

**Blue Hill School Committee Meeting  
October 11, 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; John Richardson; Jon Smallidge; Alice Herrick; Susan Keenan

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Denis Howard; Fred Cole; David Walsh, Penobscot Bay Press; Ralph Siewers; Jeanie Mills; Meg Maiden; Cara Guerrieri; Jan Snow

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Agenda

A motion by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Alice Herrick to add agenda item I. New Business item #5 Discussion of School Committee Goal #5 as approved on September 13, 2006.

The 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 September 13, 2006 minutes as printed.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

E. Communications

PTF Update - In Ms. Jackson's absence, Principal Cole gave a brief update of the PTF's upcoming activities: Benefit supper for Brian Smith next Wednesday and a Craft Fair in November. He praised the group for their good efforts and good energy.

- Coaching Letter from Rob Clapp (Enclosed)

Chair Ben Wootten acknowledged receipt of the letter and noted that this will be acted on under New Business.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None

G. Information

1. GSA Report - Chair Ben Wootten mentioned that he, Jon Smallidge, Fred Cole, and Denis Howard attended a recent meeting of the GSA Trustees to listen to their plan to construct a new building, including a performing arts center. Mr. Cole indicated that it is time for our Board to weigh in on the project and the impact this project will have on the school. Many concerns were expressed about K-8 students mingling with 9-12 students, how accessible

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### **G. Information (continued)**

will the GSA facility actually be for the community and to the students of BHCS. Parking is a major concern and the overall impact on the BHCS environment. After much discussion, it was agreed to have representatives from the school committee meet with representatives from GSA for some open dialogue about the proposed project.

Ben Wootten and John Richardson will represent the Blue Hill School Committee.

2. Principal's Report - Fred Cole highlighted his Principal's Report, mentioning the school received three new students since the October 1st Enrollment Report. The new students are in grades K, 1, 4 respectively. He also mentioned the safety and security of the students and mentioned working with Richard Bishop of the Hancock County Sheriff's Department. After some discussion, Mr. Cole indicated that, it is a balancing act of security versus an open school.

Mr. Cole also mentioned the new school nurse, Deborah Candage is on board.

3. Superintendent's Report - Superintendent Howard reported that things continue to go well at Blue Hill Consolidated School. He mentioned the new nurse and indicated she will work 12 hours per week at BHCS. Union #93 is working with the Hancock County Sheriff's Office on school response plans. He mentioned the TABOR initiative and informed the Committee that two regional presentations are scheduled as follows: October 12th at Ellsworth High School - 7:00 PM and October 19th at the Blue Hill Town Hall - 7:00 PM. He informed the Committee that the Superintendent Search is on hold for now. The Union Board will advertise in December/January and go from there. Mr. Howard has agreed to stay on if necessary through June 30, 2007.

### 4. Other Reports/Information

### H. Old Business

1. Jeanie Mills of Child and Family Opportunities made a presentation of a possible Pre-K partnership with Blue Hill Consolidated School.

She and Ralph Siewers (St. Francis Church) indicated that the program is specifically for ages 6 weeks - 5. She explained Headstart and ChildCare collaboration with other groups and the public schools as the logical group to connect with.

Mr. Siewers indicated that the Church had done a major fund raising project and raised 1.5 million and it is the wish of the congregation to give 10% or approximately \$15,000 back to the community. RFP's were sent out for grants dealing with a variety of family & community issues. Ben Wootten suggested they the Selectmen be given a presentation and said the Committee will revisit the issue at the November meeting.

2. CHCS Contract- Superintendent Howard indicated that there are no students receiving CHCS services and presently we have no contract. An individual contract is being done presently and if a need arises down the road, CHCS needs to sign the new contract and return it to the Union #93 Central Office.

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### **H. Old Business (continued)**

3. Wellness Policy #5912 - Principal Cole presented the Wellness Policy and noted a change in the 1st paragraph adding “mental health” and in the last paragraph added “guidance counselor”.

John Richardson moved and Jon Smallidge seconded the motion to adopt the Wellness Policy #5912 as amended. The motion passed 5-0-0.

#### I. New Business

1. Enrollment Report - Superintendent Howard indicated the Enrollment Report was based on October 1st and Fred’s new students were not included. He also noted the students attending other schools. No action necessary.

2. Summary of Accounts - Superintendent Howard distributed and highlighted the Summary of Accounts noting that it accounted for seven high school students not previously budgeted for. No action necessary.

3. Susan Keenan motioned, John Richardson seconded to acknowledge receipt of the Limited Scope Audit. The motion passed 5-0-0.

4. A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Susan Keenan to appoint Rob Clapp as Girls “A” Basketball Coach for the 2006-2007 school year.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

#### J. Signing of Vouchers

Done after adjournment.

#### K. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis L. Howard, Ed. D.  
Superintendent