

**Blue Hill School Committee Meeting**  
**February 13, 2007**  
**Blue Hill Consolidated School**  
**Minutes**

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Ben Wootten followed by the salute to the flag.

Members Present: Ben Wootten; Jon Smallidge; John Richardson; Susan Keenan;  
Alice Herrick

Member Absent: None

Others Present: Denis L. Howard; Fred Cole; Beth Jackson; Frank Wanning

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of the Agenda

John Richardson motioned and Susan Keenan seconded to approve the agenda with the following amendments: Add letter from the Blue Hill Support Staff as item E.#2; Add I.#4a to appoint baseball coach; Add I.#9 to appoint two representatives for negotiations.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

D. Approval of Minutes of Previous School Board Meetings

1. Jon Smallidge motioned and John Richardson seconded to approve the minutes of both the January 10, 2007 budget meeting and January 10, 2007 regular meeting.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

E. Communications

PTF Report - Beth Jackson reported that there was no family monthly activity in February, but will start again in March. She informed the Board that the PTF expressed concern about outside signage giving directions to the school's main entrance, etc. She also mentioned checking into "nonprofit" status for the PTF, but it appears to be a complicated process.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None

G. Information

1. GSA Report - Frank Wanning updated the Board on the Capital Campaign at GSA.

Presently, there is much concern regarding the Governor's Proposal and without school choice, there is no future for GSA. When the issue is resolved, the Campaign is ready to move forward.

2. Principal's Report - Principal Cole distributed his report and highlighted the NAEP exam, the 2007 minutes of silent reading and the fund raising efforts to date for the 8th grade trip. Mr. Cole mentioned that he would like to look into the feasibility of a lengthened school day to do more things like "silent reading." He also announced the Spring Musical "the Music Man, Jr."

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## G. Information (continued)

3. Superintendent's Report - Superintendent Howard updated the Board on upcoming dates. He indicated the boiler has been inspected, and distributed a list of the Spelling Bee participants, in the Union. He also informed the Board that the bus contracting firm may be selling the business. He also updated them on the Superintendent Search.

4. Other Reports/Information - None

## H. Old Business

1. Board Goal #4 - Principal Cole shared the results of his Grade 9 Survey with the Board, including comments made by the students. The survey was only given to 21 (BHCS) students now attending GSA. The Board wants more information on secondary students. Fred Cole said that Gail Breslein-Keith at Central Office has data available.

2. Motion by John Richardson and seconded by Jon Smallidge to approve the Second Reading of the Volunteer Policy #1101 as amended.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

3. To Revisit the Tobacco-Free School Policy #1320.2  
No action. This will be on the next month's agenda.

## I. New Business

1. A motion by John Richardson, seconded by Jon Smallidge to allow the superintendent to issue a letter of employment to Julie Dugas as technology teacher/coordinator for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year. The motion passed 5-0-0.

2. A motion by Susan Keenan, seconded by Alice Herrick to appoint Christina Billings as the Spring Athletic Director for the 2006-2007 spring season.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

3. Susan Keenan motioned and Alice Herrick seconded to appoint Audrey Means as the Music/Drama Director for the 2006-2007 school year. The motion passed 5-0-0.

4. Jon Smallidge motioned and Susan Keenan seconded to appoint Maryanne Lewandowski; Della Martin; William O'Connell; Michelle Schildroth; Susan Slocum; and Cathy Snow as Explorations Coordinators for the 2006-2007 school year.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

5. After some discussion, it was agreed to meet next month on Thursday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m. More discussion will take place on changing time of meetings for April - June, 2008. No action taken.

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I. New Business (continued)

6. Mr. Howard updated the Board on the Governor's Proposal and distributed some "talking points" from HCSEA and an analysis by Ralph Chapman from Brooksville.

Motion by Ben Wooten, seconded by Jon Smallidge to direct the superintendent to issue a resolution from the Blue Hill School Committee opposing the Governor's Proposal.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

7. Discuss Preparations for Town Meeting

After some discussion, it was agreed that Board members will respond to questions regarding the proposed budget. It was suggested to have some handouts showing increases and major

reasons for them such as secondary tuition and health insurance. The Board will discuss this further at the March 8th meeting. No action taken.

8. Discuss the Impact of GSA Building Project on BHCS

After some discussion, it was suggested that John Richardson put a memo together regarding parking availability and construction process and their impact on BHCS and communicate it to GSA. Mr. Richardson will write the memo and share it with the Board at a future meeting.

9. John Richardson motioned and Susan Keenan seconded to appoint Jon Smallidge and Susan Keenan to negotiate with the Blue Hill support staff with Alice Herrick as the alternate.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

J. Signing of Vouchers

The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis L. Howard, Ed. D.

Superintendent