

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
October 10, 2012
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Jon Smallidge, followed by the salute to the flag.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt; Della Martin, Matt Jurick, Kyle Snow, Beth Jackson, Deb Kingston, Tara McKechnie, Kelley Columber, Kathy Hally, Heather Nelson, Maryanne Lewandowski, Anne Berleant, reporter for *The Penobscot Bay Press*, Kate Kennedy, Amy Grant, Chris Muise, Peter Farragher

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Annie Rice, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2012 meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Annie Rice, seconded by Susan Keenan, to approve the agenda with the addition of I. New Business item #8. Library Discussion and I. New Business item #9. Boston Trip and moving the executive session to I. New Business item #10. and moving H. Old Business item #2. YMCA to G. Other Reports. Motion passed 5-0.

E. Communications

The Middle School Science Report will be in November.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None

G. Reports

* YMCA After School Proposal Discussion

There was a brief discussion of this proposal, which was presented to the board in October.

Answering some questions for the Board was Peter Farragher from the YMCA.

- They would like to start in January.
- They will prepare a proposed contract from January to June for the Board to approve.
- Scholarships are available.
- They propose to serve seven to twenty-six children K-6.

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by John Richardson, to support the concept of the YMCA After School Program, pending the formal signing of the contract.

Motion passed 5-0.

PMAL also gave a presentation, with a handout, of their after school program on the Mines Road in Blue Hill.

1. GSA Report – Paul Perkinson’s written report is attached to the office minutes.
2. Principal’s Report – Della Martin’s written report is attached to the office minutes. She also talked about the Math program. Continued on page 2.

G. Reports (continued)

3. Superintendent's Report – Mark Hurvitt reminded the Board about the Boardsmanship Workshop with Dale Douglass on Monday, October 15th at 5:00 PM. Also, there is no news on the Viking Lumber Lien.
4. PTF Report – In 2012-2013, four meeting per year. The next one will be on November 1st. Saturday, October 27th is school-wide clean up day. They are working on getting a popcorn machine.
5. Building and Grounds Committee Report – Franklin Burke's report was handed out.
6. Other Reports
 - a. Curriculum Sub-Committee – Matt Jurick and Maryanne Lewandowski reported on report card work. They are working on revising the current reporting structure and getting grades more definitive. Matt Jurick handed out a new report card draft. There was a discussion on grading. Ben Wootten, again, brought up frequency of reporting as a paramount issue.

H. Old Business

1. Security Cameras Follow Up Discussion
Lots of continued discussion on this topic. Mark Hurvitt will get an opinion from MSMA on the distinction between security and student behavior in the context of liability. This discussion will continue in November.
2. YMCA After School Proposal Discussion – Discussed earlier.
3. Blue Hill Pre-School Discussion
The first meeting on this will be the week of October 15th with the sub-committee. This will be an agenda item in November.
4. Concussion Discussion
Debbie Candage shared her input with this policy. Mark Hurvitt will include her suggestions in a draft for a first reading in November.
5. Policy 5302.1 Discussion – No changes were made.

I. New Business

1. Discussion of PowerSchool Lunch Module
We are not using the point of sale interface as well as the debiting system. Credit card processing is a separate piece. The Board decided, by consensus, not to employ this module at this time.
2. Coaching Appointments
A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by John Richardson, to change Rachel Nightingale's soccer contract from Intramural Soccer Coach (\$650.00 stipend) to a "B" Team Soccer Coach (\$800.00 stipend). Motion passed 5-0.
3. To Set School Board Goals for 2012-2013 School Year
A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by John Richardson, to focus on two goals for 2012-2013, assessment and report cards, as there are already myriad initiatives going on.

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I. New Business (continued)

4. Annual Report from the Union 93 Certification Support Team was noted.

5. To Award Snow Plow Bid

A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Ben Wootten, to follow the superintendent's recommendation and to award the Snow Plow Bid to Adam Gray at \$365.00 per storm for plowing, \$75.00 per hour plus trucking per storm for removal, if needed for the 2012-2013 school year. Motion passed 5-0.

6. To Award Snow Shoveling Bid

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to award the Snow Shoveling of Sidewalks and Doorways to James LaCasse at \$105.00 per storm for the 2012-2013 school year. Motion passed 5-0.

7. Possible Ed. Tech. Appointments

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Susan Keenan, to follow the superintendent's nominations and appoint the following staff for the 2012-2013 school year:

Laura Maier as an Ed. Tech. II replacing Mark Ensworth;

Laura Gatcomb as an Ed. Tech. I replacing Christina Jezak

and authorize the superintendent to hire and inform the Board in November about a new Ed. Tech. II in grade 1, out of local entitlement, per I.E.P. Motion passed 5-0.

8. A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by John Richardson, to approve supplementary work from Beth Jackson, while she is on leave, at a rate of \$39.11 per hour. The actual number of hours not to be exceeded will be decided on in November. Motion passed 5-0.

9. A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by John Richardson, to approve Maryanne Lewandowski's Boston trip for grade 6, as it is over 150 miles from Blue Hill.

Motion passed 5-0.

10. Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A) Labor Contract Negotiations

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by John Richardson, to enter into executive session per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A) for the purpose of Labor Contract Negotiations Updates with the Board and Mark Hurvitt. Motion passed 5-0.

Time In: 7:42 p.m. Time Out: 7:55 p.m.

There was no action upon returning to open session.

J. Items for Next Month's Agenda

None at this time.

K. Signing of Vouchers

The vouchers were signed.

L. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Hurvitt
Superintendent of Schools