

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
November 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; Jon Smallidge; John Richardson; Alice Herrick

Members Absent: Susan Keenan

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

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Alice Herrick, to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2009 meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Alice Herrick, seconded by John Richardson, to approve the agenda with the addition of E. Communications item #2. To Acknowledge Receipt of the Town of Blue Hill School Department's Financial Statements with Independent Auditor's Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2009. Motion passed 4-0.

E. Communications

1. PTF Report – Beth Jackson's report is attached to the office minutes. Some of the items from her report are as follows: Recent activities included the Halloween costume exchange; assistance and snacks for the flu clinic; refreshments for the *Making Strides Walk-Run for Autism Awareness*. Ongoing/Upcoming events include Fall Sportswear Sales; Holiday Craft Fair; Thanksgiving dinners for families; Holiday Craft Workshop. Help requests: Movie screen and projector request; scholarship for Amy Grant's after-school program; fuel assistance fund raising; Ultimate Frisbee grant.
2. A motion was made by Alice Herrick, seconded by John Richardson, to acknowledge receipt of the Town of Blue Hill School Department's Financial Statements with Independent Auditor's Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009. Motion passed 4-0.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public
None

G. Reports

1. GSA Report – None
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: Administration of NWEA should be complete before Thanksgiving; students in grades 3-8 who signed up for H1N1 vaccinations have received their immunizations, flu-mist has not arrived for the K-2 students, report cards will be sent home December 4th; the RTI Team has met to discuss all at-risk readers with the K-4 teachers and plans have been put into motion for reading interventions.

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G. Reports (continued)

3. Superintendent's Report – Art Wittine's written report is attached to the office minutes. Some of the items from his report are as follows: A request for School Committee Members to serve on two committees; an email letter from Augusta on reorganization plans; a bulletin from MSMA on consolidation law changes and budget cuts on the November 17th agenda, information from Drummond Woodsum on "*Five Rules to Help School Boards Survive Controversial Public Meetings.*" The next Joint Union 93 School Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 30th at the Penobscot School beginning at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Cole has recommended and Art Wittine has appointed Brian Snow as the Girls "B" basketball coach; William O'Connell as a robotics coach; Cathy Snow and Anita Black as robotics co-coaches.

4. Other Reports - None

H. Old Business - None

I. New Business

1. The October 1, 2009 Enrollment Report was enclosed for review.
2. The Summary of Accounts was enclosed for review.
3. Discussion of the Laptop Program and Its Focus
Fred Cole answered several general questions about computer-loaded programs (i.e. Microsoft Word) and has there been any refusal of laptops.
4. A motion was made by Alice Herrick, seconded by Jon Smallidge to approve the following BEEM Grants: Model Airplane/rocket project \$325.00; computer-based live field trip to Mount Washington \$350.00; computer headsets with built-in microphones \$240.00; wireless microphone system \$650.00; scanner/printer for art projects \$600; Lexia Early Reading Program \$751.00 Motion passed 4-0.
5. Review of Coaching Hiring Practices
A motion was made by Alice Herrick, seconded by John Richardson; to advertise for coaching positions in July with closing deadlines and use the readvertising dates as outlined on the enclosed proposal. Motion passed 4-0.
6. To See if the Board Wishes to Delegate their Votes at the November 30th Joint Union 93 School Committee Meeting
A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by John Richardson, to delegate the Blue Hill School Committee votes to Alice Herrick for the November 30th Joint School Committee Meeting. Motion passed 4-0.
7. A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to enter into an Executive Session per 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(A) for the Purpose of a Personnel Matter with the Board, Art Wittine, Fred Cole and Jan Snow. Motion passed 4-0.

Time In: 8:25 p.m.

Time Out: 8:53 p.m.

There was no action upon returning to open session.

J. Signing of Vouchers – The vouchers were signed.

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K. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Wittine
Superintendent