

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
May 9, 2012
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Jon Smallidge followed by the salute to the flag.

Members Present: Ben Wootten, Annie Rice, Jon Smallidge, Susan Keenan

Members Absent: John Richardson

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt, Della Martin, Matt Jurick, Anne Berleant, reporter for *The Penobscot Bay Press*, Rachel Kohrman-Ramos, Beth Jackson, Heather Nelson

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Annie Rice, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2012 meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Susan Keenan, to approve the agenda with the addition of I. New Business item #10 Ice Cream Snack Wagon Donation.

Motion passed 4-0.

E. Communications

Jon Smallidge reminded board members that only two can serve on a sub-committee at once without posting the meeting as a board meeting.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

After a request from Susan Keenan, the board decided to meet at 4:30 p.m. on June 13, 2012 because of graduation at 7:00 p.m.

G. Reports

1. GSA Report – None at this time.
2. Principal's Report – Della Martin's written report is attached to the office minutes. Also, she would be in favor of lengthening the school day. We would need to meet and consult with the Association.
3. Superintendent's Report – Mark Hurvitt informed the board on Chris Ford's resignation. He handed out the Summary of Accounts. We will need to have a special town meeting in June to transfer funds.
4. PTF Report – Heather Nelson reported on many recent events:
The Spring Fling was held May 1st; the Talent Show was held on May 4th;
June 1st is the 250th Birthday of Blue Hill parade; June 2nd Yard Sale.
5. Building and Grounds Committee Report - Franklin Burke reported the following:
 - No roof leaks
 - Hot water in the building is a problem
 - Brine tank for water being fixed May 10th
 - The school had two break-ins last week which are under investigation
 - Looking at replacing gym ceiling tiles
 - This summer: cafeteria floor replacement and thermostat replacement

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G. Reports (continued)

6. Other Reports - None

H. Old Business

1. Board Goals 2011-2012

- a. Curriculum Guides – Dr. Rachel Kohrman-Ramos gave a curriculum report. Teachers have been sorting standards into trimesters in five different groups: Pre K-K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8. Blue Hill has also committed to Zaner Bloser for 3-8 spelling and for 7-8 writing in 2012-2013.

2. Use of Time Report Follow Up – Grade 3-4 specials will go from 40 minutes to 35 minutes in 2012-2013. Della Martin will have a draft schedule for the board to look at in June.

I. New Business

1. The April 1st Enrollment Report was enclosed for review.

2. Accelerated Math Discussion for Grades 6-8

The board will need to see a written plan, before September, 2012, regarding the possible pathways for middle school math acceleration.

3. To Approve the Draft 2012-2013 School Year Calendar

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to approve the draft 2012-2013 school year calendar.

4. To Approve the Lawn Mowing Bid for the May 15, 2012 through Fall 2012 Season

A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Ben Wootten, to go with the low bid: Mattson, LLC at \$2,680.00.

Motion passed 4-0.

5. Possible Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A) for the Purpose of Appointment of Employees

A motion was made by Susan Keenan, seconded by Annie Rice, to enter into an executive session per 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(A) for the purpose of appointment of employees with the board, Mark Hurvitt and Della Martin.

Motion passed 4-0.

Time In 7:05 p.m. Time Out: 7:26 p.m.

Upon returning to open session, there was no action.

6. To Approve Teachers Going Onto Continuing Contract for the 2012-2013 School Year:

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to follow the superintendent's nomination and to approve Cathy Gage going onto continuing contract for the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to follow the superintendent's nomination and to approve Matt Jurick going onto continuing contract for the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion passed 4-0.

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I. New Business (continued)

7. To Approve Teachers Going Onto 2nd Year Probationary Contracts for the 2012-2013 School Year:

A motion was made by Jon Smallidge, seconded by Ben Wootten, to follow the superintendent's nomination and to approve Vicki Davis going onto a 2nd Year Probationary teaching contract for the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Annie Rice, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to follow the superintendent's nomination and to approve Kyle Snow going onto a 2nd Year Probationary teaching contract for the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to follow the superintendent's nomination and to approve Kelsey O'Neill going onto a 2nd Year Probationary teaching contract for the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to follow the superintendent's nomination and to approve Kate Kennedy going onto a 2nd Year Probationary teaching contract for the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion passed 3-1.

(Susan Keenan – Nay)

8. To Approve Support Staff for the 2012-2013 School Year

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to follow the superintendent's nomination and to approve the list of support staff for the 2012-2013 school year, as presented by Mark Hurvitt:

Jerin Smith, Assistant Secretary, Jerin Smith, Assistant Cook, Loretta Smith, Secretary, Foster Smith, Custodian, Kathie Koontz, Cook, Robin Mitchell, Cook, Catherine Reuter, Ed. Tech., Susan Snyder, Ed. Tech., Jane Haldane, Ed. Tech., Michael Jezak, Ed. Tech., Jessica Hutchins, Ed. Tech., Christine Jezak, Ed. Tech., Debra Kingston, Ed. Tech., Laurie Friend, Ed. Tech., Deb Candage, School Nurse, Mark Ensworth, Ed. Tech., Judy Park, Ed. Tech., Chelsea Robbins, Ed. Tech., Franklin Burke, Head Custodian.

Motion passed 4-0.

9. To Approve BEEM Grants

A motion was made by Annie Rice, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to approve the Nano grant.

Motion passed 3-1.

(Ben Wootten – Nay)

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Jon Smallidge, to approve the info. board grant.

Motion passed 4-0.

10. A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Annie Rice, to accept the donation from Tradewinds of their food cart.

Motion passed 4-0.

J. Items for Next Month's Agenda

- 4:30 p.m. meeting time
- Revisit Homework time policy guidelines
- Field Maintenance

K. Signing of Vouchers – The vouchers were signed.

L. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by Chair Jon Smallidge.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Hurvitt
Superintendent of Schools