

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
August 14, 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, Annie Rice, Susan Keenan arrived at 5:02 p.m.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt, Della Martin, Rachel Kohrman-Ramos, Sheila Irvine, Nell Herrmann, Mark and Ranata Scarano

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. A motion was made by Jan Snow, seconded by Ben Wootten, to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2013 meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

* Susan Keenan arrived.

D. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Jan Snow, seconded by Annie Rice, to approve the agenda with an amendment to move

- I. #13. to H.#1. Motion passed 5-0.

E. Communications

1. Rachel Kohrman-Ramos – Update on Leaping Literacy

Rachel spoke about the Blue Hill literacy camp at the Library. It has been quite a success with thirty participants.

This could pave the way for an after school program.

2. Mark and Ranata Scarano came to see if their five year old daughter could attend kindergarten at BHCS. They own 100 acres, 80 of which, with the house, is in Penobscot. Twenty acres are in Blue Hill. The Board was very sympathetic, but pointed to their residency policy and determined that the Scaranos are Penobscot residents. Thus, they did not make an exception.

3. Mark handed out a track letter from David Stearns.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None at this time.

G. Reports

1. GSA Report – None at this time.

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

3. Superintendent's Report – Mark Hurvitt mentioned the following:

Melissa Norwood is transferring from Grade 1 to Grade 4; Melanie Cote has resigned to become an Elementary Principal in Washburn; Bryan Lescord is transferring from Ed. Tech. II to Ed. Tech. III; Kate Kennedy has resigned to teach Middle School in Bangor.

4. PTF Report

None.

5. Building and Grounds Committee Report

Franklin Burke reported that a set of steps out back were rebuilt; there is painting in the 6-8 wing; a new gym fountain; the gym floor is finished; the Spanish and Guidance rooms are repainted and the floor waxing is done.

6. Other Reports

None

I. New Business

13. Middle School Sports Language Change to Policy #5010

A motion was made by Jan Snow, seconded by Annie Rice to approve the changes in policy #5010, as amended.

Motion passed 5-0.

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H. Old Business

1. Update on LD530

Mark Hurvitt pointed out that it is the lead article in the 8/1/13 packet.

2. Board Goals for 2013-2014

John Richardson assigned four Board members four different goals to write up for the September meeting to approve.

3. Emergency Plan

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jan Snow, to give concept approval for the “Kennebec Plan”.

Final approval will be in September.

Motion passed 5-0.

4. Report from the Facilities Use Committee

Mark Hurvitt filled the Board in about the recent meetings with Rick Malm, Architect. The committee will meet one more time before the September meeting. There is a possibility that Rick Malm could come to the Board in either September or October.

I. New Business

1. Review of the NCLB Application for Public Discussion

Rachel Kohrman-Ramos went over the Title IA (\$34,684.00) and Title IIA.

2. To Approve Blue Hill First Student Bus Drivers for 2013-2014

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Annie Rice, to approve the list of First Student Bus Drivers and authorize Mark Hurvitt to have the discretion to approve Bus A, once the driver is assigned on August 22nd.

Motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Jan Snow, seconded by Susan Keenan, to enter into an executive session per 1 M.R.S.A.

§ 405 (6)(A) on contract discussion with the Board and Mark Hurvitt.

Motion passed 5-0.

Time In: 6:32 p.m.

Time Out: 6:40 p.m.

There was no action upon returning to open session.

3. First Readings of the Following Policies:

a. Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students -5601(Enc)

b. Student Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedure – 5601(Enc)

c. Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees -4702 (Enc)

d. Employee Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedure – 4702 (Enc)

e. Nondiscrimination /Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action – 4300 (Enc)

This was tabled until the September meeting.

4. To Approve the School Handbook for the 2013-2014 School Year

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jan Snow, to approve the school handbook with appropriate clean up.

Motion passed 5-0.

5. To Approve the Faculty Handbook for the 2013-2014 School Year

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jan Snow, to approve the faculty handbook. Motion passed 5-0.

Annie Rice will work with Della Martin on pick up and drop off parking.

6. To Appoint a School Physician for the 2013-2014 School Year

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jan Snow, to follow the Superintendent’s recommendation

and to appoint Marjorie Olivari, M.D. as the School Physician for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion passed 5-0.

* A motion was made by Annie Rice, seconded by Ben Wootten, to continue the meeting past two hours.

Motion passed 5-0.

7. To Approve School Lunch/Breakfast Pricing for the 2013-2014 School Year

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Susan Keenan, to keep everything the same except:

Student Lunch Paid - \$2.55 to \$2.60 and Adult Lunch - \$5.00 to \$5.50.

Motion passed 5-0.

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I. New Business (continued)

8. To Give School Board Concept Approval of Federal Grants for the 2013-2014 School Year

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jan Snow, to give school board concept approval of Federal grants for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion passed 5-0.

9. To Appoint Coaches for the Fall

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jan Snow, to follow the Superintendent's nomination of the following coaching appointments for the 2013-2014 school year: Mike Astbury, Jr. – "A" Soccer Coach; Sara Brown – Cheering Coach; Bill Schubeck – Jazz Band Director. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jan Snow, to authorize Mark Hurvitt to hire other fall coaches and inform the Board in September. Motion passed 5-0.

10. To Appoint New Hires for the 2013-2014 School Year

A motion was made by Jan Snow, seconded by Annie Rice, to follow the Superintendent's nomination and to appoint Nell Herrmann as the Grade 8 teacher, going onto a 1st year probationary teaching contract. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Annie Rice, to follow the Superintendent's nomination and to appoint Victoria George as the Grade 1 teacher position, going onto a 1st year probationary teaching contract. Motion passed 5-0.

11. To Acknowledge Receipt of the Student Activity & Principal's Funds Comparative Financial Statements with Independent Auditor's Report for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 – The Board acknowledged the report.

12. 2013-2014 YMCA Program Approval

Crystal, from the YMCA came. There were nine students last year. In 2013-2014, they would like 15-20.

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Annie Rice, to approve the program. Motion passed 5-0.
Mark Hurvitt mentioned to Crystal, that we'll need a signed MOU.

13. Middle School Sports Language Change to Policy 5010 – Moved earlier on the agenda.

J. Items for Next Month's Agenda

K. Signing of Vouchers – The vouchers were signed.

L. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 by Chair John Richardson.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Hurvitt
Superintendent of Schools