

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
March 10, 2005
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes

A. Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Pro Tem Ben Wootten followed by the salute to the flag.

Members Present: Ben Wootten; Trish Pettigrew; Jon Smallidge

Members Absent: Ann Louise d'Entremont; Prudy Heilner

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt; Fred Cole; Frank Wanning; Issac Kestenbaum; Dave Cosenza, Supervisor from John T. Cyr Bus Lines; Brian, bus driver, from John T. Cyr Bus Lines.

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Agenda

Trish Pettigrew moved, and Jon Smallidge seconded, to approve the agenda as presented.

The motion passed 3-0.

D. Approval of Minutes of Previous School Board Meeting

1. Jon Smallidge moved, and Trish Pettigrew seconded to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2005 meeting.

The motion passed 3-0.

E. Communications

Ben Wootten thanked Trish Pettigrew for her seven years of excellent service to the board. The board presented her with a plant.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None

G. Information

1. GSA Report - The next meeting is April 25, 2005 beginning at 7:00 p.m..

2. Principal's Report - The report is enclosed with the minutes.

3. Superintendent's Report -

Mark Hurvitt commented on the 57 page mailing from MSMA which board members received concerning Learning Results and Local Assessment policies.

Also, Mr. Hurvitt brought up delegating votes for the April 12th meeting. The board will not delegate votes.

4. Other Reports/Information

a. The Efficiency Committee Meeting Report was enclosed.

b. Mr. Hurvitt commented on the Board Chairs Meeting Report

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H. Old Business

1. Bus Discussion - Dave Cosenza, supervisor and Brian, a bus driver, from John T. Cyr Bus, Inc. were present to answer questions about bus issues. Fred Cole, Dave Cosenza and Brian filled the board in on the new bus initiatives designed to make bus rides better and to clarify behavioral expectations. The board had questions about bus behavior and length of bus runs.

2. Foreign Language Choice

The board discussed French and Spanish. Frank Wanning brought up that Spanish is spoken by 50 million Americans. Each board member weighed in on Spanish as it is the 2nd most important language in the U.S.

Jon Smallidge moved, and Trish Pettigrew seconded, to offer Spanish and to advertise for a Spanish teacher for 2005-2006. The motion passed 3-0.

3. Review Articles for Town Meeting

Mark Hurvitt reviewed each article including Article 73 which will require a paper ballot.

4. Jon Smallidge moved, and Trish Pettigrew seconded, to enter into an executive session for the purpose of Labor Negotiations per 1 MRSA 405 (6) (D) with the board, Mark Hurvitt and Fred Cole. The motion passed 3-0.

Time In: 8:27 p.m.

Time Out: 8:50 p.m.

Upon returning to open session, Jon Smallidge moved and Trish Pettigrew seconded,

to table this item until the April board meeting when the full board is present.

The motion passed 3-0.

I. New Business

None.

J. Signing of Vouchers

The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m. by the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hurvitt
Superintendent