

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
November 12, 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; Alice Herrick; Jon Smallidge; Susan Keenan; John Richardson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Art Wittine; Fred Cole; Jan Snow; Colin Powell, reporter for the Weekly Packet; Libby Rosemeier

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous School Board Meetings

1. Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2008 meeting. Motion passed 5-0.
2. Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2008 meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

Susan Keenan moved and John Richardson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

E. Communications

1. PTF Update: Over 100 attended the “Family Harvest Fest”; The “Warm Hearts, Warm Homes Benefit Supper and Dance” raised \$5005.65; the “Middle School Halloween Dance” brought in \$382.00 to be divided between Grades 6-8; The “Holiday Craft Fair” is set for November 22nd; the “Winter Gear & Clothing Give or Take” is set for Saturday, November 22nd; Thanksgiving dinners for 10 BHCS families are being organized again.
2. Principal’s Update on Teacher Evaluation Process – Fred Cole updated the board on what has taken place to date.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

Jan Snow reported that there will be a “Hunter’s Breakfast” held at the BHCS Cafeteria on November 22nd from 4:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m.

G. Reports

1. GSA Report: Libby Rosemeier was present to report on GSA events. She was asked to give feedback on how well Blue Hill Consolidated School students are prepared for GSA. She will ask administration to look into how best to get the information for language arts. Paul Gildden had reported out on Math.
2. Principal’s Report: Fred Cole reported on Google Apps for Education; Report Card updates; Mid-midterm reports; Tom Harnett’s visit and the Civil Rights Act; and future PowerTeacher use.

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G. Reports (continued)

3. Superintendent's Report: Art Wittine reported on the November 4, 2008 MSMA Bulletin on Maine revenue shortfall; the November 7, 2008 MSMA Bulletin on school funding shortfall; minutes from the October 6, 2008 AOS Committee Meeting; The AOS Plan; enrollment comparisons; budget freeze; next Union #93 Joint School Committee Meeting to be held at the Penobscot Community School on November 18th beginning at 7:00 p.m.; bus turnarounds; and the following appointments: Jeb Billings, Boys A Basketball; Betsy Stevens, Girls A Basketball; Amanda Lynde, Winter Athletic Director; Katie Peers, Ed Tech II; Bill Schubeck, Jazz Band Director.
4. Other Reports
 - a. MSMA Fall Conference Update – Jonathan Smallidge reported on the clinics he attended as well as the Delegate Assembly. He was very impressed with the quality of the clinics as well as his participation in the Delegate Assembly.

H. Old Business

1. AOS Update: Ben Wootten talked about the attached handout which shows the estimated costs of operating an AOS central office.
2. The Board Goals for 2008-2009 were discussed and item #2 was changed to read:
“The board would like to see full implementation of the PowerSchool/PowerTeacher System by the end of the 2nd trimester of the school year.”
3. Drainage Update: Jon Smallidge and John Richardson gave a slide presentation on a proposed solution to school flooding. A paper copy of the presentation is attached.

I. New Business

1. The Crisis Response Plan approval was tabled until the December board meeting.
2. The “Summary of Accounts” was enclosed for review.
3. John Richardson moved and Susan Keenan seconded to acknowledge receipt of the “Blue Hill School Department Financial Statements with Independent Auditor’s Report for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2008”.
Motion passed 5-0.
4. The board did not wish to delegate their votes for the November 18, 2008 Union #93 Joint School Committee Meeting.
5. Jon Smallidge moved and Alice Herrick seconded to approve the Fall 2008 BEEM Grants as follows:
Books and Slides, \$300; Auto Load Document Scanner, \$433; Listening Centers, \$1,200;
Poster Printing, \$50.00; IPOD, Docking Station, Software, Voice Recorder, \$610;
all totaling \$2,593.00. Motion passed 5-0.
6. After discussing Procedure #8100A - Procedures for Recruiting, Hiring, and Accepting Resignations of Support Personnel, the board agreed to leave the procedure as is. No action necessary.

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I. New Business (continued)

7. There was no executive session per 1 MRSA section 405 (6)(D) for the purpose of negotiations updates at this time.

J. Signing of Vouchers: The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Wittine
Superintendent