

**Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
October 13, 2010
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes**

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Chair Ben Wootten followed by the salute to the flag.

Members Present: Ben Wootten; Jon Smallidge; John Richardson; Alice Herrick; Susan Keenan arrived at 5:04 p.m.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt; Della Martin; Matt Jurick; Beth Jackson; Tara McKechnie; Colin Powell, reporter for *The Weekly Packet*; Steve Williamson

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2010 meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to approve the agenda with the addition of I. New Business item #10 Spectator Conduct and Sportsmanship Policy Review.

Motion passed 4-0.

E. Communications

None at this time.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None at this time.

G. Reports

1. GSA Report – A meeting was held at BHCS on September 27th. Byard Brokaw was present and wanted to improve communication. Next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2011 at Sedgwick beginning at 4:30 p.m.
2. Principal's Report – Della Martin's written report is attached to the office minutes.
3. Superintendent's Report – Mark Hurvitt reported that Blue Hill's share of the Federal Jobs Bill for 2011-2012 is \$19,259.20. He reminded the board about the 2nd "B" soccer team, coached by Mike Astbury, which was formed the day after the September board meeting. Mr. Hurvitt is still imputing numbers for the Greenhouse Gas Survey.
4. Other Reports – Update on Parent Portal – According to Matt Jurick, the parent portal is up and running with 34 parents having already logged on.
5. PTF Report – Beth Jackson was present to report on recent and upcoming activities. Her written report is attached to the office minutes.
6. Building & Grounds Committee Report - No report at this time.

H. Old Business

1. Honeywell Presentation

Geoff Clarke proposed a comprehensive contract for BHCS. The proposal was for three years. The first year was \$13,000.00, with 4% increases for years two and three. Honeywell has a lot of experience, with 3000 boilers in Maine and New Hampshire, and with contracts in 140 schools. There was lots of discussion about the details, and many questions from the board. Finally, a motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Alice Herrick to enter into a three year service agreement with Honeywell starting November 1, 2010. This will be the comprehensive contract for \$13,000.00 for 2010-2011.

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H. Old Business (continued)

2. First Reading of the Procedure for Policy #8100 D Concerning Professional (Certified) Staff Hiring (Teachers) With Amendments – This was amended again and there will be a second reading in November.
3. Continued Discussion of Board Goals
A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Alice Herrick, to approve the 2010-2011 Blue Hill School Board Goals. Motion passed 5-0.

The board would like Goal #2 on the November agenda and invite Bill O’Connell to come speak to the board about it.
4. First Reading of the Amended Blue Hill Bid Policy
This was amended and there will be a second reading in November.

I. New Business

1. To Give Carolyn Heller Authorization to be the 403(b) Plan Administrator effective Jan. 1, 2011
A motion was made by Alice Herrick, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to give Carolyn Heller authorization to be the 403 (b) Plan Administrator effective January 1, 2011. Motion passed 5-0.
2. To Approve the 403(b) Written Plan Document effective January 1, 2011
This item was tabled until November and Mark Hurvitt was directed to check with Jan Snow concerning the compatibility of the contract language with this proposal.
3. To Appoint Winter Coaches for the 2010-2011 School Year (Possible 2nd “B” teams)
A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Alice Herrick, to follow the superintendent’s nominations and to approve the following appointments and to allow the superintendent to hire a Girls “B” Basketball Coach and inform the board in November:
Boys “A” Basketball with a stipend of \$990.00 – Mike Astbury
Boys “B” Basketball with a stipend of \$809.00 – Dennis Rackliffe
Boys “B” Basketball with a stipend of \$809.00 (which comes from cheering stipend)– John McKechnie
Girls “A” Basketball with a stipend of \$990.00 – Rodney Simmons
Girls “B” Basketball with a stipend of \$809.00 - Open Motion passed 5-0.
4. To Award the Snow Plow and Sidewalk Shoveling Bid for the 2010-2011 School Year
A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Susan Keenan, to award the Snowplowing Bid for the 2010-2011 season to Adam Gray at \$365.00 per storm for plowing of the schoolyard and \$75.00 per hour plus trucking per storm, if needed and the Snow Removal from Sidewalks and Doorways Bid to James Lacasse at a rate of \$90.00 per storm. Motion passed 5-0.
5. Memo Concerning Collection of Social Security Numbers
A motion was made by Alice Herrick, seconded by Susan Keenan, to send a letter “strongly discouraging” the submission of student social security numbers. Motion passed 5-0.
6. Discussion of Bus Routes
The bus routes seem to have been worked out. Jon Smallidge wanted to comment: “Someone has to be last.”
7. MDI 10% Surcharge
There was a lot of discussion on this topic. At this point, there are only two Blue Hill students at MDI High School. The board discussed three options: pay the 10% (as asked), offer to pay 5% (treat it like IVF), or pay state average tuition and no sur-charge. Since this was deemed to be precedent-setting, it was suggested that we table this item until November and then vote on it under Old Business. Continued on page 3.

I. New Business (continued)

8. Afterschool K-2 Soccer

Mark Hurvitt informed the board that Katie Lacasse has been doing K-2 after school soccer on the BHCS field, paid by the Blue Hill Activities Group.

9. Athletics Procedure #5010.1

In line with current grading system, it was suggested to amend this policy by eliminating a sentence on page 2.

A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by John Richardson, to amend Procedures and Regulations Concerning Athletics #5010.1 as noted. Motion passed 5-0.

10. Spectator Conduct and Sportsmanship Policy Review.

As we were running out of time, the board decided to look at Penobscot, Castine, and Brooksville's Policies on this matter under Old Business in November.

J. Signing of Vouchers - The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m. by Chair Ben Wootten.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Hurvitt
Superintendent