

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
May 14, 2008
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; John Richardson; Jon Smallidge; Alice Herrick; Susan Keenan

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Colin Powell, reporter from the Weekly Packet; Frank Wanning; Beth Jackson; Amanda Lynde; Megan Granger

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous School Board Meetings

1. Susan Keenan motioned and John Richardson seconded to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2008 meeting.
Motion passed 5-0.

D. Communications

PTF Update – Beth Jackson’s report is attached to the office minutes.

E. Approval of the Agenda

John Richardson motioned and Susan Keenan seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of H. New Business item #14 Margret Baldwin’s Retirement and H. New Business item #15 In-House Teacher Transfer Request.
Motion passed 5-0.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

Thank you note from Susan Snyder.

I. Reports

1. GSA Report – The new Communications Director will start July 1, 2008; the new Assistant Headmaster will start July 1, 2008; “Arts Festival Week” will start next week; GSA will be offering summer school; the girls softball field will be dedicated this spring, May 31st; in spite of I.V.F. reduction, no programs will be cut; the Spring Concert is May 28th; Senior debates start May 15th.
2. Principal’s Report – Fred Cole’s report is attached to the office minutes.
3. Superintendent’s Report – Art Wittine’s report is attached to the office minutes.
4. Other Reports - None

G. Old Business

1. RSU 10 Update – On May 14th, the agenda was set for the Wednesday, May 28th RPC meeting scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Sedgwick Elementary School. On Thursday, June 19th the Drummond/Woodsum Consolidation Workshop will be held in Augusta.
2. Jon Smallidge motioned and Susan Keenan seconded to approve the following policies and procedures as amended:
 - a. Policy #5901 Time Out Rooms and Therapeutic Restraint
 - b. Procedure#5901 Time Out Rooms and Therapeutic Restraint- Administrative Proc.
 - c. Policy #6603- Child Find
 - d. Policy# 6601.1 Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities
 - e. Procedure #6601.1 Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities - Administrative Procedure
 - f. Policy #6601- Referral/Pre-Referral of Students with Disabilities
 - g. Policy #6601- Referral/Pre-Referral of Students with Disabilities-Administrative Procedure
 - h. Policy # 6603.3 - Individualized Educational Programs (IEPS)

Motion passed 5-0.
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G. Old Business (continued)

3. John Richardson motioned and Jon Smallidge seconded to approve the 2008-2009 school budget reductions as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

H. New Business

1. The Summary of Accounts was enclosed for review.
2. The April 1, 2008 Enrollment Report was enclosed for review.
3. Jon Smallidge moved and Alice Herrick seconded to approve the 2008-2009 school year calendar as presented. Motion passed 5-0.
4. John Richardson motioned and Susan Keenan seconded to award the Lawn Mowing Bid for the 2008 Season to Mattson, LLC for the bid of \$2,050.00 for the season beginning May 15, 2008 through the Fall 2008.
5. Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to approve the following BEEM Grants:
\$300- For Margret Baldwin to purchase a stage screen to be used as a back drop during performances.
\$3200 - For Silvana Cuello and Julie Dugas, to purchase 2 Smart Boards, projectors, and installation.
Motion passed 4-0-1
(John Richardson)
6. Possible Executive Session for the Purpose of Personnel Matters per 1 MRSA 405 (6)(A)
There was no executive session.
7. Susan Keenan motioned and Jon Smallidge seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint William O'Connell; Megan Granger; Patricia Clapp; and Melissa Norwood as teachers going onto continuing contract for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion passed 5-0.
8. Jon Smallidge motioned and John Richardson seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Julie Dugas and Heather Nelson as teachers going onto 2nd year probationary contracts for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion passed 5-0.
9. Susan Keenan motioned and Jon Smallidge seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint the following contracted support staff for the 2008-2009 school year as follows:
Jerin Smith, Secretary (3.5 hours); Jerin Smith, Assistant Cook (3.5 hours); Loretta Smith, Secretary;
Gary Mitchell, Head Custodian; Kathie Koonz, Assistant Cook; Robin Mitchell, Head Cook; Jennifer Baroody, Rehabilitation Assistant; Catherine Reuter, Ed Tech; Susan Snyder, Ed Tech; Jane Haldane, Ed Tech;
Michael Jezak, Ed Tech; Amanda Lynde, Ed Tech; Cameron O'Brian, Ed Tech. Motion passed 5-0.
10. Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Gary Mitchell as the Asbestos Coordinator for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion passed 5-0.
11. Jon Smallidge moved and Alice Herrick seconded to approve the Custodian Job Description #4106 N with amendments. Motion passed 5-0.
12. Discussion: To Review Procedures for Policy Changes
The new procedure will be to have principals and staff review policies before they go to the school committee for the first reading.
13. Discussion: Review of Teacher Evaluation Process
Is it working? How is the school committee apprised? Policy should be a school committee goal.
This will be an item for the June agenda as a discussion item under Old Business.
14. Alice Herrick motioned and Jon Smallidge seconded to approve \$500.00 for a retirement gift and to help defray costs of the retirement party. Motion passed 3-1-1.
(Ben Wootten, Nay; John Richardson abstained)
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H. New Business (continued)

15. Jon Smallidge motioned and Susan Keenan seconded to approve Michelle Schildroth's in-house teacher transfer request from grade 5 to grade 3. Motion passed 5-0.

J. Signing of Vouchers - The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Wittine
Superintendent