

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 8, 2017 – 5:00pm
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes

A. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Chair, Jan Snow.

Members Present: Jan Snow, Ben Wootten, Rebecca Conable, Sean Walsh, Jim Lacasse arrived at 5:04pm

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt, Shelly Schildroth, Tracy Gandy, Nell Herrmann, Kelley Columber, Matt Jurick, Kat Hudson, Ellen Falkner, Doug Falkner

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of the January 11, 2017; January 19; 2017 and January 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Ben Wootten, seconded by Sean Walsh, to approve the minutes of the January 2017 meetings.

Motion passed 4-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Rebecca Conable, seconded by Sean Walsh, to approve the agenda.

Motion passed 4-0.

(Jim Lacasse arrived at 5:04pm)

E. Communications

A) 8th Grade Trip Proposal

Nell Herrmann and Kat Hudson came with some 8th graders and proposed a week of day trips this spring: 1) Portland 2) Old Orchard Beach 3) A local overnight camping trip 4) Camp Beech Cliff, MDI 5) Blue Hill Heritage Trust local trails.

The Board will approve the trip in May after the details get sorted out, but they really liked the concept.

B) Auditor's Report

Jim Wadman, the auditor, came to give the Board his report on the 2015-16 audit, plus he discussed the carry forward balance, and recommended applying \$154,000.00 towards the 2017-18 budget.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public

None.

G. Reports

1. GSA Report

None.

2. Principal's Report

The Principal's Report was handed out and is attached to the office minutes.

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3. Superintendent's Report

The town of Fayette is interested in changing the EPS formula for minimum receivers. A selectman contacted Mr. Hurvitt, and has done a lot of work on a proposal which would benefit Blue Hill greatly. Is the Board interested in working on this? Ben Wootten will be the Blue Hill contact person.

4. PTF Report

Winter clubs, Dr. Seuss Day is March 2, and Hannaford cards

5. Building and Grounds Committee Report

The report was handed out and is attached to the office minutes.

H. Old Business

1. Review and Discussion of 2017-2018 Budget

The Board went over the budget, Version 5, line by line, making changes. Also, Jan Snow mentioned that the Selectmen are interested in exploring a 15 year, \$1.5 million loan from the Maine Bond Bank, at 3.2%, to accomplish some much needed big projects at school. More details to follow. The application is due on November 1, 2017.

2. Policy Follow-Up

Moved to March agenda.

I. New Business

1. Summary of Accounts

The Summary of Accounts was handed out.

J. Items for Next Month's Agenda

1. Coaching Nominations
2. Policy Follow-Up
3. Preparations for Town Meeting

K. Signing of Vouchers

Completed

L. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm by Chair, Jan Snow.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hurvitt
Superintendent of Schools