

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting

August 8, 2007

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: Art Wittine; Fred Cole; Gail Breslin-Keith; David Walsh, Reporter for the Weekly Packet; Jim Schatz; Frank Wanning; Jan Snow; Meg Maiden; Beth Jackson; Shelley Latham; Della Martin; Kim Williamson; Duane B. Gray; Carrie Peterson; Kathy Soper; Brian Soper; John Bannister

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2007 meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

D. Communications

1. PTF Update – Beth Jackson reported that there is new signage on the horizon for the Blue Hill Consolidated School.
2. Transportation Letter from Rick & Jennifer Wight

E. Approval of Agenda

Jon Smallidge moved and John Richardson seconded to approve the agenda with the amendment to Move I. # 5 a. and b. to precede G. #1. Motion passed 5-0.

F. Comments and Questions from the Public

None

*** I. Reports #5 Discuss Consolidation Issue**

Art Wittine updated those present on the consolidation issue.

- a. After some discussion, Alice Herrick moved and John Richardson seconded to approve the "Notice of Intent" to consolidate. Motion passed 5-0.

- b. Jon Smallidge moved and Alice Herrick seconded to elect Ben Wootten as the School Committee member to the Reorganization Planning Committee and John Richardson as alternate. Motion passed 5-0.

G. Old Business

1. To act on the Grading Policy

Gail Breslin-Keith was present to update the Board on the Grading Policy. The Board tabled any action until September's meeting.

2. Board Goals – No action taken.

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H. New Business

1. John Richardson moved and Susan Keenan seconded to approve Rick and Jennifer Wight's transportation request for their son to ride the bus to Ellsworth High School for the 2007-2008 school year subject to Board revocation at any time. Motion passed 5-0.
2. Update on Special Ed. Teacher Position:
Fred Cole explained how services could be delivered to Special Education students with a staff of two.
3. Susan Keenan moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Michael Jezak as an Education Technician III for 2007-2008 school year. Motion passed 5-0.
4. Coaching Appointments for 2007-2008 School Year:
Susan Keenan moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Robert McCormick as the Intramural Soccer Coach; Intramural Basketball Coach; Gymnastics Coach and Intramural Baseball/Softball Coach for the 2007-2008 school year. Motion passed 5-0.
5. Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to award the Bus Fuel Bid for the 2007-2008 school year to South Street Service Station at .059 cents per gallon discount. Motion passed 5-0.
6. Jon Smallidge moved and Alice Herrick seconded to award the Building Fuel Bid to Wardwell Oil Company for 13,500 gallons of #2 fuel oil for the September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008 contract year at \$2.355 per gallon totaling \$31,792.50. Motion passed 5-0.
7. John Richardson moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to set School Lunch and Breakfast Prices for the 2007-2008 school year as follows: Student Lunch - \$2.00; Student Reduced Lunch – 40 cents; Adult Lunch - \$3.75; All Other Milk – 30 cents; Student Breakfast – 50 cents; Reduced Student Breakfast 30 cents; Adult Breakfast - \$1.00. Motion passed 5-0.
8. Susan Keenan moved and Alice Herrick seconded to approve Lisa Lesko, M.D. as the School Physician for the 2007-2008 school year. Motion passed 5-0.
9. John Richardson moved and Alice Herrick seconded to approve the 2007-2008 School Handbook as presented. Motion passed 5-0.
10. John Richardson moved and Susan Keenan seconded to give School Board concept approval of the Federal Grants for 2007-2008 school year. Motion passed 5-0.
11. The Summary of Accounts were reviewed. No action taken.

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I. Reports

1. GSA Report –

A new softball field is being built next to the baseball field.

The capital campaign is underway and doing well.

2. Principal's Report – Fred Cole's report is attached to the office minutes.

a. John Richardson moved and Alice Herrick seconded to give Fred Cole and Art Wittine authority to hire coaches. Motion passed 5-0.

b. Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to find \$1,000.00 in this year's budget to pay Della Martin for being MLTI coordinator. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Superintendent's Report – Art Wittine's report is attached to the office minutes.

4. Other Reports - None

5. Discuss Consolidation Issue – This was addressed earlier on the agenda.

a. To Approve Notice of Intent to Consolidate

b. To Elect a School Committee Member to Reorganization Planning Committee

J. Signing of Vouchers – The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Wittine
Superintendent