

**Blue Hill School Committee Meeting**  
**March 10, 2010**  
**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; Susan Keenan

Member Absent: Jon Smallidge; John Richardson

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt; Fred Cole; Chris Billings; Jan Snow; Lisa Bowden; Lori Wessel; Colin Powell, reporter for the Weekly Packet; Annie Rice; Wendy Eaton; Della Martin; Beth Jackson; Rod Simmons

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. A motion was made by Susan Keenan, seconded by Alice Herrick, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2010 meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Alice Herrick, seconded by Susan Keenan, to approve the agenda with the addition of I. New Business item #8 To Consider the Ultimate Frisbee Proposal and to table I. New Business item #3. Consideration to Match Funds for Future Boston Trips until April. Motion passed 3-0.

E. Communications

PTF Report – Beth Jackson’s written report is attached to the office minutes.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None

G. Reports

1. GSA Report – John Greene, Headmaster from GSA, came and discussed the interface between the BHCS and the GSA Spanish program. Next year, there will be CP4 Spanish I and Honors Spanish I. BHCS students should register for Honors Spanish I because of their previous experience. Fred Cole mentioned that the goal would be for BHCS students to start at either CP4 or Honors Spanish II. To do that, they would have to take a GSA placement test which will be developed. Also, BHCS would like GSA’s Spanish standards so they can see what to aim for. John Greene said that GSA would provide that.
2. Principal’s Report – Della Martin presented the NECAP Scores. BHCS students did well. This will appear under Old Business on the April agenda.
3. Superintendent’s Report – Mark Hurvitt mentioned that the current State print out dated 3/4/2010 shows Blue Hill’s subsidy for 2010-2011 at \$38,518.40. We budgeted for \$54,543.00. That would put us \$16,024.60 in the hole if the current figure holds up through the legislative session. Also of note is that Blue Hill is assessed \$67,407.19 in penalties for not consolidating. This could all change before the legislative session ends. Also, Mr. Hurvitt mentioned he is glad to be back.

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### G. Reports (continued)

#### 4. Other Reports

- a. Update on Principal Search Process – When the application deadline comes on March 12th, Mr. Hurvitt expects about 25 applications. We have a committee formed with nine members. The first meeting of that committee will be on March 18<sup>th</sup>, with interviews scheduled for the week of March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The goal will be to have a nominee at the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### H. Old Business

1. Board Goals – Handed out. No action.

### I. New Business

#### 1. Coaching Appointments

A motion was made by Susan Keenan, seconded by Alice Herrick, to follow the Superintendent's nomination and to appoint Robert "Jeb" Billings as the Boys "A" Baseball Coach for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Susan Keenan, seconded by Alice Herrick, to follow the Superintendent's nomination and to appoint John McKechnie as the Girl's "A" Softball Coach for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion passed 3-0.

#### 2. Consideration to Change Meeting Time

The board will try starting meetings at 5:00 p.m. starting in April. No motion or vote, just consensus.

#### 3. Consideration to Match Funds for Future Boston Trips – This was tabled to April.

#### 4. Consideration for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students to Participate in BHCS Sports

The consensus was not to change current policy. So, 5<sup>th</sup> grade students still cannot participate on BHCS "A" teams.

#### 5. Discussion of Policy #6202 Concerning Private School Students Participation in School Activities – This was tabled until April.

#### 6. Policy #8379 School Committee Self-Evaluation Policy – This was handed out. No action.

#### 7. Getting Ready for Town Meeting – Reminder that the meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ben Wootten and Mark Hurvitt will get together beforehand.

#### 8. A motion was made by Alice Herrick, seconded by Susan Keenan, to approve the PTF Ultimate Frisbee Plan as presented. Motion passed 3-0.

### J. Signing of Vouchers – The vouchers were signed.

### K. Adjournment – A motion was made by Alice Herrick, seconded by Susan Keenan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Hurvitt  
Superintendent

