

Brunswick School Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, November 13, 2013

Executive Session 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Maine Street Station

16 Station Avenue

Room 217

Board Members Present: James Grant, Chair; Michele Joyce, Vice Chair; Brenda Clough; Janet Connors; Richard Ellis; Corinne Perreault; Joy Prescott; William Thompson; Isabella Jorgensen, Student Liaison

Board Members Absent: Christopher McCarthy

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Gregory Bartlett, Assistant Superintendent; Jim Oikle, Business Manager; Sharon Harvie, ESL Teacher, Brunswick High School; Christine Patton, Administrative Secretary; Susan Alexander, Brunswick High School Administrative Secretary

Guests: J.T. Leonard, The Times Record; Dylan Martin, The Forecaster; Peter Dawson; Oliver Smith, Brunswick High School student, Town Council-elect Jane Millett, and others

There was an Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. in order to conduct the following business:

103. Consideration of Executive Session to Interview a Candidate for Brunswick High School Interim Principal Pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6) (A)

Motion: Ellis Second: Connors Vote: Unanimous of Board members present

Voted to enter executive session in order to interview a candidate for interim principal at Brunswick High School pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6) (A).

The Board entered executive session at 6:33 p.m.

The Board re-entered public session at 6:45 p.m.

104. Consideration of Any Appropriate Action as a Result of Item 103

Motion: Thompson Second: Joyce Vote: Unanimous of Board members present

Voted to authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a contract with Peter Dawson to fill an interim principal position at Brunswick High School effective January 1, 2014, to June 30, 2014.

Call to Order for Regular Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked the Superintendent for a roll call.

Adjustment to the Agenda

Mr. Perzanoski added an item about a donation to the Superintendent's Report.

Mrs. Clough asked to remove Student Services Committee Report.

Consent Agenda Action

Ms. Clough asked to remove Item 106 from the Consent Agenda.

The following items were approved by unanimous consent of Board members present:

*105. Minutes:

Minutes of October 9, 2013

Special Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2013

*107. Consideration of Appointment of Certification Support Team Members

The following Certification Support Team Members:

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>MENTOR</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Coffin:	Sam Bernier	Brenda Shea	1 st
	Barbara Burgess	Sharon Harvie/Joyce Foley	1 st
	Tracey Peck-Moad	Danielle Murphy	2 nd

Chairman Grant took up Item 106 at this time:

106. Policy Committee Report – Mr. Thompson

Mr. Thompson reviewed the changes to the following policy:

- Policy File: FF Naming of Facilities

After discussion Mr. Grant asked the Board members to submit their suggestions to the Policy Committee. This policy will be considered for a 2nd read in December.

Old Business

None

Communications/Correspondence

Mrs. Joyce reported that she attended the Brunswick High School Jazz Band concert and Music Boosters' auction.

Mr. Ellis reported that he was asked about a lice policy in our district.

Public Participation

None

Superintendent's Report

a. Student Government Report

Oliver Smith, Treasurer of the junior class of Brunswick High School, gave a report from the Brunswick High School Student Government on activities which included Homecoming Week, a future dance, and fundraising for disaster relief in the Philippines.

b. Changes to the Brunswick LAU Plan – Sharon Harvie, ESL Teacher

Sharon Harvie reported that there are two major changes relating to Foreign Exchange Students and to the assessment of LEP students. She reported that we currently service 35 students throughout the district, with 16 different languages.

Motion: Connors Second: Thompson Vote: Unanimous of Board members present

Voted to accept the revised Brunswick LAU Plan as presented.

c. Building and Equipment Use:

- Maine Senior Women's Basketball – use of BHS gym for the Festival of Crafts
- District III MMEA – use of junior high school cafeteria for auditions
- Stowe Community Group – use of Stowe cafeteria, gym, community room for the Elementary School Craft Fair
- Hockey Boosters – use of BHS gym, cafeteria, concession stand for the Hockey Craft Fair
- American Red Cross – use of Stowe gym for a blood drive
- Edwin Thompson All Star Camp – use of BHS gym for an Advanced College Coaches Baseball Clinic

d. Donations: Charles and Susan Dorn, Kathy Thorson and Mark Battle, Pathway Vineyard Church

