

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
April 13, 2011
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mark Hurvitt followed by the salute to the flag.
Members Present: Susan Keenan; Anne Rice; Jon Smallidge; John Richardson; Alice Herrick
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Mark Hurvitt; Della Martin; Jan Snow; Matt Jurick; Beth Jackson; Maryanne Lewandowski; Mark Baxter; Penny Ricker; Colin Powell, reporter for *The Weekly Packet*.

B. Flag Salute

* Election of a Chair*

Mark Hurvitt called for nominations and seconds.
Jon Smallidge was nominated and seconded.
No other nominations.

A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Alice Herrick, to cease nominations.

Motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Alice Herrick, to elect Jonathan Smallidge as Chair for the ensuing year.

Motion passed 4-0-1.

(Jonathan Smallidge Abstained)

C. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Susan Keenan, to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2011 Retreat meeting.

Motion passed 5-0.

2. A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Susan Keenan, to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2011 meeting.

Motion passed 5-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Susan Keenan, seconded by Anne Rice, to approve the agenda with the following additions: I. New Business item #6. Supervisor of Custodians and Maintenance Job Description #4106B; item #7. Appoint Board Members to Hiring Committees; item #8 Sports Policy Discussion.

Motion passed 5-0.

E. Communications

None

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None

G. Reports

1. GSA Report – The next Principals/Superintendents/Board meeting is scheduled for April 25th at the Brooksville Elementary School at 4:30 p.m.

2. Principal's Report – Della Martin's written report is attached to the office minutes. Also, the discussion came around to the fact that the casement window cranks in the new part of the building are getting worn out. Della will look into it.

3. Superintendent's Report:

- Mr. Hurvitt handed out the School Improvement List;
- He informed the Board about the March 25th workshop day held at Surry;
- He informed the Board that Maine is the 42nd state to adopt the Common Core Standards;

- He handed out the Summary of Accounts;
- He handed out the resignation letter from Michael Augustine.

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G. Reports (continued)

4. Other Reports

None

5. PTF Report

Beth Jackson handed out the written report which is enclosed with the office minutes.

6. Building and Grounds Committee Report

The K-2 playground is a mess and needs to be spruced up over vacation.

H. Old Business

1. Board Goals – Noted

Alice Herrick asked about the Blue Hill 9th graders taking NWEA's at GSA. Della Martin will look into it.

2. Pre-K Discussion: Della Martin had a meeting with kindergarten teachers. An idea that came out of it was to look into developmental kindergarten. Other options that already exist are Special Children's Friends, Montessori, Head Start in Bucksport and Sedgwick. For BHCS, space and money are a real issue. The old Blue Hill Nursery School was a good model. The issue seems to be is there a real need for Pre-K, especially in contrast with the other needs at school. The resolution was to run a straw poll at Town Meeting, 2012, as is commonly done. The last straw poll was about the Parker Point Road drinking fountain.

3. Math Discussion: John Richardson reported about the recent Math Committee meeting. Do we want to work on the weaknesses in computation? The Board also looked at the accelerated Math proposal. Alice Herrick asked how you get an "Exceeds the Standards" in Math? Math discussion will also be a May agenda item.

4. Grading Policy Discussion

General discussion about standards-based grading and the ambiguities of the "Meets the Standard" grade. There was frustration that standards-based grades end at high school and college.

5. MLTI 2010 Survey: The Board looked at the MLTI Survey, and Matt Jurick will create one of his own which will be more Blue Hill specific. Board members can e-mail Matt Jurick with the specifics.

6. Letter From MDI: The letter was noted.

I. New Business

1. Coaching Appointment:

A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Susan Keenan, to follow the Superintendent's nomination and to appoint John McKechnie as the Boys "B" Baseball Coach for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Approval of Eighth Grade Class Trip

A motion was made by Alice Herrick, seconded by Susan Keenan, to approve the eighth grade class trip on the Victory Chimes. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Approval of BEEM Grants

A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Alice Herrick, to approve the following BEEM Grants: Penny Ricker, Art - \$1,000.00 and Cathy Gage, RTI - \$1,600.00

Motion passed 5-0.

4. Rescind Policy #8379

A motion was made by Alice Herrick, seconded by Anne Rice, to rescind the School Committee Self-Evaluation Policy #8379.

Motion passed 5-0.

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I. New Business (continued)

5. Review Lawn Mowing Bid Specs for May 15, 2011:

The Board agreed, by consensus, to leave this at one year and to go out to bid with the current specs.

6. Job Description # 4106B Supervisor of Custodians and Maintenance:

The Board decided, by consensus, to amend the job description and to advertise for the position.

The Board also directed the Superintendent to get some information about contracted maintenance services like Brewer has. This will be on the May agenda.

7. The Board agreed to serve on the following committees:

Middle School Hiring Committee – Alice Herrick, John Richardson

Supervisor of Custodians and Maintenance Hiring Committee – Jon Smallidge, Anne Rice

Grade 3 Teacher Hiring Committee – Susan Keenan

8. Sports Policy Discussion: No changes proposed.

J. Signing of Vouchers – The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. by Chair Jonathan Smallidge.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Hurvitt
Superintendent