

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
June 12, 2013
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes

A. Call to Order

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

Members Present: John Richardson, Ben Wootten, Jan Snow, Susan Keenan, Annie Rice

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt, Della Martin, Sheila Irvine, Beth Jackson, Matt Jurick, Mark Baxter, Vicki Davis, Franklin Burke, Maryanne Lewandowski, Michelle Schildroth, Heather Nelson, Kathy Hally, Harry Vinall

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. A motion was made by Annie Rice, seconded by Susan Keenan, to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2013 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 the following amendments: Move I.8 to G. 7, Delete I.2, add Library Weeding Proposal to I.2., add Speech Teacher Hire G.8 and to move I. 6. to G.5.b. Motion passed 5-0.

E. Communications

There were no communications.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

There were no comments or questions from the public.

G. Reports

1. GSA Report – Ben Wootten met with the GSA Building and Grounds Committee. He asked the BHCS Board: How much land are we talking about? What is the board's time frame? What are the options to be considered (lease, purchase)? The board consensus is that there is no rush.
2. Principal's Report – Della Martin's written report is attached to the office minutes.
 - a. Science Program Update
The Science Curriculum sequence was clarified. The board would like to revisit Middle School Science in March.
3. Superintendent's Report
 - LD530 (To curb the power of the Commissioner on overturning superintendent agreements) is making its way through the legislature. Until then, the Blue Hill Board will keep with its current policy on residence.
 - Special Town Meeting to transfer funds for 2012-2013 on June 21st at 1:30 p.m.
 - Mr. Hurvitt handed out Chelsea Robbins' resignation from her Ed.Tech. position.
4. PTF Report
Heather Nelson gave the report. The Ice Cream Truck sold for \$4,000.00. The money will be used for playground improvement, per board decision. Hannaford gave Blue Hill \$1,000.00, and a new popcorn machine was purchased. Heather is stepping down as Co-Chair as is the other Co-Chair, Nancy White.

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G. Reports (continued)

5. Building and Grounds Committee Report

- a. Franklin Burke filled the board in that he got a \$295.00 rebate check from Gilman Electric. Ben Wootten brought a proposal from Lewis and Malm for a space/facility study for BHCS. It was \$6,900.00. The board discussed this thoroughly. A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Annie Rice, to spend up to \$6,900.00 on the Lewis and Malm proposal, and to not go out to bid, owing to Lewis and Malm's familiarity with BHCS, as they were the architects. This money should be spent in the 2012-2013 budget. Motion passed 5-0.

b. To Approve Franklin Burke as Head Custodian for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year -

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jan Snow, to follow the Superintendent's nomination and to appoint Franklin Burke as Head Custodian for the 2013-2014 fiscal year with the contract presented. Motion passed 5-0.

6. Other Reports

a. Math Program Year End Presentation

- Heather Nelson reported that the pacing has been a challenge in Kindergarten.
- Kathy Hally reported that she likes just doing one thing at a time. There have been no tears. She has gotten through 17 units. The students have liked it.
- Shelly Schildroth reported for grades 3-5. This will take some time to work out the details. It is aligned to the Common Core, which is good. Computation scores should improve. She is disappointed with the quality of the manipulatives. It's a big shift from Everyday Math which was more scripted. Math in Focus is teacher-led, and not as many games.
- Vicki Davis reported for grades 6-8. Both she, and Marianne Lewandowski, really like it. It is connected to the Common Core. There are fewer topics, and it's more in-depth. It's heavy in problem-solving. They are happy with the way it is laid out. Like grades 3-5, they commented that the manipulatives are cheap.

7. Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. 405 § (6)(F) Review of Confidential Records

A motion was made by Jan Snow, seconded by Ben Wootten, to enter into an executive session per 1 M.R.S.A. 405 § (6)(F) with the board, Mark Hurvitt, Della Martin, Beth Jackson, Loretta Smith, Lee Libby, from the MEA, for the purpose of review of confidential records.

Motion passed 5-0.

Time In: 6:05 p.m.

Time Out: 6:27 p.m.

There was no action upon returning to open session.

8. A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Annie Rice, to follow the Superintendent's nomination and to hire Kristin Burch for two hours a week at BHCS for speech.

Motion passed 5-0.

H. Old Business

1. Policy Committee Update

The next meeting is June 26th at 3:00 p.m. Annie Rice will skype in. There will be an update at the next meeting.

* Mark Hurvitt left the meeting and Sheila Irvine took over for the Superintendent.

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H. Old Business (continued)

2. Printed Policy Manual/Website

A motion was made by Annie Rice, seconded by Ben Wootten, to have the website be the policy book of record, not the hard copy books. Jan Snow, however, would like to keep hers.

Motion passed 5-0.

3. Emergency Plan Update

This is still be worked on and will be an agenda item in August.

I. New Business

1. Pre K Discussion

Working with three different consultants. The first committee meeting will be in July. Proposal to the board in September.

2. Library Weeding

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jan Snow, to grant the additional 70 hours to Beth Jackson for library weeding. This will need to be accomplished before June 30th.

Motion passed 5-0.

3. To Award the Rubbish Bid -

A motion was made by Jan Snow, seconded by Annie Rice, to award the rubbish bid to Blue Hill Disposal for the July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014 contract year at the same rates as last year.

Motion passed 5-0.

4. To Approve the Building Fuel Oil Bid for the September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014 Contract Year -

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jan Snow, to award the building fuel oil bid to Wardwell's Oil Company for the purchase of 17,000 gallons of #2 fuel oil at \$3.105 cents per gallon totaling \$52,785.00 for the September 1, 2013 thru August 31, 2014 contract year.

Motion passed 5-0.

5. To Approve the Draft 2013-2014 School Year Calendar -

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Annie Rice, to approve the draft 2013-2014 school year calendar as presented.

Motion passed 5-0.

6. Moved to 5.b.

7. To Approve New Special Education Nominee

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jan Snow, to follow the Superintendent's nomination and to appoint Chelsea Robbins as a special education teacher for the 2013-2014 school year on a first year probationary teacher's contract.

Motion passed 5-0.

J. Items for Next Month's Agenda

Middle School Board Presentations 2013-2014

K. Signing of Vouchers – The vouchers were signed.

L. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Hurvitt
Superintendent

Sheila Irvine
Director of Special Services