Mr. Perzanoski thanked Mr. and Mrs. Dorn, and Kathy Thorson and Mark Battle for their recent monetary donation to the Brunswick Junior High School Music Program, and also thanked Pathway Vineyard Church for their generous donation of hand-knit scarves and hats to Harriet Beecher Stowe Elementary School.

e. Budget Update - Mr. Oikle

Mr. Oikle reported that an audit was completed at the end of October and there were no recommendations; that it was a “clean” audit. The next audit will be held in June. The 2014-2015 budget guidelines have been reviewed with the administrative team and will be ready for distribution soon.

f. Surplus Property

Margy Soule, Coffin School Librarian, submitted a memo regarding surplus books. They would like to sell these books at the Coffin Harvest Festival and donate unsold books to area charities.

Without objection the Board members present approved the sale and donation of surplus books.

g. Holiday Office Closure

Mr. Perzanoski has determined that December 26, 2013 will be the paid holiday before or after Christmas. All school offices will be closed.

h. Changes in Meeting Location

The November 20th School Board Workshop will be held at the Hawthorne Conference Room, and the December and January meetings will be held at the Morrell Meeting Room at Curtis Library. The new venue at the McLellan Building should be available in February.

Board Chair's Report

a. Election Results

Mr. Grant congratulated Ms. Clough, Mrs. Connors and Mr. Ellis on re-election to the School Board for terms that end on Dec. 31, 2016.

b. Appointment Changes to Region 10 Cooperative Board

Mr. Grant announced that he is replacing Ms. Joyce on the Region 10 Cooperative Board.

c. November 20 Workshop/Special Meeting Agenda

Items on the agenda include:

- Facilities Update from PDT Architects
- Report on China Trip – Mr. Bartlett
- Review of Preschool Program

d. Charter School Update

Mr. Grant read a letter from the Superintendent regarding the requirements of the Maine Freedom of Access Act. Mr. Grant stated that though an idea was brought forward and suggestions were made, there was never a proposal before the Board for a Charter School.

Committee Reports

a. Facilities & Maintenance Committee – Mr. Ellis

Mr. Ellis reported that the committee met and toured Brunswick High School on October 21 and discussed flooring, security modifications, and the boiler system. The air quality plan at Brunswick Junior High School will move forward.

b. Personnel & Negotiations Committee – Mrs. Perreault

Mrs. Perreault reported that the committee met on October 23 and that negotiations are continuing.

c. Student Services Committee – Ms. Clough

No Report.

d. Curriculum & Program Development – Mrs. Perreault

Mrs. Perreault gave an update on the Gifted and Talented Program since the addition of a new teacher. The program reaches 100% of all K-2 students and exceeds the recommendations for all other grades. There is a summary on the Brunswick School Department website.

e. Budget & Finance Committee– Mr. Ellis

Mr. Ellis reported that the committee met on October 23 and discussed challenges they will face as they build the 2014-2015 school budget.

f. Maine Region 10 Cooperative Board – Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Connors

Mrs. Connors reported that the committee met on October 21 and discussed increased enrollment, the Director's goals, an additional in-service day, and the annual open house. Best wishes were given to their head custodian as he retires after 24 years of service.

g. MSBA Fall Conference Report – Mr. Thompson, Ms. Clough

Mrs. Clough, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Grant reported on workshops that they attended at the conference.

New Business

108. Consideration of Superintendent's Nomination of a Teacher for 2013-2014 School Year

Motion: Ellis

Second: Connors

Vote: 7-1 (Thompson opposed)

Voted to elect the following teacher for the 2013-14 school year:

Kim M. Roth, School Psychologist, Brunswick Junior High School

Calendar/Announcements

Mrs. Joyce said there is an upcoming Brunswick High School student theater production of *The Crucible*.

Mrs. Clough said Student Services Committee was cancelled but will be re-scheduled.

Mr. Grant noted the recent passing of James Ward who previously served as Chair on the school board.

Future Agenda Items

Christine Patton, who is retiring, was thanked for her 24 years of service.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:55 p.m.

Paul K. Perzanoski Secretary
Brunswick School Board