

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
July 9, 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; Susan Keenan; Alice Herrick

Members Absent: Jon Smallidge

Others Present: Art Wittine; Fred Cole; Gail Breslin-Keith; Colin Powell, reporter for the Weekly Packet

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 June 11, 2008 meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Communications

1. PTF Update – No Report
2. A letter from Robert McCormick requesting to coach Intramural Soccer; Intramural Basketball; Gymnastics and Intramural Baseball/Softball for the 2008-2009 school year is enclosed.

E. Approval of the Agenda

John Richardson moved and Susan Keenan seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

- Susan Keenan reported that two parents had contacted her about the possibility of an after school program.
- Fred Cole commented that the school has space, but there is no money in the budget.
- Alice Herrick commented that Bucksport has a program.
- Susan Keenan will contact the PTF.

G. Reports

1. GSA Report – None
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

H. Old Business

1. RSU 10 Update – Art Wittine's update was included in the Superintendent's Report.
 - Ben Wootten talked about his perceptions of Dick Spencer's presentation on July 2nd.
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H. Old Business (continued)

2. Curriculum Update – NWEA School Overview Report- Gail Breslin-Keith was present to explain the three page hand out.

I. New Business:

1. John Richardson moved and Alice Herrick seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and appointed Penny Ricker as Art teacher for the 2008-2009 school year.
Motion passed 4-0.
2. Susan Keenan moved and John Richardson seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and appointed Patricia Collier as the grade 2 teacher in the one year position for 2008-2009 school year.
Motion passed 4-0.
3. Board Goals:
Alice Herrick – Drop Consolidation.
John Richardson – How do we use NWEA scores to help curriculum/instruction?
Alice Herrick – We need to focus on writing.
John Richardson – Will craft goals for next Board meeting.
4. Executive Session for the Purpose of Teacher Contract Negotiations Update per 1M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(D) - There was no executive session however, there was discussion about different ways to negotiate: i.e. interest based negotiations.
For the August school committee meeting: Review the contract to see what we may want to negotiate.

J. Signing of Vouchers – The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Wittine
Superintendent