconded to accept the resignation of Robyn Beals effective the end of the 2005-2006 school year.

The motion passed 5-0.

2. Status of Grade 1 Teaching Position

John Richardson moved and Susan Keenan seconded to permit Fred Cole to form a committee and recommend a name to Mark Hurvitt and Mark Hurvitt to hire (before the next board meeting in September) and inform the board by e-mail and at the regular school committee meeting in September.

The motion passed 5-0.

3. Status of Secondary Ed. Tech. III Position

Mark Hurvitt updated the board.

Susan Keenan moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Elizabeth Sawyer to the secondary Ed. Tech. III position.

The motion passed 5-0.

4. Grade 3 Enrollment Numbers

There was extensive discussion about this issue by meeting attendees and by board members. When the budget was passed in March, the third grade had 18 students. Now the enrollment is 21. The board weighed 1) doing nothing; 2) hiring a part time teacher to help out with literacy groups; 3) hiring another full time teacher.

Jon Smallidge moved and Alice Herrick seconded to hire a new, full time, unbudgeted teacher for the 2006-2007 school year. The board gave Mark Hurvitt permission to hire this position and inform the board at the September meeting. There will be at least 1 board member on the committee, possibly 2.

The motion passed 3-2 (Ben Wootten, Susan

Keenan)

5. Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to approve Maegan Haney's request to use time under the Family Medical Leave Act for the first part of the 2006-2007 school year and work half days until the week following the Thanksgiving holiday.

The motion passed 5-0.

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I. New Business (continued)

6. John Richardson moved and Alice Herrick seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint the following coaches for the 2006-2007 school year:
Robert McCormick as Intramural Soccer Coach; Intramural Basketball Coach; Gymnastics Coach;
and Intramural Baseball/Softball Coach
Maegan Haney as Athletic Director for the Fall; Winter and Spring ;
and Mark Hurvitt as Cross Country Coach with no stipend. The motion passed 5-0.
7. To Award Bus Fuel Bid for the 2006-2007 School Year-
Susan Keenan moved and John Richardson seconded to award the bus fuel bid to South Street Service at
.059 cents per gallon discount for the 2006-2007 school year. The motion passed 5-0.
8. To Award Building Fuel Bid for the 2006-2007 School Year -
Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to award the Building Fuel Bid to Wardwell Oil Company
for 13,500 gallons of #2 fuel oil for the contract period of September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007 at
\$2.365 cents per gallon totaling \$31,927.50. The motion passed 5-0.
9. To Approve the School Handbook for the 2006-2007 School Year
Susan Keenan moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to approve the School Handbook for the 2006-2007
school year as presented. The motion passed 5-0.
10. John Richardson moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to give School Board Concept approval of Federal Grants
for the 2006-2007 School Year. The motion passed 5-0.
11. John Richardson moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to set the School Lunch/Breakfast Pricing for the
2006-2007 School Year as follows: Adult Lunch at \$3.75. The motion passed 5-0.
- Susan Keenan moved and Alice Herrick seconded to set Student Lunch at \$1.50; Reduced Student Lunch at
.40 cents; Student Breakfast at .50 cents; Reduced Student Breakfast at .30 cents; Adult Breakfast at \$1.00;
and All Other Milk at .25 cents. The motion passed 3-2 (Ben Wootten, John Richardson)
12. Alice Herrick moved and Susan Keenan seconded to appoint Lisa Lesko as the School Physician for the
2006-2007 School Year. The motion passed 5-0.
13. To appoint a School Committee Member to the Superintendent's Evaluation Committee -
Jon Smallidge volunteered to be the school committee member on the Superintendent's Evaluation Committee.
14. To see if the board would like to elect a school board member to the Delegate Assembly -
The board did not wish to elect a member. However, perhaps some board members would like to go to
MSMA not as delegates.
15. To Review Bus Routes and Driver's List - Mark Hurvitt mentioned the five bus drivers from the list
that Laidlaw provided. Fred Cole handed out the three bus routes.
16. John Richardson moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to follow the superintendent's recommendation and to
accept Gail Strehan's resignation effective the end of the 2005-2006 school year. The motion passed 5-0.
17. Jon Smallidge moved and John Richardson seconded to approve Rick and Jennifer Wight's transportation
request for their son to ride the bus to Ellsworth High School for the 2006-2007 school year subject to
board revocation at any time. The motion passed 5-0.
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I. New Business (continued)

18. Jon Smallidge moved and John Richardson seconded to acknowledge receipt of the Blue Hill Consolidated

School Student Activity & Principal Funds Comparative Financial Statement with Independent Auditor's
Report. The motion passed 5-0.

J. Signing of Vouchers

The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m. by Chair Ben Wootten.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hurvitt
Superintendent