

**Blue Hill School Committee Meeting**  
**November 10, 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; Alice Herrick; Susan Keenan; John Richardson; Jon Smallidge

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt; Della Martin; Silvana Cuello; Patty Clapp; Beth Jackson; Heather Ford; Shelly Schildroth; Matt Jurick; Cathy Snow; Bill O'Connell; Fred Cole; Judy Cole; Annie Rice

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Susan Keenan, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2010 meeting. Motion passed 5-0

D. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by John Richardson, to approve the agenda with the following amendments: Move I. New Business item #3 and #6 to G. Reports item a. and b. because of a 5:45 p.m. winter sports meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

E. Communications

A letter from Bags Brokaw of George Stevens Academy is enclosed with the office minutes.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None

G. Reports

3. Looping Discussions – Looping material was handed out and is enclosed with the office minutes.

K-2 have decided to do straight grades. The 3-5 team wanted to sound out the Board on looping.

Alice Herrick would like to leave it to the teachers, as would Jon Smallidge. John Richardson was on the fence. Ben Wootten favors straight grades. With this input the 3-5 team will make a decision for the 2011-2012 school year.

6. Spectator Conduct & Sportsmanship Policy #6500 Review

- The Board did not really like Brooksville, Castine and Penobscot's sample policies.

- The Board also felt that its own policy #6500 was fine.

- For the December meeting, John Richardson; Della Martin; and the Athletic Director will get together and propose new language for a spectator conduct policy.

- Also for December, the Board will consider inserting J. (written by Tara McKechnie) into policy #5010.1.

- Also for December, the Board would like to review Part III G. 1 +2 from policy #5010.1.

1. GSA Report - There will be a GSA meeting for principals and grade 7-8 teachers on November 30<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

2. Principal's Report – Della Martin's written report is attached to the office minutes.

3. Superintendent's Report

- Mark Hurvitt reported about the ad out for a 1:1 Ed. Tech. III

- He reported on the MSMA Fall Conference, which was also attended by Jon Smallidge.

- He reported about talking with the DOT and First Student concerning the Falls Bridge closure from 11/29 through 12/3. This will affect the A bus.

4. Other Reports – None

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**G.Reports (continued)**

5. PTF Report – Beth Jackson’s written report is attached to the office minutes.
6. Building & Grounds Committee Report
  - There was a question about a fence around the dumpster.
  - There was a question about water in the oil tank well.

**H. Old Business**

1. Board Goals #2 (MLTI Program Effectiveness) – The middle school grades 7-8 team attended. (William O’Connell; Cathy Snow; Heather Ford and Matt Jurick) The Board wanted to hear about the effectiveness of the MLTI program, as it has been in place for several years. The teachers supported the program. At home filtering has been an issue. There was no real consensus reached, but many issues centered around the use of technology in the classroom were explored. The true effectiveness of the MLTI program still appears an issue at the board level.
2. Second Reading of the Procedure for Policy #8100 D Concerning Professional (Certified) Staff Hiring (Teachers) With Amendments  
A motion was made by Alice Herrick, seconded by John Richardson, to approve the second reading of the Procedure for Policy #8100D Concerning Professional (Certified) Staff Hiring (Teachers) as amended. Motion passed 5-0.
3. Second Reading of the Blue Hill Bid Policy  
A motion was made by Alice Herrick, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to approve the second reading of the Blue Hill Bid Policy #3210 as amended. Motion passed 5-0.
4. To Approve the 403(b) Written Plan Document effective January 1, 2011  
A motion was made by Alice Herrick, seconded by Susan Keenan, to approve the 403(b) Written Plan Document effective January 1, 2011. Motion passed 5-0.

**I. New Business**

1. Possible Appointment of Long-Term Substitute -  
This will be an agenda item for December.
2. Team Leader Reports – Silvana Cuello reported, representing the specialists. She produced a report which is enclosed with the office minutes. Communication with GSA regarding Spanish still appears to be an issue. At BHCS, the 5<sup>th</sup> graders are now on the same level as the 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and this is a good sign as kids move on to high school.
4. The October 1<sup>st</sup> Enrollment Report was noticed.
5. To Appoint Winter Coaches for the 2010-2011 School Year –  
A motion was made by Alice Herrick, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to follow the Superintendent’s nomination and to appoint the following coaches for the 2010-2011 school year: Bob McCormick for Gymnastics; Bob McCormick for Intramural Basketball; and Tara McKechnie for Girls B Basketball. Motion passed 5-0.
7. MDI 10% Surcharge – After much discussion, the Board decided that it didn’t want to set a precedent for paying more than state average tuition to a public high school, such as MDI.  
A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Alice Herrick, to decline to pay a 10% surcharge for Blue Hill students so that they might attend MDI High School.

**I. New Business (continued)**

8. To Approve BEEM Grants

A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Alice Herrick, to approve the BEEM grants as follows: \$150.00 for early reader books; \$978.80 for 40 copies of Book 3 in the Interactive Science Series; \$190.00 for 1 license and software; \$117.18 to purchase 4 letter sets; \$673.00 for ELMO style unit for the music department. Motion passed 5-0.

9. Summary of Accounts – The report was handed out which is in the new format.

10. Possible Delegation of Votes for the Union 93 Joint School Committee Meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>.  
No delegation of votes.

J. Signing of Vouchers – The voucher were signed.

K. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Ben Wootten.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Hurvitt  
Superintendent