

**Blue Hill School Committee Meeting**  
**October 14, 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: Ben Wootten; Alice Herrick; Jon Smallidge; John Richardson; Susan Keenan

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Art Wittine; Fred Cole; Matt Jurick; Jan Snow; Beth Jackson

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by John Richardson, to approve the minutes September 9, 2009 meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Susan Keenan, to approve the agenda with the addition of I. New Business item #6 Discussion and Approval of Grade 8 Class Trip; item #7 Discussion & Approval of Stipend for Lego Robotics Coaches; item # 8 NWEA Test Schedule – To Administer.

Motion passed 5-0.

E. Communications

1. PTF Report – Beth Jackson’s report is attached to the office minutes. Some of the items from her report are as follows: Recent Activities included a grounds spruce up day; Family Directory; Kick-off for box tops collection; Help requests include: assistance and snacks for the flu clinic; refreshments for the Autism Awareness walk; Upcoming Events include: Halloween costume exchange; sportswear sales; Holiday Craft Fair; Thanksgiving Dinners for BHCS families; Funding Requests for “Bug Man”; food costs for the Making Strides Walk/Run; big screen and projector for the cafeteria; need for people to help with ongoing fundraising.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public - None

G. Reports

1. GSA Report – Ben Wootten had asked Libby Rosemeier if G.S.A. would be willing to give the NWEA’s? “Door Left Open” on this.  
A motion was made by John Smallidge, seconded by Alice Herrick, to pursue having GSA give NWEA’s to current BHCS students as Freshmen. Motion passed 5-0.

John Richardson reported that not much progress had been made with moving the Spanish program into testing out of Spanish I at GSA.

2. Principal’s Report – Fred Cole’s report is attached to the office minutes. Some of the items from his report are as follows: LEGO robotics teams for our 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders is being funded with federal grant money; the new cleaning plan has been implemented; Midterm progress reports will be mailed on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>; the school grounds are looking even better thanks to the PTF; Lori Wessel and Katie Danielson recently completed a train-the-trainer course.

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### G. Reports (continued)

3. Superintendent's Report - Art Wittine's report is attached to the office minutes. Some of the items from his report are as follows: An informational letter on the current status of the seasonal flu; his quarterly report on vacation and personal/sick days used; request for changes to three school committee meeting dates; Mr. Cole has recommended and Art Wittine has appointed the following coaches for the 2009-2010 school year: Jeb Billings as Boys A Basketball Coach (pending state approval); Dennis Rackliffe & John McKechnie as co-coaches for the Boys B Basketball team; the Union Board meeting is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Penobscot School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
4. Other Reports – Matt Jurick gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Union 93 website, and answered questions from the school committee on the value and purpose of our Union website.

### H. Old Business

1. Board Goals - Goal #4

### I. New Business

1. Update on Consolidation and School Board's Proclamation - There is no interest to pursue the consolidation again. Ben Wootten will call *The Weekly Packet* on the Board's position on this matter.
2. A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Alice Herrick, to award the Snow Removal from Sidewalks/Doorways Bid for the 2009-2010 school year to James Lacasse at the rate of pay of \$85.00 per storm. Motion passed 5-0.
3. A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to award the Snow Plowing Bid for the 2009-2010 school year to Adam Gray at \$365.00 per storm for plowing and \$75.00 per hour plus trucking per storm, if needed. Motion passed 5-0.
4. Discussion of the 2008-2009 MEA Scores – Fred Cole gave a PowerPoint presentation on the BHCS MEA scores compared to the state averages. A copy of the presentation is attached to the office minutes.
5. Discussion of the Laptop Program and Its Focus will be brought to the November agenda.
6. A motion was made by Alice Herrick, seconded by Susan Keenan, to approve the grade 8 class trip to Washington, DC as presented. Motion passed 5-0.
7. A motion was made by John Richardson, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to approve a stipend of \$900 for each Lego Robotics Coach. Motion passed 5-0.
8. A motion was made by Alice Herrick, seconded by John Richardson, to authorize Fred Cole to ask for the teachers input and decide whether or not to administer the NWEA's in the fall as well as the spring, or just in the spring this year only. Motion passed 5-0.

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J. Signing of Vouchers – The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Wittine  
Superintendent