

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
September 14, 2005
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes

A. Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Pro Tem Ben Wootten followed by the salute to the flag.

Members Present: Ben Wootten; Jon Smallidge; Susan Keenan; Prudy Heilner

Members Absent: Ann Louise d'Entremont

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt; Fred Cole; Frank Wanning; Issac Kestenbaum; Rob Clapp; Lucy Benjamin

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Agenda

Prudy Heilner moved and Susan Keenan seconded to approve the agenda with the following additions: Coaching Letters from Rob Clapp and Haley Malm; Penobscot Parent Request; Letter of Resignation from Clyde Cushing The motion passed 4-0.

D. Approval of Minutes of Previous School Board Meetings

1. Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2005 meeting. The motion passed 4-0.

E. Communications

1. Letter from Tara McKechnie requesting the Volunteer Coordinator Position for the 2005-2006 School Year
2. Letter of Resignation from Randy Ledien
3. Coaching Letter from Nichole Bebout for the Soccer "B" Team Position

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

Rob Clapp came to address the board. He is a GSA trustee and he feels that communication is important among boards, especially since the Joint Board disbanded. To that end, Rob would like to encourage communication between the Blue Hill board and the GSA trustees.

G. Information

1. GSA Report - The 3rd annual open Trustees Meeting is on September 28, 2005 at George Stevens Academy beginning at 7:00 p.m.
2. Principal's Report- Fred Cole reported the following:
 - a. Spanish is going well. There was a question raised on how the 7th and 8th graders would be prepared for Spanish at GSA given that Blue Hill's teacher is a native speaker and the GSA teachers are not.
 - b. Guidance is going well.
 - c. Fundraising effort for Katrina victims: Grades 3-8th walkathon is being organized.
 - e. Enrollment stands at 201 with twenty-seven kindergartners.
 - f. Staff has placed a high priority on revising the portfolio system in 2005-2006.
3. Superintendent's Report - Mr. Hurvitt has received the revised Sewall Report (August 30, 2005) and will use it for capital improvements during the budget process.
He handed out the August 31st - Union 93 Workshop agenda for the board to see what occurred that day. Continued on page 2.

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G. Information

4. Other Reports/Information-Union 93 Joint School Committee Meeting-September 19, 2005-Castine-7:00 PM

H. Old Business

1. Spanish Teacher Job Description - Fred Cole suggested using the elementary teacher job description for this position for the 2005-2006 school year. The board would like to review that job description at the October meeting.

2. Jon Smallidge moved and Prudy Heilner seconded to enter into an Executive Session for the Purpose of Labor Negotiations per MRSA 405 (6)(D) with the board; Fred Cole and Mark Hurvitt. The motion passed 4-0.

Time In: 7:21 p.m. Time Out: 7:38 p.m.

I. New Business

1. Jon Smallidge moved and Prudy Heilner seconded to follow the superintendent's recommendation and to accept the following resignations:

Randy Ledien's resignation effective the end of the 2004-2005 school year;
Clyde Cushing's resignation effective September 14, 2005.

The motion passed 4-0.

2. Report on Ed. Tech. Appointments for the 2005-2006 School Year:

This is a complicated array of appointments. There are three categories, and Mark Hurvitt went over each one:

a. Resignations: The board just accepted resignations from Clyde Cushing (Ed. Tech II) and Randy Ledien (Ed. Tech. II).

b. Hire and Inform: At there June meeting, the board allowed the superintendent to hire support personnel and inform the board. The following personnel were offered employment. Jennifer Kastelic - Ed. Tech. III (1:1)

Laurie Friend - Ed. Tech. II (K-2)

Brian Clarke - Ed. Tech. II, (4 hours per day, Liberty School)

c. Nominations: Sarah Kydd - Ed. Tech. II (1:1); Sherry Butt - Ed. Tech. II (1:1)

Jon Smallidge moved and Prudy Heilner seconded to follow the superintendent's nominations and to appoint Sarah Kydd and Sherry Butt as (1:1) Ed. Tech II 's for the 2005-2006 school year. The motion passed 4-0.

3. Coaching Appointments for 2005-2006 School Year:

a. Prudy Heilner moved and Susan Keenan seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Tara McKechnie as the Volunteer Coordinator for the 2005-2006 school year. The motion passed 4-0.

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3. Coaching Appointments for 2005-2006 School Year (continued)

b. Prudy Heilner moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint Rob Clapp as the Girls "A" Basketball Coach at a stipend of \$900.00 and as Girls "A" Softball Coach at a stipend of \$815.00 for the 2005-2006 school year.
The motion passed 4-0.

c. Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to create two JV "B" Soccer stipends at \$685.00 each and follow the superintendent's nomination and appoint Haley Malm and Nichole Bebout as coaches for each of those positions for the 2005-2006 school year.
The motion passed 4-0.

4. Jon Smallidge moved and Prudy Heilner seconded to follow the superintendent's recommendation and appoint the following Team Leaders for 2005-2006 at stipends of \$1,000.00 each: William Schubeck - Specialists; Susan Slocum - Grades 6-8; Barbara Malm - Grades 3-5; Judy Cole - Grades K-2
The motion passed 4-0.

5. Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to acknowledge receipt of the Blue Hill Consolidated School Student Activity & Principal's Funds Comparative Financial Statements with Independent Auditor's Report for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2005 and 2004.

The motion passed 4-0.

6. To Review Policy on Beverage and Food Offerings

The board discussed the competitive food sales mandate in light of its existing policy.

Mark Hurvitt will bring a proposal for all four boards to react to in October. On a related note, Lucy Benjamin cited an issue she has with the school allowing students in grades 3-8 to choose between white milk, strawberry milk, and chocolate milk. Fred Cole said that they experimented with K-2 having the same choice last spring, but that they ended that experiment. Thus, they went back to grades 3-8 only, having a choice. What is new for 2005-2006 is that now strawberry milk is also a choice. It used to be just white and chocolate. Advocates of the current system feel as though it promotes the drinking of milk. Others feel as though there is too much sugar in chocolate and strawberry milk.

Although this item was not on the agenda, the board wanted to address it.

Unanimously, they felt it was inappropriate to offer the choice of strawberry and chocolate milk for 3-8. Thus:

Jon Smallidge moved and Prudy Heilner seconded to discontinue the flavored milk option at Blue Hill Consolidated School.
The motion passed 4-0.

(Note: It was understood that the kitchen will sell the supply on hand this week, but that the next order would be solely white milk).

7. To Review Non-Resident Employee Elementary Tuition Waiver Policy #5302.1A

It was noted that Policy #5302.1A now needed to be re-addressed because now support staff have a contract. The intent of the board is to continue to offer a tuition waiver to full-time, non-resident teachers, not support staff. Thus in Policy # 5302.1A Procedure #2 and #5 Jon Smallidge moved and Prudy Heilner seconded to clarify the board's intent by using the words "contracted teachers" or "contracted teaching staff".
The motion passed 4-0.

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I. New Business (continued)

8. Possible Delegation of Votes for the September 19, 2005 Union 93 Joint School Committee Meeting - There was no delegation of votes for this meeting.

9. The board got a letter from a Penobscot parent, Daksha Bauman, requesting the Blue Hill bus to transport her daughters to the GSA soccer field after school for soccer practice.

Although the board noted that it probably wasn't the best system for GSA not to provide transportation to their own practice, it also cited Blue Hill's transportation policy which states that Blue Hill students only will be transported on Blue Hill buses. Not wanting to violate its own policy, the board directed the superintendent to call Daksha Bauman and refer her to GSA and to Libby Rosemeier.

J. Signing of Vouchers

The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hurvitt
Superintendent