

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
May 13, 2009
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes

A. Call to Order

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

Members Present: BenWootten, Alice Herrick; John Richardson; Jon Smallidge

Members Absent: Susan Keenan

Others Present: Art Wittine; Fred Cole; Julie Dugas; Jan Snow; Beth Jackson; Colin Powell, reporter for the The Weekly Packet; Kathy Soper; Kim Williamson; Shelly Latham; Megan Granger

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. John Richardson moved and Alice Herrick seconded to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2009 meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

- John Richardson moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

E. Communications

- Attached to the office minutes are two petitions requesting school not to start before Labor Day.
- Technology Update: Matt Jurick is registered for the week-long PowerSchool course this summer in Chicago. He is meeting with Surry folks tomorrow on technology concerns and has worked with Julie Dugas to implement NWEA testing which is currently underway.

2. PTF Report: Beth Jackson's report is attached to the office minutes. Some of the items from her report include the following: Staff Appreciation Day was May 5th; bike safety presentations will occur in early June for grades 3-5; recently granted monies are helping with activities such as mini-sailboat tracking, the New England Contra Dance Program, a drumming program and food during the kindergarten registration.

3. Principal's Update on Teacher Evaluation Process: Fred Cole gave a verbal update on the process.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None

G. Reports

1. GSA Report – Ben Wootten will contact George Stevens Academy about lack of reports for the past several months.
2. Principal's Report: Fred Cole's report is attached to the office minutes. Some of the items from his report are as follows: The submersible pump was lost and replaced on May 1st, the Make a Difference Day was a success, school-based efforts to improve ELA are underway; NWEAs are halfway through being administered; kindergarten screening will occur in the next few days; due to anticipated increases in special education needs next year, possible staffing needs will be considered.
3. Superintendent's Report: Art Wittine's report is attached to the office minutes. Some of the items from his report are as follows: A bulletin from M.S.M.A; updated ED 279 G.P.A. Report for the 2009-2010 school year; an article from the May 11th, 2009 edition of The New York Times; updates on the H1N1 Flu and the appointment of Lisa Leighton as an Ed. Tech. I.

4. Other Reports - None

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H. Old Business

1. AOS/Surry Management Services Agreement Update

Mr. Wittine reported that Surry approved the Management Services agreement on May 5th; the agreement, along with a letter and copies of board meeting minutes was mailed to Commissioner Susan Gendron for approval. Applications for a Business Manager/Executive Secretary will close May 14th and a member from the Board will be needed to be part of the interview committee.

2. Board Goals – Board Performance and Goal Setting: Board members, Fred Cole and Art Wittine will complete Board Goals narrative and get results to central office for tabulation. Board members were reminded by Ben Wootten to think about goals for the 2009-2010 school year.

3. Field Trip Policy Update – This will be an action item on the June agenda.

I. New Business

1. There was considerable discussion of the draft 2009-2010 school year calendar with the start of school prior to Labor Day. There was no motion to approve the draft 2009-2010 school year calendar.

Motion was made by Alice Herrick and seconded by Jon Smallidge to approve the 2009-2010 school year calendar with the first student day September 8, 2009. Motion passed 3/0/1.
(Ben Wootten abstained).

2. Jon Smallidge moved and John Richardson seconded to approve Gary Mitchell as the Asbestos Coordinator for the 2009-2010 school year with a stipend of \$250.00. Motion passed 4-0.

3. John Richardson moved and Alice Herrick seconded to award the Lawn Mowing Bid for the May 15, 2009 through the fall 2009 season to Bruce Mattson of Mattson, LLC at \$2,050.00 for season. Motion passed 4-0.

4. Alice Herrick moved and John Richardson seconded to approve the Town of Blue Hill-Blue Hill School Department 403(b) Written Plan Agreement effective January 1, 2009. Motion passed 4-0.

5. The April 1st Enrollment Report was enclosed for review.

6. There was no executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters per 1 MRSA (6)(A).

7. Jon Smallidge moved and John Richardson seconded to approve the follow teachers going onto continuing teacher contracts for the 2009-2010 school year:

Julie Dugas, Technology Coordinator; Heather Nelson, Kindergarten

Motion passed 4-0.

8. Jon Smallidge moved and Alice Herrick seconded to approve the following teachers going onto 2nd year probationary teacher contracts for the 2009-2010 school year as follows:

Penny Ricker, Art; Rachel Nightingale, Grade 5; Anita Black, Grade 6

Motion passed 4-0.

9. Alice Herrick moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to approve the following contracted support staff for the 2009-2010 school year as follows:

Robin Mitchell, Head Cook; Gary Mitchell, Head Custodian; Kathie Koontz, Cook; Loretta Smith, Secretary; Jane Haldane, Ed. Tech; Jerin Smith, Assistant Secretary; Jerin Smith, Cook; Foster Smith, Custodian; Michel Jezak, Ed. Tech. Susan Snyder, Ed. Tech; Jennifer Baroody, Rehab Assistant; Katie Peers, Ed. Tech. Catherine Reuter, Ed. Tech; Christopher Ford, Custodian; Jessica Hutchins, Ed. Tech.

Motion passed 4-0

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I. New Business (continued)

10. Discussion of ELA: Ben Wootten will be added to the ELA Committee with Susan to look at ways to determine time needed to institute an ELA curriculum that addresses concerns raised by GSA and the school committee.

J. Signing of Vouchers – The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Wittine
Superintendent