

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
April 11, 2012
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:59 p.m. by Chair Jon Smallidge followed by the salute to the flag.

Members Present: Jon Smallidge, John Richardson, Annie Rice, Susan Keenan, Ben Wootten

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt, Della Martin, Matt Jurick, Beth Jackson, Samantha Politte, Kenton Jakub, Alice Herrick

B. Flag Salute

*** Election of a Chair ***

There was a nomination and a second for Jon Smallidge.

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Susan Keenan, to close nominations. Motion passed 5-0.

Mark Hurvitt called for a vote.

Vote: 4-0-1.

(Jon Smallidge abstained)

Jon Smallidge is chair for the ensuing year as voted.

C. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Ben Wootten, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2012 meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Susan Keenan, seconded by Annie Rice, to approve the agenda with an amendment to add H. Old Business item # 3. Pre-School Vote Discussion.

Motion passed 5-0.

E. Communications

Mark Hurvitt mentioned that Jane Haldane has sent a letter to the Board to start support staff negotiations. Jon Smallidge appointed Ben Wootten and Annie Rice as the two Board negotiators.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None

G. Reports

1. GSA Report – Paul Perkinson’s report is attached to the office minutes.
2. Principal’s Report – Della Martin’s report was handed out and is attached to the office minutes.
3. Superintendent’s Report
 - a. Mark Hurvitt reported on the current arsenic level in the water: March 23, 2012 .3, 2.7 ppb.
 - b. Reported on the status of the two remaining education bills in front of the legislature.
4. PTF Report –

Recent activities include food sales at town meeting, concessions at the play, TV turn off week (after vacation). Also, BHCS was the top dollar school for the Hannaford Help for School Program. BHCS will be awarded \$1000.00 from Hannaford.

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G. Reports (continued)

5. Building and Grounds Committee Report

- a. Jeff Clark from Honeywell presented green options, for the future, to the board as follows:
Pellet boiler, solar domestic hot water and solar PV
The Board will discuss these items in the fall for the 2013-2014 school budget.

6. Other Reports - None

H. Old Business

1. Board Goals 2011-2012

The Board would like to choose one goal for the agenda for the next five months:
May – Curriculum Guides, June – Assessment, July – Curriculum, August – Report Cards,
September – Grade 9-12 oversight.

2. Use of Time Report Follow Up

This report has translated into the K-8 schedule, which Della Martin is working on. A draft schedule will be shared with the Board in May or June. There is consensus that the Board would like to try a different way to schedule music sectionals.

3. The straw poll pre-school vote was 176-104 on April 6, 2012. That gives the Board something to work with as the pre-school discussion advances.

I. New Business

1. Sports Policy Discussion

- a. A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by John Richardson, to allow the Ultimate Frisbee Club to practice on the BHCS Field. The club is organized by John Richardson (unpaid).
Motion passed 5-0.

In May, the Board would like the student handbook included in their packet, so that it can look at the language there about scheduling practices. Della Martin would like to invite several season Athletic Directors to the May meeting.

2. Math Program Approval

A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Annie Rice, to approve the Math in Focus K-6 curriculum for 2012-2013 with the following finance package: \$20,000.00 will be paid from the 2012-2013 budget; \$5,509.15 will be paid from Contingency in the 2011-2012 budget.
Total \$25,509.15. Motion passed 5-0.

3. To See If the Board Wishes to Delegate Their Votes for the Union 93 Joint School Committee Meeting Coming Up on April 30, 2012 at the Penobscot School beginning at 5:30 p.m. -

A motion was made by Annie Rice, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to delegate the Board votes to Ben Wootten.
Motion passed 5-0.

4. Continuing Contract Teachers for 2012-2013

The list was noted.

5. Summary of Accounts

The report was noted.

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I. New Business (continued)

6. A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Susan Keenan, to enter into an Executive Session per 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(D) Legal Rights and Duties of the School System with the Board, Mark Hurvitt and Della Martin. Motion passed 5-0.

Time In: 6:42 p.m. Time Out: 6:53 p.m.

Upon returning to open session, a motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to direct the superintendent to write a letter to Viking Lumber to follow up with their March 26, 2012 correspondence. Motion passed 5-0.

J. Items for Next Month's Agenda

1. Accelerated Math discussion for grades 6-8

K. Signing of Vouchers

The vouchers were signed.

L. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Jon Smallidge at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark E. Hurvitt
Superintendent