

**Blue Hill School Committee Meeting**  
**November 8, 2006**  
**Blue Hill Consolidated School**  
**Minutes**

A. Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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: Denis Howard; Fred Cole; Frank Wanning; Jan snow; Beth Jackson; Dottie Farrar; Ralph Siewers; Sarah Ensworth; Clifton Page; Samantha Politte; Cara Guerrieri; Libby Elliott; Kim Williamson; Kathy Soper

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Jon Smallidge, seconded by John Richardson to add items to the agenda as follows:

I 1b. Act on Sarah Ensworth's Request (E-2); I 1c. Act on Maegan Haney's Request (E-3)

The motion passed 5-0-0.

D. Approval of Minutes of Previous School Board Meetings

1. Motion by John Richardson, seconded by Susan Keenan to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2006 meeting.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

E. Communications

1. Coaching Letter from Michael Astbury for the 2006-2007 School Year

2. Letter from Sarah Ensworth Requesting An Unpaid Leave of Absence from November 23, 2006 Through the End of the 2009 School Year

3. Letter from Maegan Haney Requesting An Extension of Half-Time Work Indefinitely

4. Letter from William Schubeck Requesting the Jazz Band Director Position for the 2006-2007 School Year

Chairman Ben Wootten noted the enclosed correspondence to be acted on under New Business.

5. PTF Update

Beth Jackson gave an update of past, present, and future activities. The group is extremely busy and active at the present time. She reported the proceeds from the Brian Smith Supper in October were in excess of \$3,400.00. Requests from various groups keep coming in and the PTF is doing its best to address the needs. In addition to benefit suppers, the PTF sponsored a Halloween "Hulla Bloo", Internet Safety Night, and craft fairs.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

Under this section, it was noted that Principal Cole's recent article in the Ellsworth American was timely and well done. Fred Cole then read a letter from Dana Holbrook to the Board praising the administration, staff and students at Blue Hill Consolidated School based on his recent presentation to some of the classes.

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## G. Information

### 1. GSA Report - Next meeting scheduled for Monday, November 27, 2006

Frank Wanning and Libby Elliott were present and updated the Board on the Capital Improvement Project. Ben Wootten and John Richardson attended a recent meeting with GSA representatives to discuss the Project. Concerns from the Blue Hill reps were: adequate and safe parking, mixing grade levels K-12, need to know GSA's long term goals and how they will impact Blue Hill Consolidated School, more education of project to make all parties familiar with it. It was suggested that a joint committee (GSA/BHCS) be formed to address concerns.

### 2. Principal's Report - Fred Cole's report is enclosed with the office minutes.

### 3. Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent Howard updated the Board on the recent MSMA/MSBA Fall Conference and the Union #93 Joint Board Meeting of October 30, 2006. Blue Hill is scheduled to host the next Union Board Meeting on December 18th.
- He also reported that Safety Works (MDOL) and a MSMA insurance representative will visit all Union #93 Schools on December 13th.
- He informed the Board that Elizabeth Sawyer has been re-employed to work with a GSA student.

### 4. Other Reports/Information

None.

## H. Old Business

### 1. Child and Family Opportunities Discussion

Considerable discussion took place regarding a Pre-K Program for 2007-2008 and how it would be funded, where it would be housed and expectations of the Program. Fred Cole indicated that space is not available at BHCS unless we do away with a present program. He indicated he had "mixed feelings" at first, but if done in a collaborative effort with Head Start, then the focus would be as it should be, on "readiness skills". Ralph Siewers and Dottie Farrar were present representing St. Francis and expressed the need for this program in our Community. The School Committee is keeping it under consideration through the budget building process. The school system is being asked to fund a half time teacher for the 2007-2008 school year.

2. Board Goals - Chair Ben Wootten indicated the Board as a whole needs to look at Goal #3 and what role it has with secondary students. Fred Cole will address Goal #4 at the next meeting. It was also agreed to share the results of the Spring Survey next meeting.

## I. New Business

### 1. Coaching Appointments

Motion by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Susan Keenan to allow administration permission to hire coaches for the winter season. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Motion by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Susan Keenan to allow a cheering squad to be established to cheer at home games and no outside competition. Motion passed 5-0-0.

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### I. New Business (continued)

#### 1. a. Coaching Appointments (continued)

Motion by Jon Smallidge and seconded by John Richardson to approve the nomination of

Mike Astbury for Boys "A" Basketball and William Schubeck as Jazz Band Director for the 2006-2007 school year. Motion passed 5-0-0.

- b. Motion by John Richardson, seconded by Susan Keenan to enter into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue per 1 MRSA 405 (6)(A) with the Board, Denis Howard; Sarah Ensworth and Fred Cole. Motion passed 4-1-0. (Jon Smallidge)

Time In: 8:12 p.m. Time Out: 8:29 p.m.

Upon returning to open session, motion by Susan Keenan and seconded by John Richardson to accept Sarah Ensworth's resignation effective November 22, 2006. Motion passed 5-0-0.

- c. After some discussion of the position and how it is divided into instruction/technology maintenance,  
Susan Keenan motioned and Jon Smallidge seconded to accept Maegan Haney's request to extend her half-time work indefinitely. Motion passed 4-1-0. (John Richardson)
2. Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to award the Snow Plow Bid to R. L Cousins for the 2006-2007 school year at \$365.00 per storm and \$75.00 per hour plus trucking for snow removal if needed. Motion passed 5-0-0.
3. Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to award the bid for Snow Removal from Sidewalks and Doorways to James Lacasse at the rate of \$65.00 per storm for the 2006-2007 school year. Motion passed 5-0-0.

4. Motion by John Richardson, seconded by Jon Smallidge to approve the following B.E.E.M. Grants totaling \$2,550.00:  
Kindergarten request for \$600.00 to purchase manipulative's for a simple machines science unit;  
Grade 3 request for \$350 to purchase leveled, multiple copy books for literature circles;  
Bill Schubeck's request for \$750 to purchase a string bass valued at \$1500 for instrumental prog;  
Bill O'Connell's request for \$350 to purchase live animals and web cam for 7/8 science program;  
\$500 to go toward funding theme events. Motion passed 5-0-0.

5. Possible Delegation of Votes for the December 18th - Joint Union #93 School Committee Meeting  
The Board will select list if necessary at the December meeting.
6. Schedule Meeting Times for the 2007-2008 School Year Budget  
It was agreed to meet on November 29th beginning at 5:00 p.m. for the initial budget workshop. A subcommittee will be established to work on fine tuning of budget.
7. There was a first reading of the draft Resignation of School Employees Policy #8100E.

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J. Signing of Vouchers

The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis L. Howard, Ed. D.  
Superintendent