

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
November 9, 2011
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Pro Tem John Richardson followed by the salute to the flag.

Members Present: John Richardson; Alice Herrick; Susan Keenan; Annie Rice; Jon Smallidge arrived at 5:08 p.m.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt; Della Martin; Jan Snow; Audrey Means; Kyle Snow; Beth Jackson; Anne Berleant, reporter for *The Penobscot Bay Press*; Ben Wootten; Franklin Burke; Tara McKechnie; Kathleen Burke, Jennie Lilly, Elsa Marsh; Maryanne Lewandowski

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. A motion was made by Susan Keenan, seconded by Annie Rice, to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2011 meeting as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

2. A motion was made by Susan Keenan, seconded by Alice Herrick, to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2011 meeting with the following amendment:
Members Absent: John Richardson “(In parking lot)”. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Annie Rice, seconded by Alice Herrick, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

E. Communications

None

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

1. - Marianne Lewandowski proposed an abbreviated 6th grade trip to the Egyptian exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. It would not be an overnight, nor would it entail any other sites.

A motion was made by John Smallidge, seconded by Annie Rice, to allow an amended grade 6 Boston trip in December using a school bus to transport from Blue Hill to Portland and back, and using the Downeaster to travel from Portland to Boston and back.

Motion passed 5-0.

2. - Kathleen Burke, Jennie Lilly, and Elsa Marsh from the Peninsula Montessori School in Sedgwick came to speak about the possibility of partnering with the Blue Hill Consolidated School for preschool services in the future.

- The rough outline would be that the school would save ten spots for Blue Hill preschoolers in exchange for Blue Hill hiring a teacher. The ten slots would be no charge for the students. The teacher salary would be approximately \$24,000.00±.

- There would be some issues to work out, like employment contracts, transportation, and aligning school philosophies.

A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Annie Rice, to establish an exploratory committee on this topic composed of Annie Rice, Della Martin, Mark Hurvitt and Kathleen Burke. Motion passed 5-0.

Jon Smallidge will be the alternate. Della Martin will start the ball rolling.

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G. Reports

1. GSA – Paul Perkinson’s written report is enclosed with the office minutes.
2. Principal’s Report – Della Martin’s written report is attached to the office minutes.
3. Superintendent’s Report – Mark Hurvitt reported on the MSMA Fall Conference, with Jon Smallidge. He handed out a budget development calendar. He reported that the arsenic reading was high and that Gary Mitchell and Jerry Lowry are working to calibrate the filtration system. Not a hazard to kids and adults, though.
4. PTF Report – Beth Jackson reported the following:
 - A parent night was held on Internet safety.
 - Helped with 5210 Rec. Night.
 - Craft Fair is coming up on Saturday, November 19th.
5. Building and Grounds Committee Report
Franklin Burke reported on the following:
 - Roofers are starting on November 11th, will finish by November 30th.
 - Air handling unit filters were really dirty. He has created a schedule to change all of them.
 - Sandboxes were replaced.
 - He cold patched some holes in the driveway.
6. Other Reports – Kyle Snow reported that the entire Middle School staff recently attended the MAML Conference at Sugarloaf, and it was excellent.

H. Old Business

1. Board Goals 2011-2012
Goals #2 and Goal #4
The board expressed concerns about curriculum development at BHCS, specifically, math, language arts, spelling, and writing. There was also talk about extending the school day and doing a “time audit” for what occurs in all parts of the school day for kids. To that end, John Richardson suggested forming a committee made up of himself, Susan Keenan, one K-5 representative, one 6-8 representative, one humanities representative, and Della Martin to look at time use in the school day.
2. Second Reading of Policy #5302
A motion was made by Alice Herrick, seconded by John Richardson, to reaffirm the second reading of Policy #5302 – Policy Concerning Admission of Resident Students.
Motion passed 5-0.

I. New Business

1. The October 1, 2011 Enrollment Report was noted.
2. Possible Approval of Girls “B” Basketball Coach
A motion was made by Susan Keenan, seconded by Annie Rice, to follow the Superintendent’s nomination and to appoint Kelsey O’Neill as the Girls “B” Basketball Coach for the 2011-2012 school year.
Motion passed 5-0.

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I. New Business (continued)

3. To Approve BEEM Grants

A motion was made by Alice Herrick, seconded by Annie Rice, to approve the following B.E.E.M. Grants:

One weather station for Shelly Schildroth and Mike Jezak for \$920.00; one scale for the kitchen staff to measure out dough portions for the homemade whole wheat bread and for tumblers for the new water fountain for a total of \$585.00. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Possible Delegation of Votes for the Upcoming Union 93 Meeting

A motion was made by Alice Herrick, seconded by John Richardson, to delegate votes to Jon Smallidge. Motion passed 4-0-1.
(Jon Smallidge abstained).

5. To Set Up a Meeting with Board and Staff Regarding Curriculum

This was tabled for now.

6. A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Susan Keenan, to enter into an Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(D) Labor Contract Negotiations with the Board, Mark Hurvitt and Della Martin Motion passed 5-0.

Time In: 7:42 p.m. Time Out: 8:11 p.m.

There was no action upon returning to open session.

J. Items for Next Month's Agenda

1. Report back on "Time Use in School Day" Committee

K. Signing of Vouchers – The vouchers were signed.

L. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. by Chair John Smallidge.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Hurvitt
Superintendent of Schools