

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
June 13, 2012
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. by Chair Pro Tem Ben Wootten followed by the salute to the flag.

Members Present: Ben Wootten; Annie Rice; Susan Keenan; John Richardson; Jon Smallidge arrived at 4:46 p.m.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt; Della Martin; Matt Jurick; Beth Jackson; Tara McKechnie; Kate Kennedy; Vick Davis; Anne Berleant, reporter for *The Penobscot Bay Press*; Samantha Politte; Maryanne Lewandowski

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Annie Rice, to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2012 meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Annie Rice, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

E. Communications

Thank you note to the board from Susan Snyder, Ed. Tech.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

1. Kate Kennedy informed the board that four 8th graders are participating in Project Citizen. There is an enclosure attached to the office minutes.
2. Tara McKechnie suggested that a committee be formed to re-write the sports policy, to make it more lined up with George Stevens Academy. The board was agreeable with that. Susan Keenan will be the board member on the committee.

G. Reports

1. GSA Report – None at this time.
2. Principal's Report – Della Martin's written report is attached to the office minutes.
3. Superintendent's Report –
 - a. Mark Hurvitt reported on the special town meeting on June 15th at 1:15 p.m. to transfer funds.
 - b. He reported on national data on school days, state by state. Maine requires 175 student days. Most states (there are thirty) require 180 student days. Kansas requires 186 and Ohio requires the most with 182 student days.
 - c. Mr. Hurvitt reported on the details of the June 12th bus fire in Orland.
4. PTF Report
Recent events:
 - a. Rebecca Raye was artist in residence.
 - b. PTF bought each student a nice, white Blue Hill 250+ shirt for the June 8th parade.
 - c. PTF will participate in Blue Hill 250 in August. Continued on page 2.

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G. Reports (continued)

*Jon Smallidge arrived.

5. Building and Grounds Committee Report - None

Jon Smallidge reported that there is still an effort to look into replacing the gym ceiling tiles.

6. Other Reports

Matt Jurick reported that the yearbook was hot off the press.

H. Old Business

1. Board Goals 2011-2012

a. Assessment

The board talked about NECAP'S, NWEA's (which we no longer do), Ames-Webb (which we are going to adopt for RTI screening).

2. Use of Time Report Follow Up

There was a lengthy discussion of choice-based specials, which is a big part of the schedule. A survey of parents was proposed.

I. New Business

1. To Review MDI HS Policy

The board discussed MDI's 10% surcharge, their vote of 5-0 in November, 2010 not to pay it, and the consequence of MDI not allowing any Blue Hill students to attend their high school after July 1, 2014. The board did not change their position. Our new Special Ed. Director will need to work with the student's family on this issue.

2. To Consider MSSM Funding for Imogen Page

A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to pay \$7,950.00 for room and board for Imogen Page at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics for the 2012-2013 school year per the enclosed invoice. Motion passed 5-0.

3. To Appoint a Full Time Custodian for the 2012-2013 School Year

A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Annie Rice, to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Deborah Ames as the full-time custodian effective immediately. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Discussion of Field Maintenance

A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Annie Rice, to table this until July. Motion passed 5-0.
The 2012-2013 budget is \$6,000.00.

5. Revisit Homework Time Policy Guidelines

The board discussed the value and amount of homework in light of Blue Hill's written policy. The consensus was that the real value of homework at the elementary school level is that it "sets a habit" for high school.

6. To Award the Rubbish Removal Bid

A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to award the Rubbish Removal Bid to Blue Hill Disposal for the July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 contract year as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

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I. New Business (continued)

7. A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Annie Rice, to award the Fuel Oil Bid for the September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013 contract year to Wardwell Oil, LLC for 16,000 gallons of #2 fuel oil at \$3.17 per gallon totaling \$50,720.00. Motion passed 5-0.
8. Summary of Accounts – The server is down and the report will be emailed in June.
9. Appoint Summer School Teachers
A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Annie Rice, to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Mike Jezak, Heather Nelson and Michelle Schildroth as the 2012 Summer School teachers. Motion passed 5-0.
10. To Approve Teaching Assignments for 2012-2013 School Year -
The board noticed the attached list.
11. A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Annie Rice, to approve offering the two new MEA deductible health plans to employees who are not covered by an association contract. Motion passed 5-0.
12. School Security Discussion
This was tabled until July.
13. To Purchase Up to \$5,500.00 of Singapore Math Books Before June 30, 2012 Out of Contingency
A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to spend up to \$5,500.00 for Singapore Math materials out of contingency before June 30, 2012. Motion passed 5-0.

John Richardson talked about the last two math committee meetings. There is a "3/2" plan in 2012-2013, and a "4/3" plan in 2013-2014, and going forward.

J. Items for Next Month's Agenda

1. Field Maintenance
2. Standing Curriculum Committee
3. School Security
4. NECAP/AYP Report
5. Choice Based Specials

K. Signing of Vouchers

None

L. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Hurvitt
Superintendent of Schools