

Brunswick School Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Morrell Meeting Room
Curtis Memorial Library
23 Pleasant Street

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 (arrived at 8:35pm)

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Gregory Bartlett, Assistant Superintendent; Paul Austin, Director of Student Services; Paul Caron, Facilities Director; Susan Alexander, Administrative Secretary

Guests: Melissa Fochesato, BCEF Chair; J.T. Leonard, The Times Record; Dylan Martin, The Forecaster; Chris Chase, Coastal Journal; Oliver Smith, Brunswick High School student, Jane Millett, Town Councilor; Kate Kaljainen; Brunswick Police Officer; and others

Call to Order for Regular Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Grant called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked the Superintendent for a roll call.

Adjustment to the Agenda

Mrs. Joyce noted the November 20th Workshop was called to order by Mrs. Perreault, not by Mrs. Joyce as stated in the Minutes.

Consent Agenda Action

Motion: Ellis Second: Joyce Vote: Unanimous of the Board Members Present

Approved the following items on the Consent Agenda:

*109. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of November 13, 2013

*110. Policy and Planning Committee – Mr. Thompson

Consideration of Approval of the Following Second Read Policies:

a. Revised Policy FILE: FF Naming of Facilities

Old Business

None

Communications/Correspondence

None

Public Participation

Ms. Kate Kaljainen, on behalf of Brunswick Community United, expressed concerns with voting tonight on using Jordan Acres site for a new school. She asked if the vote might be postponed in order to hold a community workshop.

Ms. Jane Millett, Town Councilor, also asked that we support the community by holding a community workshop prior to any vote on the proposed site for a new school.

Superintendent's Report

a. Student Government Report – Oliver Smith, BHS student

Oliver Smith, Treasurer of the junior class of Brunswick High School, reported that Mr. Dawson, BHS Interim Principal, attended the Student Government meeting and students were happy to have him there. He also reported that the Student Government started planning for the Winter Carnival.

b. Brunswick Community Education Foundation – Melissa Fochesato, chair

Melissa Fochesato reported that BCEF is an independent non-profit organization of community members committed to supporting Brunswick students by working in a partnership effort with Brunswick's public schools. They have had overwhelming support and the community response to their fund raising has been amazing. Their meetings are held at The Frontier, open to the public, and are held on the first Tuesday of every month, with the next meeting on January 7, 2014.

c. Proposal to retire/sell bus 27 – Mr. Caron

Mr. Caron reported that bus 27 has over 123,730 miles on it and is no longer useful. He would like to propose that the bus be retired and put out to bid.

By unanimous consent the board approved the disposition of bus 27.

d. Building and Equipment Use:

- Maine Music Educators Association District III – use of HBS for chorus concert
- Cooperative Development Institute – use of BHS cafeteria for Brunswick Bay Coop Meeting
- Bills Bunch Square Dancers – use of Coffin School for Square Dance Instruction

e. Safety Enhancement Grant – Mr. Perzanoski

Mr. Perzanoski reported that we received a Safety Enhancement Grant awarded by the Maine Municipal Association for \$2,000 for utilizing a piece of equipment for a Special Education student.

f. Donations - \$100 to Brunswick Junior High Student Fund

Mr. Perzanoski thanked Mr. Donald Woolever and Ms. Cynthia Dechenes for their donation.

g. Resignation

- Donna Borowick, BHS Principal
- Louis “Butch” Thibeault, Bus Driver
- Linda Gallagher, Kindergarten Teacher
- McKell Barnes, BHS Math Teacher

Mr. Perzanoski expressed appreciation for their years of service and wished them well in their endeavors.

h. Budget Report – Mr. Oikle

None

i. China Trip Report – Mr. Bartlett

Mr. Bartlett thanked the School Board and School Department for the wonderful learning opportunity afforded him. He visited our sister school, Jinhua High School #1 and Hangzhou #14 Secondary School, in Zhejiang Province, China. He shared his experiences with us utilizing a video he made and a slideshow.

Board Chair’s Report

a. Student Liaison Report – Isabella Jorgensen

Ms. Jorgensen reported that the new sport season at BHS had started. BHS students and staff were involved in the Santa Fund which raises money and purchases gifts for underprivileged children in the area. The latest edition of the Orange and Black was published in The Times Record. Mr. Rick Wilson made a directory of faculty member bios to help the new principal learn more about the staff.

b. Inauguration, January 6, 2014

Mr. Grant expressed his gratitude to the Board for their work and support as this is his last meeting as chair. The Inauguration meeting will be held at Morrell Meeting Room in Curtis Library at 7:00pm.

Committee Reports

a. Curriculum & Program Development Committee – Mrs. Perreault

Mrs. Perreault reported that they met tonight at 6:00pm and reviewed 3 requests: Life Skills Health and Wellness textbook for the 9th grade self-contained classroom; a Geometry textbook for the academic and honors level math students at the high school; and a new math program, Big Ideas, for the junior high school.

b. Evaluation Committee will be meeting on December 12, 2013

No report at this time.

c. Merrymeeting Adult Education Advisory Committee – Mrs. Connors

Mrs. Connors reported that they met on November 12, 2013. They reviewed strategic goals, summer/fall 2013 courses, grants, and fees collected. Their Winter/Spring course catalog is available on their website. Educational Testing Service has developed the HiSET test which will be replacing the GED test as of January 1, 2014.

New Business

111. Facilities: Discussion and possible action on using Jordan Acres site for a new school

Board members discussed the pros and cons of postponing the vote on using Jordan Acres site for a new school.

The Board agreed unanimously to table this until the January meeting.

Calendar/Announcements

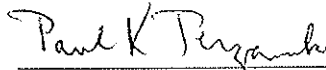
None

Future Agenda Items

Members of the School Board requested we make copies available to the public of the article, *A Tale of Two Schools*, which had been given to all School Board members.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:37p.m.



Paul K. Perzanoski Secretary
Brunswick School Board