

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting

September 12, 2012

Blue Hill Consolidated School

Minutes

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by 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, Franklin Burke, Beth Jackson, Matt Jurick, Anne Berleant, reporter for The Penobscot Bay Press, Melissa Emerton, Kathryn Kennedy, Cheryl Boulet, Amy Grant, Chris Muise, Jeanne Lilly, Kelley Columber, Rebecca Howe

B. Flag Salute

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 August 8, 2012 meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

2. A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by John Richardson, to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2012 meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Susan Keenan, to approve the agenda with the addition of I. New Business item #13. To Acknowledge Receipt of the Student Activity & Principal's Funds Comparative Financial Statements. Motion passed 5-0.

E. Communications

None

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None

G. Reports

1. GSA Report - Paul Perkinson's written report is enclosed with the office minutes.

2. Principal's Report – Della Martin's written report is attached to the office minutes.

Plus, the 2011-2012 Science MEA's just arrived for grades 5 & 8.

Grade 5 was three points above the state average. Grade 8 was seven points above the state average.

3. Superintendent's Report

a. Update on Staff Appointments

Mark Hurvitt updated the Board on the eleven new staff appointments.

He thanked Franklin and the maintenance crew for reinstating recycling.

He handed out Policy 5302.1 to be discussed in October.

He reminded the Board about the MSMA Boardmanship Workshop to be held October 15, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

He alerted the Board to the newly passed laws on bullying, restraint and evaluations which they would be hearing about soon, in detail.

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G. Reports (continued)

4. PTF Report

Four meetings this year. September 13th at 6:30 p.m. is the first one. Melissa Emerton and Nancy White are co-chairs.

5. Building and Grounds Committee Report

Franklin Burke reported on recycling, the gym ceiling, the playground, paving at BHCS. There will be a discussion of the snack wagon in November.

6. Other Reports

- a. Curriculum Sub-Committee
None

H. Old Business

1. Board Goals 2011-2012

a. Grade 9-12 Oversight

The Board acknowledged that 9-12 oversight was going better.

2. Security Cameras Follow Up

At the August meeting, the Board voted to install exterior cameras, but not interior cameras. Franklin Burke was not able to attend that meeting. He did, however, attend this one. He felt that exterior cameras without interior cameras would be a waste of money and that nobody would get caught.

The discussion continued for awhile. It was apparent that the right balance of security and freedom was not going to be reached at this meeting. To that end, the Board decided to form a sub-committee to look into this. (John Richardson, Susan Keenan, Franklin Burke, Matt Jurick, and Della Martin). They will have a report at the October meeting. Also, Della will write about this issue in the newsletter.

I. New Business

1. YMCA After School Proposal

Peter Farragher, YMCA Director, came to talk about the YMCA's proposal for an afterschool program at BHCS 2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday – Friday, and also during snow days and workshop days. The YMCA is already doing this in Lamoine, and it is successful. They would provide a 1:13 staff-student ratio in Blue Hill. Seven students would be a minimum. At this point, on average, twelve students go to PMAL everyday from BHCS. Annie Rice and Della (and others) will talk about this, and it will possibly be an action item at the October meeting.

2. Blue Hill Pre-School Discussion

There was a lot of discussion about adding pre-school at BHCS for 2013-2014. The straw poll at Town Meeting indicated, 176-104, that there was support for a pre-school at BHCS at an annual cost of \$60,000.00. There are a lot of options: Off-site, contracting it out, charging parents versus free, building a building on the BHCS campus. There are multiple possibilities of community partnerships with Head Start, Tradewinds, Peninsula Montessori, etc. Della Martin will put together a sub-committee to further this discussion at the October Board meeting.

3. Concussion Discussion

Deb Candage will look at the proposed MSMA policy, make modifications, and to get it to Mark Hurvitt for the October Board meeting.

I. New Business (continued)

4. To Appoint Two Board Negotiators for Support Staff Contract

A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to appoint Ben Wootten and Annie Rice as Board negotiators. Motion passed 5-0.

5. To Approve Copier Lease

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to approve the new 63 month copier lease with Kinney A-COPI. Motion passed 5-0.

6. Discussion of PowerSchool Lunch Module

This was tabled until October.

7. Update on Coaching Appointments for the Fall 2012

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by John Richardson, to follow the Superintendent's nominations and appoint Tara McKechnie as Athletic Director for the Winter, Spring and Fall seasons, Rachel Nightingale as Intramural Soccer Coach, Mark Baxter as the Co-ed "A" Soccer Coach and Deb Tapley as the Assistant Cross Country Coach for the 2012-2013 school year noting the changes in stipends. Motion passed 5-0.

8. To Set School Board Goals for 2012-2013 School Year

This was tabled until October.

9. Annual Report from the Union 93 Certification Support Team

This was tabled until October.

10. To Appoint a Member to the MSBA Delegation

A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Annie Rice, to appoint Jon Smallidge as the member to the MSBA Delegation. Motion passed 5-0.

11. To Appoint a Member to the Superintendent Evaluation Committee

A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by John Richardson, to appoint Ben Wootten to the Superintendent Evaluation Committee. Motion passed 5-0.

12. To Approve BEEM Grants

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by John Richardson, to approve the three BEEM Grants totaling \$6,800.00. (M. Granger - \$1,000.00, M. Jezak - \$4,800.00, P. Clapp -\$1,000.00) Motion passed 5-0.

13. A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to acknowledge receipt of the Blue Hill Consolidated School Student Activity & Principal's Funds Comparative Financial Statements with Independent Auditor's Report for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2012 and 2011. Motion passed 5-0.

J. Items for Next Month's Agenda

As noted.

K. Signing of Vouchers – The vouchers were signed.

L. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Jon Smallidge.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Hurvitt
Superintendent