

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
January 14, 2009
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; Jonathan Smallidge; Alice Herrick; Susan Keenan

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Art Wittine; Fred Cole; Jan Snow; Melissa Norwood; Karen Larkin; Matt Jurick; Michelle Schildroth; Julie O'Neill; Cathy Snow; Della Martin

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous School Board Meetings

1. Susan Keenan moved and John Richardson seconded to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2008 meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Susan Keenan moved and John Richardson seconded to approve the minutes of the December 23, 2008 meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

John Richardson moved and Susan Keenan seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of I. New Business item #7 To Change the March Meeting Date. Motion passed 5-0.

E. Communications

1. PTF Update – Beth Jackson's January 2009 report is enclosed with the office minutes. Some of the items from the report are as follows:
 - Recent Activities – Holiday Craft Workshop; Helping Hands Holiday Ham Dinner
 - Upcoming Events – Family Movie Afternoon: Saturday, January 17th, 2-4 PM
 - Family Potluck & Variety Show: Friday, January 30th, 5:30 PM
 - Clothing Swap: To be determined
 - Ongoing Interests – Health Focus; Fundraising: Concession Sales @ BB games; BHCS Sportswear sales

2. Principal's Update on Teacher Evaluation Process – Fred Cole's report is enclosed with the office minutes. He updated the Board on what has occurred to date and the next steps in the process.

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

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G. Reports

1. GSA Report – None
2. Principal's Report – Fred Cole's report is attached to the meeting minutes. Some of the items from his report are as follows: Conferences will be held during the week of February 13th; Efficiency Maine visited the school and made recommendations for the Building; the Presidential Inauguration will be watched by the middle school students in the cafeteria; a benefit dinner for the Moore children will be held January 23rd at 5:00 pm in the cafeteria; the Union 93 Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment team will be meeting to work on rubric development; the RTI Committee will be meeting to prepare for the upcoming March Inservice.
3. Superintendent's Report – Art Wittine's report is attached to the office minutes. Some of the items from his report are as follows: MSMA Newsletter on proposed Biennial Budget and GPA cuts; AOS plan information that will be available for the public hearing; the public hearing on the AOS plan is scheduled for January 15th at the Town Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m.; the referendum vote on the AOS plan is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 2009; update on the 403(b) plan.
4. Other Reports – Technology Report: Matt Jurick was present to give an overview of his Mid-Year Report on Educational Technology and field questions from those present. A PowerTeacher demonstration was given via a teleconference link. Some of the items from the report are as follows: PowerSchool updates; PowerTeacher groundwork; School Union #93 Website updates; School Union #93 Central Office improvement; technology plans for the future.

H. Old Business

1. AOS Update – Ben Wootten and Art Wittine updated the School Committee on the AOS plan, the January 15th Public Hearing and the January 27th referendum vote.
2. Board Goals – The Board would like to have Matt Jurick give a brief update at each meeting on technology – PowerSchool and PowerTeacher.

I. New Business

1. Jon Smallidge moved and John Richardson seconded to make no recommendation on the approval of the AOS plan.

Motion failed 1/3/1.
(Jon Smallidge – yea)
(Ben Wootten, John Richardson, Alice Herrick – Nay)
(Susan Keenan abstained)

John Richardson moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to not recommend approval of the AOS plan.

Motion passed 4/0/1.
(Jon Smallidge abstained)
2. The Summary of Accounts was enclosed for Board review. No action necessary.

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3. Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to enter into an executive session for the purpose of principal contract matters per 1 MRSA (6)(A) with the Board, Art Wittine and Fred Cole. Motion passed 5-0.

Time In: 9:13 p.m. Time Out: 9:22 p.m.

4. Possible Action on Principal Contract Matters

Susan Keenan moved and John Richardson seconded to follow the recommendation of the superintendent and to give Fred Cole a 3% raise in salary for the 2009-2010 school year totaling \$68,544.00 with all other terms to remain the same, and to extend his contract to June 30, 2011. Motion passed 5-0.

5. Discussion of the Draft 2009-2010 School Year Budget-

This was rescheduled to Wednesday, January 21st beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Blue Hill Consolidated School.

6. Jon Smallidge moved and John Richardson seconded to enter into an executive session per 1 MRSA Section 405 (6)(D) for the purpose of negotiations updates. Motion passed 5-0.

Time In: 8:38 p.m. Time Out: 9:10 p.m.

Upon returning to open session, Alice Herrick moved and John Richardson seconded to approve the Blue Hill Teachers' Negotiated Contract 2009-2012 as presented.

Motion passed 5-0.

7. Jon Smallidge moved and John Richardson seconded to change the March School Committee Meeting date to March 18, 2009 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Blue Hill Consolidated School. Motion passed 5-0.

J. Signing of Vouchers – The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Wittine
Superintendent