

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 2015 – 5:00pm
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes

A. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:03pm by Chair John Richardson.

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt, Della Martin, Sarah King, Karen Larkin, Tracy Gandy, Matt Jurick, Shelly Schildroth, Franklin Burke, Jr., Kelly Columber, Patty Clapp, Dick Marshuetz, Lisa Arhontes-Marshall, David Stearns, Paul Perkinson, Greg Holman

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 December 10, 2014 meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jan Snow, to approve the agenda after adding: I2, Advertising in school newsletters and I3 Patty Clapp request. Motion passed 5-0.

E. Communications

1. Shelly Schildroth – Curriculum Report
Shelly gave the curriculum report, focusing on 3 items.
2. Mark passed out a letter to the Board from the middle school staff.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

1. Traits and Characteristics for the New Principal – Discussion
 1. Ben has contacted Gordon Donaldson
 2. Karen Larkin has a list from K-2 which she will provide to the school reps.
 3. Shelly felt that the new principal needs to be skilled in teacher evaluations, and needs to feel comfortable having conversations about pedagogy with teachers.

G. Reports

1. GSA Report (Track Request)
David Stearns requested paving a long-jump runway at BHCS this summer. GSA would pay for the paving, BHCS would maintain the space. Track has really caught on at BHCS and GSA recently. The Board thanked David about that. A motion was made by Sean Walsh, seconded by Ben Wootten, to approve the plan. Motion passed 5-0.

Paul Perkinson then gave the GSA report (which is attached to the office minutes) and went off to a basketball game afterwards.

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2. Principal's Report

The Principal's report was handed out and is attached to the office minutes.

3. Superintendent's Report

1. Reported on State dollars for reimbursement
2. Reported that Kathy Koontz is retiring in June.
3. Reported that Kelcey Snowdeal has taken over cheering from Amber Jones.

4. PTF Report

New activities include snowshoeing, chess club, author visits

5. Building and Grounds Committee Report (Franklin Burke)

Franklin reported:

1. Propane leak in kitchen taken care of
2. Wall in pre-k is done
3. Band room work is 60% complete
4. Freezer issues slowly being addressed
5. Simplex needs to schedule fire alarm repairs

H. New Business

1. First reading of Wellness Policy

Second reading in February.

2. Advertising in school newsletters

The Board would like to look at a sample advertising in schools policy in February.

3. Patty Clapp's leave request

A motion was made by Annie Rice, seconded by Jan Snow, to grant Patty Clapp 1 week leave, under 11.1 of the contract; using 3 personal days, to go to Okinawa very soon.

Motion passed 5-0.

When she returns, Mark will address her April/May request with her.

I. Old Business

1. First Draft of Budget

Handed out. Will go over line by line on January 20, 2015 at 5:00pm.

2. Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A) for the Purpose of Negotiations (followed by possible vote)

A motion was made by Jan Snow, seconded by Sean Walsh, to enter Executive Session at 6:29pm.

Motion passed 5-0.

Exited Executive Session at 6:44pm. A motion was made by Jan Snow, seconded by Sean Walsh, to accept new 3-year contract with the teachers, starting 9/1/2015, as proposed.

Motion passed 5-0.

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I. Old Business continued

3. Executive Session per § 405 (6)(A) for Personnel Contracts

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jan Snow, to enter Executive Session at 6:47pm with Della Martin and Franklin Burke.

Motion passed 5-0.

Exited Executive Session at 8:07pm with no action taken.

J. Items for Next Month's Agenda

1. Second Reading of Wellness Policy (enc)
2. Advertising in school newsletters (enc)
3. Executive Session per § 405 (6)(A) for Personnel Contract (Debbie Candage)
4. Board Goals (enc)

K. Signing of Vouchers

The vouchers were signed.

L. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm by Chair John Richardson.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hurvitt
Superintendent of Schools