

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting

May 10, 2007

Blue Hill Consolidated School

Minutes

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Ben Wootten followed by the salute to the flag.

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

Susan Keenan arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Denis L. Howard; Fred Cole; Gail Breslin-Keith; Michelle Schildroth; Jan Snow; Megan Granger; Samantha Politte; Vicki Doolittle; Michael Astbury; Barbara Bland; Beth Jackson

B. Flag Salute

**** Election of a Chair ****

A motion by Jon Smallidge to nominate Ben Wootten as Chair of the Blue Hill School Committee for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded by Alice Herrick. No other nominations were put forth.

Motion passed 3-0-1 (Wootten)

C. Approval of the Agenda

Jon Smallidge motioned and Alice Herrick seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion passed 4-0-0.

D. Approval of Minutes of Previous School Board Meetings

1. Jon Smallidge motioned and Alice Herrick seconded to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2007 meeting as presented.

Motion passed 4-0-0.

*Susan Keenan arrived following the vote.

E. Communications

1. PTF Update - Beth Jackson updated the Board on recent activities such as hiking, another craft fair, and the "Write On" theme. She indicated that the Arts Week was coming right up. The PTF is working on bylaws and are looking for volunteers who enjoy working with bylaws. Beth gave a presentation in support of the "signage issue" and showed examples of traffic patterns. She also pointed out that there are some \$25 grants available for teachers through June 2007.

2. The letter of retirement from Patricia Perkins and letter of resignation from Susan Hudson were acknowledged by the Chair.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public - There were none.

G. Information

1. GSA Report - Mike Astbury informed the Board that GSA Trustees will search for a new Head of School to come on board July 1st. He indicated things are moving along well at GSA and the Capital Campaign will move forward.

2. Principal's Report - Fred Cole reported all is well at BHCS. He praised the PTF, not only for the great things they do for the school and community, but also for volume of work they do. He told the Board that the BHCS staff worked on local issues at the recent early release day after explaining why the union-wide inservice was not done.

3. Superintendent's Report - Superintendent Howard also mentioned the recent inservice day and felt things will be on track for May 25th. He mentioned the next Union meeting is May 16th at Castine. School consolidation will be discussed as a union-wide issue with State representatives.

4. Other Reports - None

H. Old Business

1. To Continue Discussion of K-12 Math Scores - Gail Breslin-Keith distributed the School Union 93 NCLB Report Card (2005-2006) She mentioned that Union 93 will be audited next Fall by the NCLB personnel out of Augusta. She explained that a school report card will be needed at each grade level regarding assessment.

The NCLB audit will report on economically disadvantaged students and students with disabilities.

Blue Hill Consolidated School is doing as well or exceeding State scores. After much discussion, it was agreed that more communication with GSA is crucial, even informal get togethers.

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H. Old Business (continued)

2. To Approve Michelle Schildroth's Request:

After some discussion about this request and the interruptions this particular class has had, it was moved by Susan Keenan and seconded by Jon Smallidge to grant the request per Article 8.5 with a "Letter of Agreement" signed by all parties. The motion passed 4-0-1(Richardson)

It was also pointed out by the Superintendent that whomever substitutes on the intermittent Fridays will be compensated as a regular substitute and not a long term substitute.

3. To Approve the Open Door Recovery Center's "Project Alert":

After a brief discussion and an update from Megan Granger, it was suggested to keep the parents apprised of the program and activities. No action taken.

4. Board Goals - No action

5. To Approve the 2007-2008 School Calendar:

The 2007-2008 proposed school year calendar was recommended as presented by the superintendent with no changes.

A motion by John Richardson and seconded by Susan Keenan to approve the 2007-2008 school year calendar. The motion passed 5-0-0.

I. New Business

1. A motion by Jon Smallidge and seconded by Susan Keenan to follow the superintendent's recommendation and to accept Patricia Perkins letter of retirement and authorize the superintendent to advertise for an Education Technician III. The motion passed 5-0-0

2. Jon Smallidge motioned and John Richardson seconded to follow the superintendent's recommendation and to accept Susan Hudson's letter of resignation effective the end of the 2006-2007 school year and authorize the superintendent to post the position. The motion passed 5-0-0.

3. After a brief presentation by Fred Cole and some questions answered by Barbara Bland and Fred Cole, it was moved by John Richardson and seconded by Susan Keenan to approve the Cooperative Agreement request for Sept. 4, 2007 through June 30, 2008. The motion passed 5-0-0.

4. The April 1st Enrollment Report was received. No action taken.

5. To Award the Lawn Mowing Bid:

Superintendent Howard opened and read the submitted bid. With only one bid received, Susan Keenan moved and Alice Herrick seconded to award the lawn mowing bid to Bruce Mattson of Mattson LLC for \$1850.00 from May 15, 2007 through the Fall of 2007. The motion passed 5-0-0.

6. A motion by Jon Smallidge and seconded by John Richardson to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel appointments per 1MRSA S 405 (6)(A) with the board, Superintendent Denis Howard and Principal Fred Cole. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Time In: 8:42 p.m.

Time Out: 9:20 p.m.

7. Motion by Jon Smallidge and seconded by John Richardson to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Silvana Cuello as a teacher going onto continuing contract for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion passed 5-0-0.

8. Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint William O'Connell; Megan Granger (80%time); Patricia Clapp; Melissa Norwood and Amy Rothe as teachers going onto 2nd year probationary contracts for the 2007-2008 school year .

The motion passed 5-0-0.
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I. New Business (continued)

9. Susan Keenan moved and Alice Herrick seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Julie Dugas to a 1st year probationary teacher contract for the 2007-2008 school year.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

10. Susan Keenan moved and Alice Herrick seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint the following support staff for the 2007-2008 school year: Jennifer Baroody, Rehab. Assistant; Jane Haldane, Ed Tech; John Karnes, Custodian; Richard Knowlton, Custodian; Kathie Koontz, Cook; Amanda Lynde, Ed Tech; Gary Mitchell, Custodian; Robin Mitchell, Cook; Loretta Smith, Secretary; Jerin Smith, Secretary; Jerin Smith, Cook; Susan Snyder, Ed Tech; Cate Reuter, Ed Tech.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

11. Possible Delegation of Votes for the Joint Union 93 School Committee Meeting on May 16th -Castine:
No delegation of votes. Alice Herrick indicated that she will not be in attendance at the Union Board meeting.

12. Discussion of the School Administrative Reorganization and Possible Alternatives:-

Due to the late hour and upcoming Union Board meeting in Castine with local representatives, there was no discussion.

13. "School Configuration - What's New?" - Principal Fred Cole gave a slide presentation on school configuration and told the Board that there are 22 kindergarten students signed up for next year. Grades K-2 and grades 3-4 are still looping. The 5th grade will experience some change. Spanish and the computer lab will be moving upstairs. The configuration could be K-2, 3-5, 6-8. More information will be forthcoming.

J. Signing of Vouchers - The vouchers were signed.

- K. John Richardson moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing support staff contract negotiations per 1 MRSA 405 (6)(A) with the Board, Superintendent Howard and Principal Cole.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

Time In: 9:41 p.m.

Time Out: 9:50 p.m.

- Upon returning to open session, John Richardson moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to ratify the agreement between the Blue Hill School Committee and the Blue Hill Support Staff Association, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2010.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

L. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis L. Howard, Ed. D.
Superintendent