

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
May 12, 2010
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Chair Ben Wootten followed by the salute to the flag.
Members Present: Ben Wootten; Jon Smallidge; Susan Keenan; John Richardson
Members Absent: Alice Herrick
Others Present: Mark Hurvitt; Fred Cole; Della Martin; Jan Snow; Beth Jackson; Matt Jurick;
Colin Powell, reporter for *The Weekly Packet*.

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by John Richardson, to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2010 meeting. Motion passed 4-0.
2. A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by John Richardson, to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2010 meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to approve the agenda with the addition of I. New Business item # 11. To accept Julie Mason's letter of resignation.
Motion passed 4-0.

E. Communications

Technology Update – Matt Jurick showed the board the PowerSchool Parent Portal which will be available to parents starting September 1st. There was a good conversation about how standards will get converted from percentages. The board is eager to see this piece of PowerSchool implemented.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

Beth Jackson's PTF Report is attached to the office minutes.

G. Reports

1. GSA Report – Mark Hurvitt met with Liffey Thorpe, Director of Communications from George Stevens Academy, about this agenda item in four of the five Union 93 towns.
2. Principal's Report – Fred Cole reported the following:
 - 5th grade has produced a 4 minute music video; Chris Van Duesen, Author, came today for grades K-5; there have been internal conversations about special education configuration and schedule for the 2010-2011 school year; Fred Cole is lining up summer maintenance work so Della Martin will not have to.
3. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Hurvitt reminded the board about the May 17th AOS meeting at the Blue Hill Consolidated School beginning at 6:00 p.m.
4. Other Reports – None
The board would like to add to the agenda, PTF Report as item number 5 starting in June.

H. Old Business

1. Consideration to Match Funds for Future Boston Trips
After much discussion, the board directed Jon Smallidge to propose some language which would amend the new field trip policy. Jon Smallidge will have that ready for the June meeting. The new draft field trip policy will also be in the board packet.

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H. Old Business (continued)

2. Discussion of Policy #6400 Promotion and Retention –

Fred Cole proposed four changes to the policy, Ben Wootten added one amendment. The board discussed these and agreed with the changes.

A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Susan Keenan, to adopt the amendments to the policy. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Discussion of Policy #6202 Concerning Private School Students Participation in School Activities – Fred Cole proposed a rewritten policy. The second reading will be in June.

4. Summary of Accounts – The Summary of Accounts was enclosed.

5. Discussion of Memorandum of Understanding with GSA on the Spanish Transition from BHCS – John Richardson shared the letter that he had been working on with Ben Wootten.

A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Susan Keenan, to send the letter to GSA. Motion passed 4-0.

I. New Business

1. To Award Gym Floor Bid –

A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to award the Gymnasium Floor Project to Insignia Hardwood Floors at the bid amount of \$9,944.00. Motion passed 4-0.

2. The April 1, 2010 Enrollment Report was enclosed for review.

3. To Award the Lawn Mowing Bid for the May 15, 2010 through Fall 2010 Season –

A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by John Richardson, to award the Lawn Mowing Bid to Stephen Bemiss at a bid of \$1,380.00 from May 15th through the Fall 2010.

Motion passed 4-0.

4. A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by John Richardson, to appoint Gary Mitchell as the Asbestos Coordinator for the 2010-2011 school year at a stipend of \$250.00. Motion passed 4-0.

5. A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by John Richardson, to enter into an executive session for the purpose of personnel matters per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A) with the board, Mark Hurvitt and Fred Cole.

Time In: 6:48 p.m. Time Out: 6:54 p.m.

6. A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Susan Keenan, to follow the superintendent's nomination and to approve the following teachers going onto continuing teacher contracts for the 2010-2011 school year: Rachel Nightingale; Anita Black; Penny Ricker

Motion passed 4-0.

7. A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Susan Keenan, to follow the superintendent's nomination and to approve the following teachers going onto 2nd year probationary contracts for the 2010-2011 school year: Katie Danielson; Mark Baxter

Motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Susan Keenan, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to re-enter into an executive session for the purpose of personnel matters per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A) with the board, Mark Hurvitt and Fred Cole.

Time In: 6:55 p.m. Time Out: 7:04 p.m.

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I. New Business (continued)

8. A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Susan Keenan, to follow the superintendent's nomination and to appoint the following contracted support staff for the 2010-2011 school year: Jerin Smith, Assistant Secretary; Jerin Smith, Assistant Cook; Foster Smith, Assistant Custodian; Loretta Smith, Secretary; Gary Mitchell, Head Custodian; Christopher Ford, Assistant Custodian; Kathie Koontz, Assistant Cook; Robin Mitchell, Cook; Lisa Leighton, Ed. Tech. I; Chandra Bisberg, Ed. Tech. III; Catherine Reuter, Ed. Tech. II; Susan Snyder, Ed. Tech. II; Jane Haldane, Ed. Tech. II; Michael Jezak, Ed. Tech. III; Jessica Hutchins, Ed. Tech. II; Michael Augustine, Ed. Tech. II; Christina Jezak, Ed. Tech. II; Debra Kingston, Ed. Tech. III; Laurie Friend, Ed. Tech. II.

Motion passed 4-0.

9. Discussion of the Draft 2010-2011 School Year Calendar –

Mark Hurvitt explained the process. The board will vote on a proposal in June.

10. To Appoint a Board Member to the Secondary Education Sub-Committee of the Joint Union #93 School Committee – John Richardson will be the representative on this committee.

11. A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by John Richardson, to accept Julie Mason's letter of resignation effective the end of the 2009-2010 school year, with regrets.

Motion passed 4-0.

J. Signing of Vouchers – The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E Hurvitt
Superintendent