



**DSC Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2020**  
**ZOOM Meeting**

**A) Call to Order:** Roll Call. 7:02 P.M.

**Members in attendance:** Francis Fistori – Avon, Eric Erskine (Vice-Chair) – Braintree, Aidan Maguire, Jr. – Canton, Thomas Polito (Chair) – Dedham, Taryn Mohan – Holbrook, Clinton Graham – Milton, Kevin Connolly – Norwood, Rachele Jeanty – Randolph, Sheila Vazquez – Westwood, and Chuck Gisondi – DSC Treasurer

**Administration in Attendance:** Jill Rossetti - Superintendent-Director, Michelle Resendes - Business Manager, Geoff Zini – Principal, Paul Bovuso – Academic Director, Michelle Sylvia – Vocational Director, Marybeth Joyce – Admissions, and David Galego – Facilities Director

Condolences from the DSC were made in reference to the death of Matt Siwik, a Blue Hills Vocational Teacher and Coach. This was followed by a moment of silence.

**B) Open Session:** ZOOM Meeting

**C) Public Comment:** None

**D) Treasurer’s Report:** Chuck Gisondi

Mr. Gisondi reported that nothing new has come up since the committee last met.

**E) Warrant:** Chuck Gisondi

After a short discussion about student fees, Warrant Number 10 for \$928,980.66 was provided for review and vote

Motion to approve: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Eric Erskine, Braintree

Vote, Roll Call: Motion to approve warrant #10 passed unanimously.

**F) Minute Approval**

12/1/2020 Vote Required

Motion to Approve Kevin Connolly, Norwood

Second: Sheila Vazquez, Westwood

Vote, Roll Call: Motion to approve 12/1/2020 minutes passed unanimously.

**G) Superintendent’s Report: Jill Rossetti**

This year’s admissions drive for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students has proved to be a challenge; however, the planned events that have taken place received very positive public feedback and turnout. Those activities include but are not limited to the following: open house, showcase reaching out to schools and ZOOM Q and A sessions. Overall applications are down 34%. Efforts to enroll

more 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for the SY22 are underway. The interview phase will begin after the holidays. Efforts to obtain email addresses for current District 8<sup>th</sup> graders were successful in 6 of the 9 District towns. Chair Polito stated that the DSC representatives from these towns may have to get involved.

Ms. Rossetti provided a COVID update stating that Blue Hills now had 4 towns in the “red” zone (moving up from “yellow” the previous week). We will watch this over the next few weeks because it may affect how we proceed with in-school learning.

**H) DSC Chair Report:** Tom Polito, Chair – Dedham

Mr. Polito announced that the committee has not received a response from one of the school’s three unions in reference to contract negotiations and the committee would be going into Executive Session later to discuss this.

Chair Polito spoke about Matt Siwik and his role in the school, the contribution he made both in the classroom and on the field as a Couch. He is also a Navy Veteran. Matt Siwik will be missed.

**I) Sub-Committee Reports:**

**Personnel and Negotiations Subcommittee:** Committee will go into Executive session as stated above.

**J) Administration Reports:**

**Principal’s Report: Geoff Zini**

After the passing of Mr. Siwik, Mr. Zini commended all staff for stepping up and supporting our students and each other.

Mr. Zini stated that Blue Hills added vocational in-person learning on Wednesdays with juniors and seniors. Mr. Zini stated that if in-person learning is cancelled due to inclement winter weather classes will take place remotely. Everyone will be notified by an all call from the Superintendent.

**Business Manager Report:** Michelle Resendes

Ms. Resendes reported that the budget process for next year is well underway and meeting with all departments have taken place. A draft budget will be available to start the budget process with the DSC Budget Sub-Committee in January.

**K) Unfinished Business: None**

**L) New Business: N/A**

**M) Executive Session: Yes**

**N) Future Business:** The next District School Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 7 PM.

**O) Adjournment: 7:25 PM**

Motion to adjourn the regular DSC meeting and then move into Executive Session was made by Kevin Connolly, Norwood  
Second: Eric Erskine, Braintree  
Vote: Roll Call  
Motion passed unanimously

Minutes written and submitted by:

Pamela Donnellan  
Administrative Secretary to the Superintendent-Director

Minutes Approved: January, 5, 2021