

**Blue Hill School Committee Meeting**  
**August 12, 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: Arthur Wittine; Sue Slocum; Colin Powell, reporter for *The Weekly Packet*.

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Alice Herrick moved, John Richardson seconded, to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

John Richardson moved, Alice Herrick seconded, to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

To delete I. New Business item #3. To authorize the superintendent to hire a grade 5 teacher;

To delete I. New Business item #7. To approve Mr. Woehr's school bus transportation request;

To delete I. New Business item #13. To delete appointment of coaches;

To change E. Communications item #1 from PTF Report to Teacher leave of absence request.

Motion passed 4-0.

- \* The Blue Hill School Committee would like to have a "Special" Blue Hill School Committee Meeting on August 26, 2009 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Blue Hill Consolidated School to hire a grade 5 teacher and deal with any other items not covered this evening.

E. Communications

1. Sue Slocum was present with her written request to the Board asking for a one-year leave of absence.

After discussion, the Board made a motion.

Alice Herrick moved, Jon Smallidge seconded, to approve Sue Slocum's request for a one-year leave of absence. Motion failed 1-3.

(Alice Herrick-Yeah) (Ben Wootten; Jon Smallidge; John Richardson-Nay)

2. Principal's Update on the Teacher Evaluation Process

This will be covered at the "Special" August 26, 2009 School Committee Meeting.

3. Letter from Tom Woehr with a School Bus Transportation Request

This was deleted from the agenda.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None

G. Reports

1. GSA Report - Ben Wootten shared an email he had sent to John Greene, Headmaster, requesting for a representative of GSA to have regular interaction with the Blue Hill School Committee to share information. Continued on page 2.

**G. Reports (continued)**

2. Principal's Report - Fred Cole's written report is attached to the office minutes. Some of the items from his report are as follows:

Sue Slocum's resignation from her position as a 5th grade teacher; building improvements; the proposed changes by the Union 93 Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Team for the report card; work with the ELA teaching staff; no changes to bus routes; changes to the student handbook.

3. Superintendent's Report - Mr. Wittine's report is attached to the office minutes. Some of the items from his report are as follows:

An article from *USA Today* in reference to the flu vaccine; an article from *The Associated Press* in reference to homework; an article from *The Associated Press* in reference to class sizes as budgets shrink; the H1N1 summit; date for the annual back-to-school inservice day; the first day of school September 8th; Mr. Cole's recommendation and Art Wittine's appointment of Robert McCormick as coach for Intramural Soccer, Intramural Basketball; Gymnastics; Intramural Baseball/Softball; and Rodney Simmons as Girls "A" Basketball Coach.

4. Other Reports

**H. Old Business**

1. Discussion/Approval of Second Reading of the Draft Field Trip Policy  
This will be an agenda item for the August 26, 2009 "Special" School Board meeting.
2. CIA Committee Update/Report Card Changes  
This will be an agenda item for the August 26, 2009 "Special" School Board meeting.
3. Update on ELA Program Changes  
This will be an agenda item for the August 26, 2009 "Special" School Board meeting.
4. Board Goals  
The Board agreed by consensus to change under goal # 1 the wording "NWEA testing" to "school-wide assessments" and to discuss goal #4 at their October school committee meeting.

**I. New Business**

1. Alice Herrick moved, Jon Smallidge seconded, to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Katie Peers as a Special Education teacher for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion passed 4-0.
2. Update on the Ed Tech III Special Education Position for the 2009-2010 School Year  
Chandra Bisberg was transferred to the Ed. Tech III position in the middle school. There are three open Ed. Tech. II positions and one Ed. Tech. III position that will be filled after interviews on August 19th. There were 25 inquiries and 19 returned applications.
3. To Authorize the Superintendent to Hire a Grade 5 Teacher for the 2009-2010 School Year  
The grade 5 applications close on August 19th. There are 32 inquiries to date and 13 returned applications. The Board will meet on August 26t, 2009 to hire a teacher.

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**I. New Business (continued)**

4. To Award the Bus Fuel Bid for the 2009-2010 School Year

John Richardson moved, Jon Smallidge seconded, to award the bus fuel bid to South Street Service for .059 cents per gallon discount for the 2009-2010 school year.  
Motion passed 4-0.

5. Annual Discussion of Bus Routes

As of today, the bus routes will remain the same as last year.

6. Approval of Bus Drivers for the 2009-2010 School Year

Jon Smallidge moved, Alice Herrick seconded, to follow the superintendent's recommendation to approve the list of First Student bus drivers presented for the 2009-2010 school year.  
Motion passed 4-0.

7. To Approve Mr. Woehr's School Bus Transportation Request

This item was deleted from the agenda. Mr. Woehr will need to make his own transportation arrangements.

8. Discussion/Approval of School Physician Services for the 2009-2010 School Year

Alice Herrick moved, Jon Smallidge seconded, to authorize the superintendent to appoint a school physician for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion passed 4-0.

9. School Board Concept Approval of Federal Grants for the 2009-2010 School Year

Jon Smallidge moved, and Alice Herrick seconded, to give school board concept approval to the Federal Grants for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion passed 4-0.

10. Approval of School Handbooks for the 2009-2010 School Year

This will be an August 26, 2009 agenda item.

- 11 Approval of School Lunch/Breakfast Prices for the 2009-2010 School Year

Alice Herrick motioned, John Richardson seconded, to set the School Lunch/Breakfast Prices for the 2009-2010 school year as follows: Student Lunch \$2.00; Reduced Lunch 40 cents; Adult Lunch \$4.00; All Other Milk 30 cents; Student Breakfast 50 cents; Reduced Breakfast will be at no cost to students/State reimbursement; Adult Breakfast \$1.00. Motion passed 4-0.

12. Summary of Accounts

The Summary of Accounts was enclosed for review. No action needed.

13. Appointment of Coaches

This was reported under the Superintendent's Report.

**J. Signing of Vouchers - The vouchers were signed.**

- \* Jon Smallidge moved, and Ben Wootten seconded, to enter into an executive session per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A) for the purpose of a personnel matter with the Board and Art Wittine. Motion passed 4-0.

Time In: 8:10 p.m. Time Out: 8:13 p.m.

No action upon returning to open session.

**K. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Art Wittine - Superintendent