

**Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
February 11, 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; Susan Keenan; John Richardson; Jon Smallidge; Alice Herrick

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Art Wittine; Fred Cole; Julie Dugas; Beth Jackson; Jan Snow; Penny Ricker; Jim Schatz; Barbara Peppy

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2009 school committee meeting. Motion passed 5-0.
2. Susan Keenan moved and John Richardson seconded to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2009 school committee meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

Susan Keenan moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to approve the agenda with the amendment to move E. Communications item #4 to E. Communications item #0 and to delete I. New Business item #3 Discussion of the “9th Grade Departmental Feedback Summary” and have it on the next meeting agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

E. Communications

Healthy Peninsula – “Safe Routes to School Program” – Jim Schatz & Barbara Peppy gave a presentation on the status of a grant and plans for the future to engage Blue Hill Consolidated School children to walk/bike to school. A brochure is attached to the office minutes.

1. Technology Update – Matt Jurick’s report is included in the Superintendent’s Report.
2. PTF Report – Beth Jackson’s report is attached to the office minutes. Some of the items in her report are as follows: Recent PTF activities included “Family Movie Afternoon”; Variety Show & Potluck; upcoming activities include open gym time; movie in the cafeteria; benefit soup supper for fuel assistance; Africa movie night & potluck; carnival time; health focus; fundraising; “Rocketry Program” by John Richardson.

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E. Communications

3. Principal's Update on Teacher Evaluation Process – Fred Cole's report is attached to the office minutes. He reported that he is two third's through formal observations of teachers, and hopes to complete them after February break.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

Susan Keenan reported that the gym steps were dangerous and not useable last week.

G. Reports

1. GSA Report- Ben Wootten reminded those present that GSA has not supplied data to the school committee that was asked for.
2. Principal's Report – Fred Cole's report is attached to the office minutes. Some of the items included in the report are as follows: Imogen Page will compete at the Hancock County Bee in March; Spring improvement projects are being lined up; MEA testing for grades 3-8 will happen during a three-week window beginning on March 2; a final fundraiser is planned for the 8th graders in preparation for their trip this spring aboard the Victory Chimes schooner; and there has been a lot of illness reported in the school since Christmas break.
3. Superintendent's Report – Art Wittine's report is attached to the office minutes. Some of the items he reported on are as follows: The AOS referendum results; the 2008-2009 reduced subsidy printout; the projected penalty for failure to consolidate; MSMA Consolidation Report; Matt Jurick's February Technology Report; meeting with the Surry School Committee; the Blue Hill Town Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 4th; Budget Validation Referendum is scheduled for April 14th, the next school committee meeting is scheduled for March 18th.
4. Other Reports - None

H. Old Business

1. AOS Update – Jim Schatz briefed the committee on legislative bills being debated in Augusta. It remains unclear what we morph into on July 1. The superintendent was told by the school committee to continue working on a plan to have Surry join Union 93.
2. Board Goals -

I. New Business

1. Jon Smallidge moved and Alice Herrick seconded to approve a 5-year lease purchase agreement with Kinney Office replacing one copier machine for \$17,900.00.

Motion passed 5-0.

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I. New Business (continued)

2. John Richardson moved and Alice Herrick seconded to approve the 2009-2010 school year budget with the addition of \$25,741.00 in the secondary tuition line and a reduction of \$40,900.00 in line items for a total budget of \$4,268,980.60.

Motion passed 5-0.

Alice Herrick moved and John Richardson seconded to enter into an executive session per 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) for the purpose of evaluation of officials/appointees/employees with the Board ; Art Wittine and Fred Cole. Motion passed 5-0.

Time In: 9:02 p.m. Time Out: 9:11 p.m.

Upon returning to open session, the School Committee asked that on the March agenda there be a discussion on “Specials Programming”.

3. Discussion of the “9th Grade Departmental Feedback Summary” will be on the March agenda.

J. Signing of Vouchers – The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Wittine
Superintendent