

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, October 8, 2014 – 5:00pm  
Blue Hill Consolidated School  
Minutes

A. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:03pm by Chair John Richardson.

Followed by a salute to the flag.

Members Present: John Richardson, Sean Walsh, Ben Wootten, Jan Snow. Annie Rice arrived at 5:30pm

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt, Della Martin, Halina Nawrot, Jessica Hutchins-Conrad, Meredith Townsend, Matt Jurick, Beth Jackson, Penny Ricker, Anne Berleant (Penobscot Bay Press reporter), Kathy Hally

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jan Snow, to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2014 meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Sean Walsh, to accept agenda with the following change: Switch H with I and add: I 7 Superintendent Evaluation Committee Board Member and Annual Boston Trip Approval I 8.

Motion passed 4-0.

E. Communications

None

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None

G. Reports

1. GSA Report

Handed out.

2. Principal's Report

Report was handed out; also showed Board the current AmesWeb graph for Grade 8.

3. Superintendent's Report

1. Bryan Lescord hired as 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, and started on 09/29/14.
2. Still waiting on Commissioner's response to the Blue Hill Board September letter.
3. Pointed out complimentary letter from DOE concerning 2013-14 Special Ed records and data at BHCS.
4. Sewall Facilities report finished. Will use for budget, and distribute to selectmen.

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**G. Reports (continued)**

5. Working on fire alarm issues with Simplex and Blue Hill Fire Department. Should have a written report from Simplex soon.

4. PTF Report  
None

5. Building and Grounds Committee Report  
None (Annie Rice arrived here) 5:30pm

**H. Old Business**

1. Board Goals

Goal Committee meeting will be held on October 9, 2014.

2. Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) for the Purpose of Negotiations

A motion was made by Jan Snow, seconded by Sean Walsh, to go into executive session at 6:34pm. Came out of executive session at 6:45pm with no action taken.

**I. New Business**

1. Pre-K Discussion

There was much discussion on the preschool program, now that it has been running for 6 weeks. Currently, the enrollment is 19, with 2 more possibly on the way. There is 1 teacher, 1 ed tech, and the classroom space has proven too small.

The Board went on a “field trip” to visit the classroom. After more discussion, the following motions were made:

1. A motion was made by Sean Walsh, seconded by Ben Wootten, to accept John Smallidge’s proposal for \$4895.00 in order to expand the pre-K room to be done over Christmas Vacation, hopefully sooner, and to come out of contingency funds. Motion passed 5-0.

2. A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jan Snow, to cap pre-K enrollment for 2014 -2015 at 19 students, and to start a waiting list. Motion passed 5-0.

Additionally, the new Title 1 Ed Tech will spend 50% time in pre-K.  
These actions were also recommended by Mark Hurvitt.

2. Award Snow Plow Bid

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Sean Walsh, to accept bid from Curtis Jaffray, who submitted the low bid at \$300.00 per storm for plowing and \$75.00 per hour & trucking if needed for snow removal from premises. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Coaching Nominations

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jan Snow, to allow Mark Hurvitt to hire and inform the Board about winter coaches. Motion passed 5-0.

Also, a motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jan Snow, to hire Tara McKechnie as Athletic Director for 2014-2015 (replacing Shelly Schildroth). Motion passed 5-0.

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**I. New Business (continued)**

4. Acknowledge Audit for Principal's Account

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jan Snow, to acknowledge audit.

Motion passed 5-0.

5. Hiring 2 Ed Tech III's

A motion was made by Jan Snow, seconded by Annie Rice to hire:

Barbara Dow, Title 1 Ed Tech

Kelcey Snowdeal, Special Education Ed Tech III, replacing Bryan Lescord

Andrew Arseneau, Special Education Ed Tech III, replacing Deb Kingston

Motion passed 5-0.

6. Long-term sub

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jan Snow, to hire Linda Graceffa as long-term sub for Judy Cole, Grade 1.

Motion passed 5-0.

7. Superintendent Evaluation Committee Appointee

A motion was made by Annie Rice, seconded by Sean Walsh, to appoint Jan Snow to Superintendent Evaluation Committee.

Motion passed 5-0.

8. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boston Trip

A motion was made by Jan Snow, seconded by Sean Walsh, to approve the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Boston Trip to the Museum of Fine Arts on December 4, 2014.

Motion passed 5-0.

J. Items for Next Month's Agenda

1. Principal Search Process
2. Coaching Appointments
3. October 1, 2014 Enrollments
4. Board Goals (enc)
5. Executive Session for 1 M.R.S. A. § 405 (6) (A) for the Purpose of Negotiations

K. Signing of Vouchers

The vouchers were signed.

L. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm by Chair John Richardson.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hurvitt  
Superintendent of Schools