

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
September 13, 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; Jon Smallidge; John Richardson; Susan Keenan; Alice Herrick

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Denis Howard; Fred Cole; Jan Snow; Beth Jackson

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Agenda

A motion by John Richardson, seconded by Susan Keenan to add items E5, E6, E7, I7 I8, I9.
Motion passed 5-0-0.

D. Approval of Minutes of Previous School Board Meetings

1. A motion by Jon Smallidge, seconded by John Richardson to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2006 meeting.
Motion passed 5-0-0.

E. Communications

1. A letter from Mark Hurvitt requesting an amendment to his Cross Country Coaching Contract is enclosed with the office minutes.

2. A letter from Elizabeth Tuttle requesting transportation for her Blue Hill secondary student to ride the Blue Hill school bus to Bucksport is enclosed with the office minutes.

3. A letter from Jane Haldane requesting a Leave of Absence as outlined in her letter is enclosed with the office minutes.

4. PTF Update - Beth Jackson updated the Board on planned activities by the PTF. The first meeting is scheduled for September 20th. The "Back to School Picnic" was successful. There was 350 people in attendance. Ms. Jackson indicated the Family Directory will be out on September 15th. The PTF is also planning with the American Legion, a homecoming for Brian Smith who was injured in Iraq. The group is also planning to do something similar to the successful Internet Safety Program of last year.

No action necessary.

5. A letter from Brescian Lander regarding the Soccer coaching position is enclosed with the office minutes.

6. A letter from David and Rebecca Carter requesting transportation for their secondary student to ride the Blue Hill school bus to Ellsworth High School is enclosed with the office minutes.

7. A letter requesting compensation for educational expenses for a student attending MSSM is enclosed with the office minutes.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None

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G. Information

1. GSA Report - On Monday, September 25, 2006 at 4:00 p.m., the GSA Architects will be presenting the proposed GSA Building Project. The Blue Hill School Committee is invited.

- Principal Fred Cole updated the Board on the Project.
- After some discussion, it was mentioned that the Board needs to express feelings of opposition if concerned about the Project. Traffic flow during basketball is a major concern and the impact on the baseball field is also a concern.

2. Principal's Report - Principal Cole updated the Board on the opening of school and noted the only real glitch is the late bus arrival and students getting here late for breakfast, therefore late to class. Opening enrollment was 209 (K-8), MEA results are back (next meeting), and BHCS passed Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

3. Superintendent's Report - Superintendent Howard expressed his pleasure of being on board and that so far he sees good things going on. He praised his building administration and central office staff. He reminded them of the Superintendent Search Process and calendar of meetings. He also noted the School Board is invited to Sedgwick's Planning Meeting on September 26th.

4. Other Reports/Information - None

H. Old Business

1. Motion by Jon Smallidge, seconded by John Richardson to approve Mark Hurvitt's request for an amendment to his Cross Country Coaching Contract to a stipend of \$635.00.

Motion passed 5-0-0.

2. Status of the Grade 1; Grade 3 and Ed. Tech Positions

Principal Cole distributed some background information and highlighted various areas. He noted that he sat in on 27 interviews to hire for the above positions, and the Grade 7/8 Science and Guidance positions.

3. Revised Board Goals for 2006-2007

After some discussion, a motion by John Richardson, seconded by Jon Smallidge to approve the goals. Motion passed 5-0-0.

It was also recommended that a committee consisting of two board members, a parent and teachers be formed to work on Goal #1.

4. After some discussion, Principal Cole asked Beth Jackson what her perspective was regarding the draft of the Wellness Policy #5912. She indicated that it only dealt with nutritional well being, not the emotional wellness. Many in attendance expressed their opinions of the policy. Mr. Cole will get further staff input and have a new draft in the October mailing.

A motion by John Richardson, seconded by Jon Smallidge to table for the October meeting. Motion passed 5-0-0.

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I. New Business

1. To Approve Team Leaders for 2006-2007
 - Principal Cole recommended the number of Team Leaders be increased to five. After a brief question/answer period about duties of Team Leaders, a motion was made by John Richardson and seconded by Alice Herrick to support Fred Cole's recommendation and to approve the following Team Leaders for the 2006-2007 school year:
 - Specialists - Audrey Means; Grades K-2 Sherry Holbrook; Grades 3-4 Jan Snow;
 - Grades 5-6 - Michelle Schildroth; Grades 7-8 - Lori Wessel

The motion passed 5-0-0.

2. Motion by Jon Smallidge, seconded by John Richardson to approve the transportation request from Elizabeth Tuttle for her secondary student to ride the Blue Hill school bus to the Reach School in Bucksport for the 2006-2007 school year.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

3. Motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Alice Herrick to approve Jane Haldane's request for a Leave of Absence as outlined in her letter.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

4. Jon Smallidge moved, Susan Keenan seconded to acknowledge receipt of the Blue Hill School Lunch Program Comparative Financial Statements with Independent Auditor's Report for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2006 and 2005.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

5. Discussion of Budget:
 - Superintendent Howard noted that there needs to be some serious monitoring of the budget due to high secondary tuition costs and the cost of an additional special education surcharge, and the addition of a teacher.
 - Chair Ben Wootten expressed concern with fuel cost. Some discussion took place and all encouraged the administration to watch the expenditures closely.

6. Laptop Procedure Revisions
 - Principal Cole distributed a set of procedures for laptop use and emphasized that these were "procedures"; not policy revision. Although the Board is seeing them for the first time, Mr. Cole expressed the need to act on the proposal. The procedures are to make students responsible for laptops and assess a \$100 fee or 10 hours of "community service" at school.

John Richardson moved, seconded by Susan Keenan to accept the procedures and to remove Procedure 6305A from the policy manual. The motion passed 5-0-0.

7. A motion by Susan Keenan, seconded by Alice Herrick to approve Brescian Lander as the Soccer Coach for the A and B teams at the stipend of A and one half of B.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

8. A motion by Susan Keenan, seconded by John Richardson to approve the transportation request for Brittany Carter to ride the Blue Hill school bus to the Ellsworth High School

for the 2006-2007 school year, so long as there is adequate space on the bus.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

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I. New Business (continued)

9. A motion by Susan Keenan, seconded by Alice Herrick to accept the Superintendent's recommendation not to compensate for room and board expenses of a student attending Maine School of Science and Mathematics (MSSM) located in Limestone.

The Superintendent is instructed to notify parents that expenses beyond tuition are denied.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

J. Signing of Vouchers - The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Ben Wootten at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis L. Howard, Ed. D
Superintendent