

**Blue Hill School Committee Meeting**  
**June 11, 2014**  
**Blue Hill Consolidated School**  
**Minutes**

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Chair John Richardson, followed by the salute to the flag.

Members Present: John Richardson, Ben Wootten, Annie Rice, Jan Snow, Sean Walsh

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt, Della Martin, Rachel Kohrman-Ramos, Nell Herrmann, Tracy Gandy, Matt Jurick, Stephen Williamson, Jessica Hutchins-Conrad, Kat Hudson, Tara McKechnie

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jan Snow, to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2014 meeting.  
Motion passed 5-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Sean Walsh, to approve the agenda with the addition of G.5. Matt Jurick's Proposal and I. #7. School Cleanliness.  
Motion passed 5-0.

E. Communications

1. Science Presentation – Tara McKechnie presented the K-5 Talk Science curriculum. Nell Herrmann presented the 6-8 SEPUP Science curriculum. Both meet the Next Gen Science standards.
2. Teacher Evaluation Presentation – Rachel Kohrman-Ramos and Mark Hurvitt gave an overview of the new teacher evaluation law, pertaining to Blue Hill. Tara McKechnie, Shelley Schildroth, Anita Black, and Jan Snow are on the committee.

Also, Rachel gave an overview of the three week Leaping Literacy program, taught by Shelley Schildroth and Lindsey Simmons at the Blue Hill Public Library.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

Steve Williamson was concerned with Blue Hill's "C" grade and said that writing needs improvement. He noted that the board started adopting its policies in 1974, so there have been board policies for 40 years.

G. Reports

1. GSA Report – The written report was handed out and is attached to the office minutes.
2. Principal's Report – Della Martin's written report was handed out and it is attached to the office minutes.
3. Superintendent's Report –
  - a. Mark Hurvitt reported that Sewall visited June 3-4 to do the facilities assessment.
  - b. Three color printers weren't working well. As of June 9<sup>th</sup>, two of those have been switched out and updated. The last one will be fixed.
4. PTF Report – The PTF is working on Field Day.
5. Matt Jurick is working on a \$20,000.00 proposal for the BHCS Stem Shop. This will merge technology and library media. He will need \$5,000.00 from the Blue Hill budget of unbudgeted money. Thus, there was a potential meeting set on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m., if there are 2013-2014 funds available to approve.

H. Old Business

1. Amended Board Goals – The board amended its' goals. It will be enclosed in the July agenda packet.

I. New Business

1. First Reading of the Librarian Job Description – Della Martin will revise for a second reading in July.
2. Possible Hiring Nominations  
A motion was made by Jan Snow, seconded by Ben Wootten, to follow the nomination of Mark Hurvitt and to appoint Kat Hudson to a first year probationary teaching contract, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Jan Snow, seconded by Ben Wootten, to follow the nomination of Mark Hurvitt and to appoint Jessica Hutchins-Conrad to a first year probationary teaching contract, Pre-School, for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion passed 5-0.  
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**I. New Business (continued)**

3. To Appoint Two Board Negotiators

A motion was made by Annie Rice, seconded by Sean Walsh, to appoint Ben Wootten and Jan Snow, with Annie Rice as the alternate. Motion passed 5-0.

Starting in July the board would like an executive session for the purpose of negotiations placed on each agenda, going forward, as a standing item. Also, under New Business, in July, Jan Snow will do a brief training on interest-based negotiations for the board.

4. To Award the Rubbish Bid

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jan Snow to award the Rubbish Bid to Blue Hill Disposal, LLC for the July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 contract year. Motion passed 5-0.

5. To Award the Building Fuel Oil for the September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015 Contract Year -

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Sean Walsh to award the Building Fuel Bid to Wardwell Oil for the purchase of 17,500 gallons of #2 fuel oil at \$3.12 per gallon totaling \$54,600.00 for the 2014-2015 contract year. Motion passed 5-0.

6. To Appoint Summer School Teachers for 2014

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jan Snow, to hire Sara Brown K-2, Cathy Gage 3-5, and Mike Jezak 6-8 as the summer school teachers. Motion passed 5-0.  
Sara Brown and Cathy Gage will be paid \$25.00 per hour by contract, while the board decided to pay Mike Jezak \$25.00 per hour even though he is not covered by the teacher contract. Plus, Cathy Gage will need to miss one week, and the board charged Della Martin to find an appropriate substitute, also at \$25.00 per hour.

\* A motion was made by Jan Snow, seconded by Annie Rice, to extend the meeting beyond two hours. Motion passed 5-0.

7. School Cleanliness Discussion

The board has a concern with school cleanliness. A discussion ensued about possibly hiring a cleaning service. The board would like to place this item on the July agenda to discuss it further.

J. Items for Next Month's Agenda

K. Signing of Vouchers – The vouchers were signed.

L. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m. by Chair John Richardson.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Hurvitt  
Superintendent of Schools