

**Blue Hill School Committee Meeting  
October 8, 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; Jon Smallidge; John Richardson; Alice Herrick; Susan Keenan arrived at 7: 04 p.m.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Art Wittine; Fred Cole; Jan Snow; Libby Rosemeier; Beth Jackson; John Greene; Colin Powell, reporter from the Weekly Packet

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 September 10, 2008 meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Communications

1. PTF Update – Beth Jackson reported on the upcoming activities in October. Her report is attached to the office minutes.

\* Susan Keenan arrived.

2. Principal's Update on Teacher Evaluation Process – Fred Cole's report is attached to the office minutes. In his report he outlines what has occurred to-date.

E. Approval of the Agenda

Jon Smallidge moved and John Richardson seconded to approve the agenda as presented and requested that on future agendas E Approval of the Agenda occurs after C. Approval of the Minutes and D. Communications occurs after the approval of the agenda.

Motion passed 5-0.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None

G. Reports

1. GSA Report – John Greene reported the following:

- \* Would like to improve communications between GSA and the sending schools.
- \* Twenty-seven foreign students have taken a great deal of time.
- \* Outstanding program – many choices for a school of our size.
- \* We are willing to attend any of your meetings to ask/answer questions you may have for us.

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**G. Reports (continued)**

2. Principal's Report – Fred Cole's report included the following:

- \* "The staff has decided that they would like to conduct first trimester conferences after report cards come out, not near the actual conference day of November 10. Their reason for shifting the conference is so that the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester report card can be part of the conversation."

Fred Cole said he supports this decision "and recommends that teachers be allowed to take November 10<sup>th</sup> as compensation for the time they will be investing during evenings conferencing in December."

Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to approve Fred Cole's recommendation that teachers be allowed to take November 10, 2008 as compensation for the time they will be investing during evenings conferencing in December. Motion passed 5-0.

Ben Wootten moved and John Richardson seconded to have a mid/mid term report on any change in status. Motion passed 3/0/2  
(Jon Smallidge; Susan Keenan)

3. Superintendent's Report – Art Wittine's report is attached to the office minutes. His report includes the following: Minutes from the September 25, 2008 RPC Meeting; amended draft of the Interlocal Agreement and AOS Plan; Update on the Union #93 Curriculum Coordinator position; Update on the Union #93 Technology Coordinator position; Special Union #93 Joint School Committee Meeting will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Penobscot Community School beginning at 7:00 p.m.

4. Other Reports - None

**H. Old Business**

1. AOS Update – The AOS has met on September 11<sup>th</sup>; September 17<sup>th</sup>; September 25<sup>th</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup>.

2. Board Goals

3. John Richardson moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to approve the second reading of the Game Day Manager Job Description #4106Z as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

**I. New Business**

1. Discussion of Drainage Issue – John Richardson and Jon Smallidge will report back to Fred Cole and Art Wittine with a proposal.

2. Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to award the Snow Plowing Bid for the 2008-2009 school year to Adam Gray at \$365.00 per storm for plowing the school yard and \$75.00 per hour plus trucking per storm for removal if needed. Motion passed 5-0.  
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**I. New Business (continued)**

- a. Alice Herrick moved and John Richardson seconded to award the Snow Removal of Sidewalks/Doorways Bid to James Lacasse at a bid of \$80.00 per storm for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion passed 5-0.
  
3. Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to approve sending the amended Interlocal Agreement and AOS Plan as per the Commissioner's recommendation letter dated 9/26/08 to the Department of Education for approval and to give the Superintendent authority to sign any associated signature pages on behalf of the Blue Hill School Committee. Motion passed 4-1-0.  
(Alice Herrick)
  
4. Susan Keenan moved and Alice Herrick seconded to enter into an executive session per 1 M.R.S.A. section 405 (6)(D) for the purpose of teacher negotiations updates with the Board, Fred Cole and Art Wittine. Motion passed 5-0

Time In: 9:08 p.m. Time Out: 9:21 p.m.

Upon returning to open session, the Board scheduled a negotiation/contract evaluation meeting for 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at the Blue Hill Consolidated School.

J. Signing of Vouchers – The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Wittine  
Superintendent