

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
June 10, 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; John Richardson; Susan Keenan

Members Absent: Jon Smallidge

Others Present: Art Wittine; Fred Cole; Beth Jackson; Jan Snow; Colin Powell, reporter for *The Weekly Packet*.

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. John Richardson moved and Alice Herrick seconded to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2009 meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

Susan Keenan moved and Alice Herrick seconded to approve the agenda with the following

three additions: I. New Business item #5 Consider to Appoint Summer School Teachers,

I. New Business item #6 Update on Status of Teacher Certification for the BHCS Teachers;

I. New Business item #7 Executive Session per 1 M.R. S. A. sec. 405(6)(A)

Motion passed 4-0.

E. Communications

PTF Report - Beth Jackson's report is attached to the office minutes Some of the items from the report include: School Activities; Family Activities; Family Assistance Programs; Fundraising Activities; Collection of Items; Support for Activities; and plans for next school year.

Principal's Update on Teacher Evaluation Process - The final report will be given in July or August.

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

G. Reports

1. GSA Report - None.

2. Principal's Report - Fred Cole's report is attached to the office minutes. Some of the items from his report included: John Richardson and Ben Wootten attended a meeting with middle school math teachers to discuss the approach to teaching of advanced math students and the process for accelerating the program; the "Time" Committee met and decided suggestions for next year were worth further discussion with teachers and will be acted upon for the next school year; the ELA committee reviewed the language usage standards from the spring 2008 testing period, invitations to summer school will be going out this Friday.

3. Superintendent's Report – Art Wittine's report is attached to the office minutes. Some of the items from his report are as follows: A bulletin from MSMA in reference to legislature passing a 5.8 billion budget; a memo from MSMA on the status of current legislature in Augusta; thank you to the Interview Committee about the new Central Office hire; Jennifer Baroody has resigned her position as Rehabilitative Assistant for the 2009-2010 school year; Mr. Cole has recommended and Mr. Wittine has appointed Lisa Leighton as an Ed.Tech I for the remainder of the school year.

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G. Reports (continued)

4. Other Reports - None

H. Old Business

1. Surry Management Services Agreement Update

- * Central Office has been remodeled to make room for Sue Dickinson;
- * Kathi Mahar, the Surry Town Treasurer, met with Sue, Pat Henry and Art Wittine on May 29th to continue work on the transition process.
- * Sue Dickinson began work full-time in the Central Office this week;
- * David Bridgham meets with Central Office staff tomorrow morning to continue transition work.

2. Board Goals Year End Summary Report – This will be an agenda item for the July board meeting.

3. Discussion of Draft Field Trip Policy – This will be an agenda item in July for discussion and then for possible adoption in August.

I. New Business

1. Summary of Accounts

a. Alice Herrick moved and John Richardson seconded to authorize Pat Henry to make appropriate transfers of funds to offset any cost center overdrafts. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Susan Keenan moved and Alice Herrick seconded to award the Rubbish Removal Bid for the July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010 Contract Year to Blue Hill Disposal as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Susan Keenan moved and Alice Herrick seconded to award the Building Fuel Oil Bid to Wardwell Oil for the September 1, 2009 - August 31, 2010 contract year for 16,000 gallons of #2 fuel oil at \$2.19 cents per gallon for a total of \$35,040.00. Motion passed 4-0.

4. Alice Herrick moved and Susan Keenan seconded to a authorize the superintendent to advertise for a Special Education teacher for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion passed 4-0.

5. John Richardson moved and Alice Herrick seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Sue Slocum as a summer school teacher; authorized the superintendent to appoint a second teacher from Blue Hill Consolidated School, or two education technicians from Blue Hill Consolidated School or to advertise and hire a teacher from outside of Blue Hill Consolidated School.

6. Art Wittine gave a short presentation on the attached summary sheet in reference to the status of teacher certification for the Blue Hill Consolidated School teachers.

7. John Richardson moved and Susan Keenan seconded to enter into an executive session per 1 M.R.S.A. sec. 405 (6)(A) for the purpose of a personnel matter with the board, Art Wittine, Fred Cole and Beth Jackson. Motion passed 4-0.

Time In: 8:10 p.m. Time Out: 8:22 p.m.

No action upon returning to open session.

J. Signing of Vouchers – The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Wittine
Superintendent

