

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
April 10, 2007
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes

A. Call to Order

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; Jon Smallidge; Alice Herrick

Members Absent: John Richardson

Others Present: Denis Howard; Fred Cole; Linsley Simmons; Frank Wanning; Samantha Politte; Michelle Schildroth; Kim Williamson; Beth Jackson; Mike Astbury

B. Flag Salute

** Election of a Chair **

A motion by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Susan Keenan to table the election of a Chair until the May meeting. The motion passed 3-0-1.
(Ben Wootten abstained)

C. Approval of the Agenda

Jon Smallidge motioned and Susan Keenan seconded to approve the agenda with the following amendments: Under F. Comments and Questions from the Public add item #1 Megan Granger's "Project Alert" presentation; add under E. Communication add item #1a. To discuss Michelle Schildroth's letter. The motion passed 4-0-0.

D. Approval of Minutes of Previous School Board Meetings

1. Jon Smallidge motioned and Susan Keenan seconded to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2007 meeting as presented. The motion passed 4-0-0.

E. Communications

1. PTF Update - Beth Jackson reported on the recent events such as the Pee Wee Basketball concession, Family Pot Luck/Variety Show, refreshments at Town Meeting. She also indicated the organization is working with other groups, most recently, the Celtic Celebration.

1a. Ben Wootten read Michelle Schildroth's request for maternity leave. In an unconventional request, she is asking to return to school in September for four days weekly with a substitute on Fridays. Several people spoke regarding the pros and cons of her request.

Chair Ben Wootten indicated taking this under advisement and placing it on next month's agenda after additional research is done. No action taken.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

Megan Granger informed the Board that she is working with Jessica Naylor from the Open Door Recovery Center to offer "Project Alert" to all 6th graders. This is a nine week program focusing on alcohol and drug abuse and developing skills to resist the pressures of using such substances. Jon Smallidge suggested Ms. Granger hold a "Parent Information Night" to explain the program and that the item will be on next month's agenda for approval.

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G. Information

1. GSA Report - Frank Wanning announced the resignation of Jody Douglass effective June 30, 2007 and that the search for a new Head of School will begin very soon.

2. Principal's Report:

- Principal Cole distributed his report and highlighted Sam Ely's recent success at the State Geography Bee for the second consecutive year;
- Mr. Cole praised Mr. Schubeck and the Jazz Band for their recent performance.
- The play "Music Man, Jr" is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday. He also praised Mr. McCormick for the successful Celtic Celebration.

3. Superintendent's Report:

- Superintendent Howard informed the Board of Laurie Friend's resignation.
- He informed the Board that the State Subsidy is coming in about \$38,000.00 less than projected due to refiguring of the EPS formula in Augusta. He said the good news is that the Summary of Accounts for 2006-2007 is looking very good.
- He mentioned the Kindergarten screening is on May 24th (all day) and May 25th (8am-12pm)
- The Union Board will meet in Castine on May 16th
- The Property and Casualty Insurance bid process is in process and bids will be due April 30th. The Committee will meet and make a recommendation to the Union Board.

4. Other Reports/Information

H. Old Business

1. Board Goals-Self Evaluation - Ben Wootten asked the Board members to complete their self-evaluation and give them to Mr. Howard and he will compile the data.
2. Continue Discussion of K-12 Math Scores - Some discussion took place regarding the Math scores and the information provided by Gail Breslin-Keith at the last meeting. It was suggested to have Gail report more often if possible.

I. New Business

1. Coaching Appointments - Motion by Jon Smallidge and seconded by Alice Herrick to approve Cory Schildroth as the Girls "A" Team Softball Coach for the 2006-2007 season.
Motion passed 4-0-0.
2. To Approve Blue Hill Peninsula Karate - Motion by Jon Smallidge and seconded by Susan Keenan to accept the grant and approve the program for the 2006-2007 school year.
Motion passed 4-0-0.
3. To Approve BEEM Grants - Jon Smallidge motioned and Susan Keenan seconded to approve a \$300.00 grant for an "After School Book Club".
Motion passed 4-0-0.
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I. New Business (continued)

4. To Approve May 25th Early Release Day - Jon Smallidge motioned and Susan Keenan

seconded to approve the May 25th Early Release Day.

Motion passed 4-0-0.

5. To Approve Eighth Grade Class Trip

Susan Keenan motioned and Jon Smallidge seconded to approve the eighth grade Charter Boat cruise for 28 students, 12 adults for 3 nights for approximately \$10,000.00. (Monies raised by parent and school fund raising efforts)

Motion passed 4-0-0.

6. Teaching Assignments for the 2007-2008 School Year - Susan Keenan motioned and

Jon Smallidge approved the teaching assignments as presented for the 2007-2008 school year.

Motion passed 4-0-0.

7. To Approve 2007-2008 School Year Calendar - Motion passed by Jon Smallidge and seconded by Susan Keenan to approve the proposed 2007-2008 school calendar with an adjustment for one early release day on May 28th.

Motion passed 4-0-0.

J. Signing of Vouchers - The vouchers were signed.

K. A motion by Jon Smallidge and seconded by Susan Keenan to enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing support staff contract negotiations per 1 MRSA 405 (6)(D) with the Board and Denis Howard.

Motion passed 4-0-0.

Time In: 8:15 p.m.

Time Out: 8:34 p.m

No action upon returning to open session.

L. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis L. Howard, Ed. D.
Superintendent