

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
June 11, 2008
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; Susan Keenan arrived at 7:05 p.m; Alice Herrick; Jon Smallidge; John Richardson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Art Wittine; Fred Cole; Gail Breslin-Keith; Frank Wanning; Jan Snow; Beth Jackson; Rachel Nightingale; Jeb Billings

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous School Board Meetings

1. Jon Smallidge moved and John Richardson seconded to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2008 meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Communications

1. PTF Update – Beth Jackson was present to share her report.
2. Thank you note from Susan Snyder was received.

* Susan Keenan arrived at 7:05 p.m.

E. Approval of the Agenda

Jon Smallidge motioned and John Richardson seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of I. New Business item #4. A. Executive Session for the Purpose of a Personnel Matter per 1 M.R.S.A. section 405 (6)(A). Motion passed 4-0-1.
(Susan Keenan)

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public – None

G. Reports

1. GSA Report – Frank Wanning reported on the nice graduation ceremony and great speaker.
- There will be summer school. (Mostly remedial)
2. Principal's Report – Fred Cole's report is attached to the office minutes. The board voted on the following statement from Mr. Cole's report:
“ The last scheduled day for teachers is a Blue Hill inservice day on Monday, June 23. I would like to request that teachers be allowed to complete the tasks scheduled for Monday (completion of report cards, organizing of cumulative files and portfolios, packing of classrooms) on their own time during evenings or over the weekend, prior to the scheduled day. Most teachers would rather just finish than postpone it until Monday.”
John Richardson moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to approve Fred Cole's request for teachers to be allowed to complete the tasks scheduled on their own time as stated above.

Motion passed 5-0.
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G. Reports (continued)

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

4. Other Reports – None

H. Old Business

1. RSU 10 Update – This was covered under the Superintendent's Report.
Ben Wootten talked about the four directions the RSU could take and the task of the AOS sub-committee.
2. Curriculum Update – Gail Breslin-Keith was present to report on the Chapter 118 update and the R-T-I update. There will be a report in July about the NWEA.
3. Continued Discussion of the Teacher Evaluation Process – The evaluation process will be reviewed over the summer. Starting in the fall, Fred Cole will include in his monthly report, updates on process, results and challenges.

I. New Business

1. The Summary of Accounts was enclosed for review. There will be a “ Special” Town Meeting on June 20, 2008 for transfers.
2. John Richardson moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to award the Rubbish Removal Bid to Blue Hill Disposal for July 1, 2008 thru June 30, 2009 as presented.
Motion passed 5-0.
3. Jon Smallidge moved and Alice Herrick seconded to not renew the Cooperative Agreement with Barbara Bland for September 2, 2008 – June 30, 2009.
Motion passed 5-0.
4. To Approve an Art Teacher for the 2008-2009 School Year – No candidate to recommend at this time. Interviews to take place in the next week or two. There are many good resumes to look at.
 - a. John Richardson moved and Alice Herrick seconded to enter into an executive session per 1 M.R.S.A section 405 (6)(A) for the purpose of a personnel matter with the board Fred Cole and Art Wittine.
Motion passed 5-0.

Time In: 8:17 p.m.

Time Out: 8:29 p.m.

5. Upon returning to open session, Susan Keenan moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to approve Rachel Nightingale to either a grade 5 or grade 6 Teacher position for the 2008-2009 school year.
Motion passed 3-1-1
(Alice Herrick, nay and Jon Smallidge abstained)

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I. New Business (continued)

6. Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to authorize the superintendent to offer an employment contract for the grade 5 or grade 6 Teacher position for the 2008-2009 school year to either of the two candidates discussed in executive session by Monday, June 16th, 2008. Motion passed 4-1.
(Alice Herrick)

7. To Approve a Grade 2 Teacher as a one year position for the 2008-2009 School Year – Will restart process. References on selected candidate were not satisfactory.

8. John Richardson moved and Susan Keenan seconded to approve Tara McKechnie and Susan Slocum as the 2008 Summer School staff. Motion passed 5-0.

9. Executive Session for the Purpose of Teacher Contract Negotiations Update per 1M.R.S.A. 405(6)(D) will be brought back on the July agenda. Jon Smallidge and Alice Herrick volunteered to serve on the negotiations team.

J. Signing of Vouchers – The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Wittine
Superintendent