

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
August 13, 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

Members Absent: Susan Keenan

Others Present: Art Wittine; Fred Cole; Jan Snow; Robert "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 July 9, 2008 meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Communications

1. A letter from Christina Billings requesting the Fall 2008 Athletic Director position is attached to the office minutes.
2. PTF Update – Not at this time.
3. A letter from Robert "Jeb" Billings requesting the Varsity Soccer Coach position for the 2008-2009 school year is enclosed with the office minutes.

E. Approval of the Agenda

Jon Smallidge moved and John Richardson seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of H. New Business item a. To see if the board would approve for the grade 3 and 4 teachers to swap their Conference Day on September 19, 2008 for September 18, 2008 so they can take grades 3 and 4 to the Common Ground Fair. Motion passed 4-0.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None

I. Reports

1. GSA Report – None
2. Principal's Report – Fred Cole's report is attached to the office minutes. Items included:
 - Report on damage to the school from the August 3rd rain storm and thanks to all who helped with the clean up; report on the cost to install a Fitch Fuel Catalyst to help reduce fuel oil consumption; PowerGrade update; Union inservice day plans are underway; Open House and Back-to-School Picnic; Summer mailings; expected enrollment for the start of school.
3. Superintendent's Report – Art Wittine's report is attached to the office minutes. Items included: Meeting with Mike Astbury in reference to drainage problems; Christina Billings has been appointed as Fall Athletic Director and Robert "Jeb" Billings as Co-ed Varsity Soccer Coach for the 2008-2009 school year; Katie Peers has been appointed as an Ed. Tech. III; the next A.O.S. meeting is scheduled for August 14th at BHCS; Ben Wootten and Tom Gutow have offered to update Penobscot and Brooksville School Committees on the current status of the A.O.S.

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I. Reports (continued)

4. Other Reports

None

G. Old Business

1. AOS Update – Ben Wootten presented additional information on the AOS & MDI model.

2. Board Goals –

By consensus, the board agreed to the following board goals for 2008-2009:

- (1) The board would like to examine the results of NWEA testing and would like to ensure that the results are used to benefit Blue Hill students in a meaningful way.
- (2) The board would like to see full implementation of the Powerbook/PowerGrade system by the end of the first trimester of the school year.
- (3) The board would like to identify parts of the current school curriculum that need improving and the board would like to see a strategy for improving the curriculum worked out.
- (4) The board would like to determine its role in overseeing 9-12 education of Blue Hill students.
- (5) The board would like to review the procedure(s) used for teacher evaluation. Specifically, the board would like to answer the following questions: Is the current teacher evaluation procedure being used?; If so, then does it work?; If not, then what changes/adjustments should be made to it?

H. New Business

- a. Jan Snow was present on behalf of the grade 3 and 4 teachers to ask if the Board would consider swapping their Conference Day on September 19, 2008 for September 18th, so they can take grades 3 and 4 to the Common Ground Fair.

John Richardson moved and Alice Herrick seconded to approve grade 3 and 4 teachers to swap their Conference Day on September 19th with September 18th in order to take grades 3 and 4 to the Common Ground Fair. Motion passed 4-0.

1. Jon Smallidge moved and Alice Herrick seconded to award the Bus Fuel Bid for the 2008-2009 school year to South Street Station for a bid of .059 cents per gallon discount on diesel fuel. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Discussion of Bus Routes and Drivers –

Jon Smallidge moved and Alice Herrick seconded to approve bus routes and drivers for the 2008-2009 school year as discussed. Motion passed 4-0.

3. To Award the Building Fuel Bid for the September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009 Contract Year – After discussion of the submitted bulk bids and fluctuation in the market, John Richardson moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to reject all bids and request bids for the Blue Hill Consolidated School. Motion passed 4-0.

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H. New Business (continued)

4. Jon Smallidge moved and John Richardson seconded to authorize the superintendent to appoint a School Physician for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion passed 4-0.
5. John Richarson moved and Alice Herrick seconded to set School Breakfast/Lunch Pricing for the 2008-2009 school year as follows:
Student Lunch \$2.00; Student Reduced Lunch 40 cents; Adult Lunch \$4.00;
All Other Milk 30 cents; Student Breakfast 50 cents; Adult Breakfast \$1.00.
Motion passed 4-0.
6. Alice Herrick moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to approve the BHCS Student Handbook for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion passed 4-0.
7. Alice Herrick moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to approve the Teacher Handbook for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion passed 4-0.
8. Jon Smallidge moved and John Richardson seconded to give School Board Concept Approval of the Federal Grants for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Motion passed 4-0.
9. The Summary of Accounts was enclosed for Board review. No action necessary.
10. Jon Smallidge moved and Alice Herrick seconded to approve a Notice of Intent to Submit a Reorganization Plan for an Alternative Organizational Structure (AOS) Blue Hill, Brooklin, Brooksville, Castine, Deer Isle, Penobscot, Sedgwick, Stonington, Surry. Motion passed 4-0.
11. To Award Roofing Bids
 - a. John Richardson moved and Alice Herrick seconded to award the Re-Shingling Bid to Jeff Davis for a bid of \$9,100.00 pending reference checks. Motion passed 4-0.
 - b. Jon Smallidge moved and Alice Herrick seconded tabled the Roof Repair Bid until Fred Cole can speak with Jeff Davis. Motion passed 4-0.
12. Jon Smallidge moved and John Richardson seconded to enter into an executive session per 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(D) for the purpose of teacher negotiation updates with the Board and Art Wittine. Motion passed 4-0
Time In: 8:35 p.m. Time Out: 8:59 p.m.

Upon returning to open session, Jon Smallidge moved and John Richardson seconded to send the current contract to Campbell Badger of Drummond, Woodsum & MacMahon for a review and recommendations. Motion passed 4-0.

J. Signing of Vouchers
The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Wittine
Superintendent