

"Special" Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
August 26, 2009
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Ben Wootten followed by the salute to the flag.

Members Present: Ben Wootten; Alice Herrick; John Richardson; Jon Smallidge;
Susan Keenan arrived at 5:34 p.m.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Art Wittine; Fred Cole; Jan Snow; Brooke Clapp; Jessica Muise;
Mark Baxter

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of the Agenda

Jon Smallidge moved, John Richardson seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of D. Business item #9 Co-curricular Appointments for 2009-2010.

Motion passed 4-0.

* Susan Keenan arrived.

D. Business

1. Jon Smallidge moved, Alice Herrick seconded, to follow Fred Cole's recommendation and Art Wittine's nomination to appoint Mark Baxter as the grade 5 teacher for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion passed 5-0.

2. Update on the Teacher Evaluation Process

- Fred Cole and the School Committee discussed how the process is currently working and where improvements may be made in the future to be sure they are tied to improvements in student learning.
- Can the process be simplified and made more relevant?
- Is goal setting necessary?
- Could goal setting be deleted from the process?
- How can we involve parents or teacher colleagues in the teacher evaluation process?
- Art will check the teacher contract and policy to see if goal setting is in the adopted language.

3. Update on ELA Program Changes

- Fred Cole reviewed ELA meetings with staff and that there are no "major holes" but the grade-span teams will continue to meet and look at the ELA curriculum.

- John Richardson and Fred Cole will put a committee together to study the current Spanish program and determine future goals for the Spanish program.

4. CIA Committee Update/Report Card Changes

Fred Cole reviewed changes to date made on making report cards more consistent across grade levels.

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D. Business (continued)

5. John Richardson moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to approve the amendment to Transportation Policy #3100 with the deletion of "and the Liberty School." in paragraph one. Motion passed 5-0.

6. Jon Smallidge moved and John Richardson seconded to approve the 2009-2010 Blue Hill Consolidated School Handbook as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

7. Update on Educational Technician Positions
Art Wittine reported his recent appointment of the following four Ed. Techs. for the 2009-2010 school year: Deb Kingston, Ed Tech III; Laurie Friend, Ed Tech II; Mike Augustine, Ed Tech II; Christina Jezak, Ed Tech II.
He indicated that two of them were currently in Machias taking Mandt training.

8. John Richardson moved, Alice Herrick seconded, to approve the second reading of the draft Field Trip Policy #3101 as policy. Motion passed 5-0.

9. Art Wittine reported his recent co-curricular appointments to the school committee for the 2009-2010 school year as follows: Robert "Jeb" Billings as Co-ed "A" Team Soccer Coach; William Schubeck as Jazz Band Director; Tara McKechnie as Athletic Director with Christina Billings sharing the stipend as Game Day Manager.

E. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Wittine
Superintendent