

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
September 12, 2007
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Ben Wootten followed by the salute to the flag.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Art Wittine; Fred Cole; Gail Breslin-Keith; Colin Powell, Reporter for the Penobscot Bay Press; Christina Billings; Jan Snow; Frank Wanning; Della Martin; Maryanne Lewandowski; Cathy Snow; Shelley Latham; Beth Jackson

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous School Board Meetings

1. John Richardson moved and Susan Keenan seconded to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2007 meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

D. Communications

1. PTF Update – Beth Jackson will hold the first meeting of the PTF next week and a summary of last year’s activity is included in Mr. Cole’s Principal’s Report.
2. The Certification Support Team’s Annual Report was enclosed for review. No action necessary.

E. Approval of Agenda

John Richardson moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to approve the agenda with the amendment to move I. Reports after F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public. Motion passed 5-0.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None

I. Reports

1. GSA Report –
 - The annual open Board meeting is the 26th of September.
 - Enrollment’s steady.
 - The opening of school was successful.
 - John Greene is doing a good job.
2. Principal’s Report – Fred Cole’s report is attached to the office minutes.
3. Superintendent’s Report – The superintendent’s report is attached to the office minutes.
4. Other Reports – None

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G. Old Business

1. Reorganization/Consolidation Update – A number of folks expressed concerns about the process and wondered about the financial implications to date.

2. To Act on the Grading Policy – Gail Breslin-Keith

John Richardson moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to approve the Grading Policy as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

John Richardson moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to approve the Grading Policy Procedure that was presented. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Board Goals –

Consolidation and Curriculum
Testing and Grading

H. New Business

1. Jon Smallidge moved and John Richardson seconded to acknowledge receipt of the Student Activity & Principal's Funds Comparative Financial Statements with Independent Auditor's Report for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2007 and 2006.

Motion passed 5-0.

2. John Richardson moved and Alice Herrick seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Christina Billings as Athletic Director for the 2007-2008 school year.

Motion passed 5-0.

3. Jon Smallidge moved and Alice Herrick seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint the following teachers as Team Leaders:

Margret Baldwin – Specialists; Kathy Hally-Grades K-2; Tara McKechnie, Grades 3-5; Maryanne Lewandowski Grades 6-8.

Motion passed 5-0.

4. Annual Discussion of Bus Routes

Fred Cole reported on routes and changes. Jon Smallidge asked if next year there could be maps highlighting the routes to parents.

5. Delegate Assembly and MSMA/MSBA Conference in October for School Committee

Members- John Richardson moved and Susan Keenan seconded to elect Jon Smallidge to the Delegate Assembly.

Motion passed 5-0.

6. Alice Herrick motioned and John Richardson seconded to elect Susan Keenan as the school committee member to the Superintendents Evaluation Committee.

Motion passed 5-0.

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H. New Business (continued)

7. Susan Keenan moved and Alice Herrice seconded to approve the Middle School After School Study Proposal as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

J. Signing of Vouchers – The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Wittine
Superintendent