

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
November 14, 2012
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Chair Jon Smallidge, followed by the salute to the flag.

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

Members Absent: Susan Keenan

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt, Della Martin, Beth Jackson, Franklin Burke, Anne Berleant, reporter for *The Penobscot Bay Press*, Shelley Latham, Mrs. Schweizer, Katie Danielson, Matt Jurick, Kate Kennedy, Deb Kingston, Melissa Emerton, Tara McKechnie, Jim Schatz

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 October 10, 2012 meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Annie Rice, seconded by John Richardson, to approve the agenda with an amendment to table H. Old Business item #3. and add I. New Business item #8. Laptop Filter Discussion. Motion passed 4-0.

E. Communications

Jim Schatz confirmed that Blue Hill Consolidated School's lease with GSA expires in 2087. He mentioned that Tradewinds and GSA are looking into building a track in back of BHCS on George Stevens Academy's land with access from Union Street. Mr. Schatz will keep the BHCS Board informed.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

There was quite a bit of discussion about the sixth grade field trip to the MFA in Boston. There is \$1000.00 budgeted for this trip. This year, the approximate cost will be \$2,600.00. Board policy #3101 states that all out of state field trips must be half fundraised. Several parents desired that the Board pay the remaining \$1,600.00 to cover this trip. They felt that the policy should be changed. A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Annie Rice, for the Board to add an additional \$300.00 to this trip, thereby making up half, per policy. Motion passed 3-1.
(John Richardson – Nay)

Steve Williamson disagreed with this decision and said that he would underwrite the difference himself (\$1,300.00). John Richardson suggested that the policy could be reviewed before next fall.

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 enclosed with the office minutes.
 3. Superintendent's Report:
 - Mr. Hurvitt reported that he and Jon Smallidge attended the MSMA Fall Conference this year.
 - He handed out the Budget Development Schedule.
 - He reminded the Board about the Monday, November 26th meeting beginning at 5:00-6:30 p.m.
 - Mr. Hurvitt reported that Bryan Lescord is the new Education Technician II for a 1st grade student.
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G. Reports (continued)

4. PTF Report – Beth Jackson reported the following:
The first movie night gained \$215.00 towards the popcorn machine.
The Craft Fair is on November 17th in the gym.
New discount cards available for 2013 for \$10.00.
5. Building and Grounds Committee Report – Franklin Burke reported:
A leak in Loretta Smith’s office; Megan Granger’s room had an electrical problem; the gym ceiling will be repaired and painted next week; Honeywell is doing a good job; the thermostats are working well; the water testing is good.
6. Other Reports
 - a. Curriculum Sub-Committee
The committee has not met.

H. Old Business

1. Security Cameras Follow Up Discussion
The sub-committee met and came up with the following proposal:
 - Cameras installed inside and outside.
 - Outside cameras 24/7.
 - Inside cameras 2:45 p.m. -7:00 a.m.
 - The exception is the computer room and main office which will be 24/7.
 - They will run on holidays and weekends 24/7.

A motion was made by Annie Rice, seconded by Ben Wootten, to approve the sub-committee’s recommendation. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Blue Hill Pre-School Discussion
There have been two meetings since the October 10th School Committee meeting. There is a need for useful budget numbers by the December Board meeting.
3. First Reading of Concussion Policy – This was tabled until the December meeting.
4. YMCA After School Program Proposed Contract
 - Need YMCA contract for December.
 - Need to change wording in policy #1320.1A to reflect intent. This will be a December item.

I. New Business

1. Ice Cream Trailer Discussion
A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by John Richardson, to empower the PTF to use its best judgment in selling the Ice Cream Trailer and directing the proceeds to the school playground fund. Della Martin will write a letter to Tradewinds. Motion passed 4-0.
2. First Reading of Amended Sports Policy
The Board went over the proposed policy, making many revisions. Tara McKechnie will have a new draft for the Board at their December meeting. This would replace policy #5010 and procedure 5010.1, if ultimately approved.
3. The October 1, 2012 Enrollment Report was noted.

I. New Business (continued)

4. Coaching Appointments

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Annie Rice, to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint the following coaches for the 2012-2013 school year: Mike Astbury, Boys "A" Basketball Coach - \$1,050; Mark Baxter, Boys "B" Basketball Coach – \$900; Brad Miltner, Girls "A" Basketball Coach \$1,050; John McKechnie, Girls "B" Basketball Coach - \$900; Mark Baxter, Intramural Basketball, \$650; Sara Brown, Cheering Using \$700 out of the Swing Basketball stipend. Motion passed 4-0.

5. To Approve Beth Jackson's Supplementary Work

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by John Richardson, to approve Beth Jackson's proposal. Motion passed 4-0.

6. To See If the Board Wishes to Delegate Their Votes for the Upcoming Nov. 20th Joint Union #93 School Committee Meeting at the Penobscot School –

A motion was made by Annie Rice, seconded by John Richardson, to delegate their votes to Ben Wootten. Motion passed 4-0.

7. Sports Stipends Discussion

Annie Rice will work on this list for the 2013-2014 budget with an eye toward changing stipend numbers in line with time expectations.

8. Filter Discussion

John Richardson brought up that the BHCS MLTI laptops didn't appear to have filtering software on them. That was true. Mark Hurvitt recalled that the Board had this discussion within the past two years and that some decision were made. He will research the minutes. Kate Kennedy brought up that there should be a technology curriculum. A group of concerned adults will meet on this topic, and it will be raised again at the December meeting after more information has been gathered.

9. 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 an executive session per 1 M.R.S.A. § (6)(A) for the purpose of labor contract negotiations updates with the Board and Mark Hurvitt.

Motion passed 4-0.

Time In: 7:33 p.m.

Time Out: 7:37 p.m.

There was no action upon returning to open session.

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

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by John Richardson, to enter into an executive session per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(E) for the purpose of settlement negotiations with the Board, Mark Hurvitt and Della Martin. Motion passed 4-0.

Time In: 7:38 p.m.

Time Out: 7:44 p.m.

Upon returning to open session, a motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Annie Rice to settle the claim with Viking Lumber for \$2,500.00, as was originally offered on 12/20/2011.

Motion passed 4-0.

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J. Items for Next Month's Agenda

1. Under New Business – Time Limit for Board Meetings

K. Signing of Vouchers – The vouchers were signed.

L. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Hurvitt
Superintendent of Schools