

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
March 18, 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; Alice Herrick; Jon Smallidge; John Richardson

Members Absent: Susan Keenan

Others Present: Art Wittine; Fred Cole; Della Martin; Beth Jackson; Colin Powell, reporter for the Weekly Packet

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. John Richardson moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

John Richardson moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

E. Communications

1. Technology Update – Matt Jurick’s report is attached to the office minutes.
2. PTF Report – Beth Jackson’s written report is attached to the office minutes. Some of the events from her report are as follows: Recent Activities: Open Gym; Concessions at Pee Wee Round Robin at GSA. Upcoming Activities: To Africa and Back Again, Family Carnival, Warm Hearts Warm Homes Soup Supper, Clothing and Gear Swap, Town Meeting Refreshments. On Going Interests: Health Focus, Bike Safety, Fundraising. Support: New England Contradance program in April with Bob McCormick, Model Rocket Afterschool Program with John Richardson
3. Principal’s Update on Teacher Evaluation Process – Fred Cole gave a verbal update on progress of his evaluation process, and said he is “on schedule”.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

- Ben Wootten reported on his attendance at last Monday’s meeting with George Stevens Academy. Summer School may be an area of collaboration with Blue Hill Consolidated School. Common calendar was a topic of discussion.
- Fred Cole commented about High School Lap Top Initiative discussions.

G. Reports

1. GSA Report – None
2. Principal’s Report – Fred Cole’s report included updates on the NWEA testing; MEA testing; ELA focus; Response to Intervention plans.

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G. Reports (continued)

3. Superintendent's Report – Art Wittine's report included Matt Jurick's Technology Report; an article from the New York Times; the Blue Hill Town Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 4th with the Blue Hill Budget Validation Referendum scheduled for Tuesday, April 14th. Mr. Cameron O'Brian has resigned his position as an Ed. Tech. III at the BHCS; Mr. Cole has recommended and the superintendent appointed Christina Billings as the 2009 Spring Game Day Manger.
4. Other Reports – Not at this time.

H. Old Business

1. AOS Update – Ben Wootten gave a presentation of progress of Surry joining School Union #93. We have gone from an Interlocal Agreement to a Management Services Agreement.
2. Board Goals – A copy is enclosed with the office minutes.

I. New Business

1. Alice Herrick moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to approve the extracurricular Rocket Day event run by the PTF group on Saturday, March 28, 2009. Motion passed 4-0.
2. Field Trip Policy Discussion - School Committee members will email items/concerns to Art Wittine that they would like to see in a field trip policy.
3. The Summary of Accounts was enclosed for Board review.
4. Jon Smallidge moved and Ben Wootten seconded to approve the Common Remitter & Compliance Oversight Service Agreement with CPI Qualified Plan Consultants, Inc. for a 403(b) Plan. Motion passed 4-0.
5. Discussion of the 9th Grade GSA Departmental Feedback Summary – Fred Cole gave a verbal presentation of his meeting with the grade 7/8 teachers and review of the GSA Departmental Feedback Summary. Attached to the office minutes is a written outline of suggestions and areas of focus.
6. Curriculum Evaluation and Development –
 - * Time on task is the overriding concern. How much time per day is the optimum for ELA, Math?
 - * Could “specials” be electives? Fred will survey his staff on this.
 - * How can current 9th graders at GSA be surveyed to ask about transition issues?
7. Discussion of Self-Evaluation Policy #8379 – The Board would like this emailed to them.

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I. New Business (continued)

8. Getting Ready for Town Meeting – Art Wittine will meet with Ben Wootten prior to the Town Meeting.

J. Signing of Vouchers – The vouchers were signed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Art Wittine
Superintendent