

**Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
December 16, 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; Susan Keenan

Members Absent: John Richardson

Others Present: Art Wittine; Fred Cole; Jan Snow; Beth Jackson; Della Martin; Maryanne Lewandowski; 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 November 18, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

- A motion was made by Alice Herrick, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

E. Communications

1. PTF Report – Beth Jackson’s written report is attached to the office minutes. Some of the items from her report are as follows: Recent Activities – Flu clinic assistance; Holiday Craft Fair; Thanksgiving Dinners for BHCS families; Holiday Craft Workshop. Upcoming Activities – Helping Hands Holiday Ham Dinners; Giving Tree for BHCS families. January events will help with the Family Assistance Fund and there will be a PTF Variety Show held January 29th. Help requests include water bottles for sports teams; t-shirts for Lego Robotics teams; refreshments for Nutcracker field trip to the Grand.

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

G. Reports

1. GSA Report – Attached to the office minutes is an outline of topics up for discussion between the Blue Hill Consolidated School and George Stevens Academy in reference to the following:
 - Advanced placement for Spanish language students entering GSA from BHCS;
 - Review and comparison of standardized testing results of students from the Blue Hill Consolidated School (e.g., SAT versus NWEA results);
 - Homework performance of Blue Hill Consolidated School students versus other members of the student body and/or teacher expectations;
 - Role of technology in the classroom and future plans for it.
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: Problems printing report cards meant that some parent/teacher conferences were held without the report cards; the main elevator stopped working and after soliciting bids, work to repair the elevator will be completed by January 15th. As part of her graduate work, Della Martin is currently doing a principal internship with Fred Cole and has helped him to prepare the 2010-2011 draft budget.

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G. Reports (continued)

2. Principal's Report (continued)

The Lego Robotics teams were successful at the Maine First LEGO League Championships held in Augusta.

Enrollment has increased to 220 recently; the K-4 Holiday Concert was held recently and well attended; the chorus recently performed for the residents at Parker Ridge; the 5th graders performed *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* for family and friends.

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 bulletin from M.S.M.A. on budget cuts; the contract agreement with ThyssenKrupp Elevator to repair the elevator at school; the selection of Della Martin as the staff member to serve on one of the Superintendent Search Interview Teams; Mr. Cole's recommendation and Art Wittine's appointment of Lori Wessel as the Cheering Coach for BHCS for the 2009-2010 school year.

4. Other Reports –

Ben Wootten reported on the following items:

- * Glacial Energy as a source of our electricity;
- * Talked with Matt Jurick about technology progress;
- * There has been two meetings with the Efficiency Committee.

Jon Smallidge reported that there are three candidates for the superintendent position that will be interviewed this coming Saturday.

H. Old Business

1. Board Goals – No action or discussion at this time.

I. New Business

1. There were two presentations along with handouts given on possible field trips for the 2010-2011 school year.
 - a) The Boston Museum of Fine Art – Egyptian collection
 - b) The Schoodic Education Adventure (SEA) program with Acadia National ParkApproval of the field trips for 2010-2011 school year will be on the January agenda.
2. Art Wittine and Fred Cole reviewed the first draft of the 2010-2011 school budget with the Board.
3. A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Alice Herrick, to enter into an executive session per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A) for the purpose of a personnel matter with Art Wittine; Fred Cole; Jan Snow and the Board. Motion passed 4-0.

Time In: 8:40 p.m. Time Out: 8:56 pm.

J. Signing of Vouchers – The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Wittine
Superintendent