

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
August 10, 2005 - 7:00 PM
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes

A. Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Ann Louise d'Entremont followed by the salute to the flag.

Members Present: Ann Louise d' Entremont; Jon Smallidge; Ben Wootten; Prudy Heilner; Susan Keenan

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt; Fred Cole; Jan Snow; Isaac Kestenbaum

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Agenda

Prudy moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of I. New Business item e. To appoint a School Guidance Counselor for a one year position.

The motion passed 5-0.

D. Approval of Minutes of Previous School Board Meetings

1. Susan Keenan moved and Prudy Heilner seconded to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2005 meeting.

The motion passed 5-0.

2. Susan Keenan moved and Prudy Heilner seconded to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2005 meeting.

The motion passed 5-0.

E. Communications

1. Ann Louise d' Entremont mentioned the MSMA Conference October 27th and 28th. Susan Keenan may be interested in attending.

2. Robert Billings letter requesting the cross country coaching position was passed out.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public - None

G. Information

1. GSA Report - None

2. Principal's Report - Fred Cole's report is enclosed with the office minutes.

3. Superintendent's Report - Next Union 93 Joint School Committee Meeting will be scheduled for September 19th at the Adams School in Castine beginning at 7:00 p.m.

4. Other Reports/Information - None

H. Old Business

1. Ben Wootten moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to adopt the Blue Hill School Committee Goals for 2005-2006 with the editing.

The motion passed 5-0.

2. Ben Wootten moved and Prudy Heilner seconded to approve the Bus RFP.

The motion passed 5-0.

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3. Facilities Assessment Report Discussion

Ann Louise d'Entremont brought up two more issues. Those will be added to our list and will be communicated with Sewall's so they will be able to incorporate them when turning the draft into a final copy. She also noted that there are an array of issues concerning the gym which will need work and will need to be budgeted for in 2006-2007.

4. Prudy Heilner moved and Susan Keenan seconded to appoint Jon Smallidge School Committee Member to the Negotiating Team and Susan Keenan as the alternate.

The motion passed 5-0.

5. Ben Wootten moved and Prudy Heilner seconded to enter into an executive session for the purpose of Labor Contract Discussions per 1 MRSA 405 (6)(D) with the board, Mark Hurvitt, Fred Cole, and Jan Snow.

The motion passed 5-0.

Time In: 7:38 p.m. Time Out: 7:50 p.m.

No action was taken upon returning to open session.

I. New Business

1. To Appoint Staff for the 2005-2006 School Year

a. Ben Wootten moved and Ann Louise d'Entremont seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Kathy Koontz as the assistant cook for the 2005-2006 school year.

The motion passed 5-0.

b. Ben Wootten moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Richard Knowlton as custodian for the 2005-2006 school year.

The motion passed 5-0.

c. Special Education - Ed. Tech II

There was no nomination at this time.

Ben Wootten moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to give Mark Hurvitt permission to hire a candidate and inform them at their September 14th meeting.

The motion passed 5-0.

d. Special Education - Ed. Tech III

There was no nomination as this time.

Ben Wootten moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to give Mark Hurvitt permission to hire a candidate and inform them at their September 14th meeting.

The motion passed 5-0.

e. Ben Wootten moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Nicole Bebout as the 80% time Guidance Counselor to the one year position.

The motion passed 5-0.

2. Jon Smallidge moved and Ben Wootten seconded to approve one 8th grade student for GSA Algebra I for the 2005-2006 school year.

The motion passed 5-0.

3. Ben Wootten moved and Prudy Heilner seconded to adopt the BHCS Student Handbook for the 2005-2006 school year with the noted procedural changes as follows:

a. Add the Declaration of Independence

b. The academic information is now ahead of the general information

c. (P1 & 2) School Philosophy Update (As voted by the board in 2004-2005)

d. (P 4) Assessment of student ability and achievement update

e. (P5) Report Cards: Numerical averages will start in 6th grade, not 5th grade.

f. (P7) Newly added plagiarism section.

g. (P 8) Newly added rules on attendance, absence, dismissals.

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I. New Business (continued)

3. School Handbook (continued)

h. (P8) If students don't show up at school, the office will start calling home at 9:00 a.m.

i. (P10) Note school website

J. (P 11) Dress code updates

k. (P13) Add: Transformation Groups and the Explorations Program

The board also decided to send home this procedure piece, along with some important forms, to all students, but to copy the policy piece onto the school website. This will save paper, and it will begin a transition from paper-based parent information to electronic-based parent information.

The motion passed 5-0.

4. Ben Wootten moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to set School Lunch/Breakfast Pricing for the 2005-2006 school year as follows:

Student Lunch - \$1.50; Student Reduced Lunch - 40 cents; Adult Lunch - \$3.25;
Student Breakfast - 50 cents; Student Reduced Breakfast - 30 cents; Adult Breakfast - \$1.00;
Milk - 25 cents

The motion passed 5-0.

The board also wanted to check if the new 10 ounce plastic milks could, in fact, still be sold for 25 cents or if they were going to be more expensive. If so, they could revise the 25 cent price at a later date.

5. Fred Cole reviewed bus routes for the 2005-2006 school year in general. Not much change from 2004-2005. The three buses are not overcrowded. Also, the maximum time any student is on a bus is fifty minutes.

6. Ben Wootten moved and Prudy Heilner seconded to award the Building Fuel Bid for the September 1,

2005-August 31, 2006 contract to Horace Wardwell at \$1.6118 per gallon for 13,500 gallons of #2 fuel oil for a total of \$21,759.30.

The motion passed 5-0.

7. Ben Wootten moved and Prudy Heilner seconded to award the Bus Fuel Bid to South Street Service for .059 per gallon discount for the 2005-2006 school year.

The motion passed 5-0.

8. Appointment of Coaches for the 2005-2006 School Year :

Ben Wootten moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Robert "Jeb" Billings as Cross Country Coach for the 2005-2006 school year.

The motion passed 5-0.

9. Prudy Heilner moved and Ben Wootten seconded to appoint Lisa Lesko as School Physician for the 2005-2006 school year.

The motion passed 5-0.

10. To Approve the Spanish Teacher Job Description:

The board would like Fred Cole to propose revisions to existing policy #4106D which will encompass

this need for a Spanish job description. He will do that and have something to hand out at the September board meeting.

11. To Appoint a School Committee Member to the Superintendent's Evaluation Committee:

Ann Louise d'Entremont moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to appoint Prudy Heilner to the Superintendent's Evaluation Committee.

The motion passed 5-0.

12. Ben Wootten moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to give School Board Concept Approval of the Federal Grants outlined for the 2005-2006 school year.

The motion passed 5-0.

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I. New Business (continued)

13. Fred Cole presented the Computer and Internet Use Policy Amendments. It presents a better menu for parent choice regulating Internet issues. (name, photo, students work) The board would like to add two things: 1) When parent desires and student desires are in conflict on an issue, it defaults to no permission, 2) 6-8th grade students need to sign this.

Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to adopt this with board amendments.

The motion passed 5-0.

J. Signing of Vouchers

The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m. by Chair Ann Louise d'Entremont

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hurvitt
Superintendent