

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 10, 2014 – 5:00pm
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes

A. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:01pm by Chair John Richardson.

Members Present: John Richardson, Sean Walsh, Ben Wootten, Annie Rice, Jan Snow at 5:03.

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt, Della Martin, Wilson King, Tracy Gandy, Paul Perkinson, Greg Holman, Sarah King, Matt Jurick, Gary Loft

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Sean Walsh, to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2014 meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

Jan Snow arrived at 5:03 pm. A motion was made by Annie Rice, seconded by Sean Walsh, to accept agenda; adding I3 Preschool Construction and switching H with I. Motion passed 5-0.

E. Communications

1. Joe Cox, Simplex, concerning smoke detectors.

Joe came to talk with the Board about the details of the smoke detector issue. The Board asked many questions. A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Annie Rice, to accept the complete replacement proposal from Simplex for \$10,815.00; to take the money from the 2014-15 contingency, and to have the work done over Christmas vacation. Motion passed 5-0.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None

G. Reports

1. GSA Report

Paul Perkinson was present to give the GSA report which is attached to the office minutes.

2. Principal's Report

Handed out and attached to office minutes. Also, the Wilson Museum is giving its Robin Bray award to Kyle Snow.

3. Superintendent's Report

1. Inform Board on winter coaches

1. Jim Dow, Boys' A Basketball

2. Amber Jones, Cheering

3. Nell Hermann, Chess

4. Read GSA track email; will be a January agenda item

5. A motion was made by Jan Snow, seconded by Ben Wootten, to hire Brian Townsend, ET 1, for 10 hours per week, for GSA 9th grader, per IEP.

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4. PTF Report

Biggest craft fair ever on November 22, 2014. Movie nights will be starting soon.

5. Building and Grounds Committee Report (Franklin Burke)

Franklin is attending a relicensing water operator conference. Mark gave Franklin's report in his absence.

H. Old Business

1. Board Goals

The goal was recast. A small committee will be formed with Ben, John, 2 teachers and Della Martin to address all the components of the goal.

2. Principal Search Process

Much discussion ensued about the composition of the committee. The decision: Sean Walsh, Annie Rice, Jan Snow from the Board; Mark Hurvitt, Superintendent; Tara McKechnie and Katie Danielson of the BHCS staff and 2 PTF appointed representatives; making 8 in all.

3. Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A) for the Purpose of Negotiations

A motion was made by Jan Snow, seconded by Ben Wootten, to enter Executive Session at 6:30pm. Motion passed 5-0.

Exited Executive Session at 6:59pm with no action taken.

I. New Business

1. School budgeting 2015-16

Lots of pieces will need to fit together for the budget to fall in line. The Board will start work on the first draft on January 14, 2015.

2. Delegation of votes for Union Board meeting on Monday, December 15, 2014 @5:30pm at the Penobscot Community School

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Sean Walsh, to delegate the votes to John.

3. Preschool Construction

There was a need to re-affirm the renovation plan for the kindergarten room in light of the current enrollment of 18. By consensus, the Board decided to move ahead with the plan to have Jon Smallidge do the work over Christmas vacation. Motion passed 5-0.

J. Items for Next Month's Agenda

1. GSA Track

2. Traits and Characteristics of the New Principal Discussion in Cafeteria

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K. Signing of Vouchers

The vouchers were signed.

L. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm by Chair John Richardson.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hurvitt
Superintendent of Schools