

Brunswick School Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Brunswick Station

16 Station Avenue

Room 217

There was a Budget Workshop from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Brunswick Station prior to the regular school board meeting.

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

Board Members Absent: James Grant, Chair

Staff Members Present: Gregory Bartlett, Assistant Superintendent; James Oikle, Business Manager; Steve Ciembroniewicz, Principal, Coffin School; Jean Skorapa, Principal, Harriet Beecher Stowe School; Walter Wallace, Principal, Brunswick Junior High School; Aaron Bailey and Mike Andreotti, School Resource Officers; Christine Patton, Administrative Secretary

Guests: Brunswick Police Officer, members of the press, BHS student, Sarah Singer, Vineet Shende, others

Call to Order

Ms. Joyce called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked the Assistant Superintendent for a roll call.

Adjustments to the Agenda

Removed a report from the Sub Committee on Board Self Evaluation from Committee Reports.

Removed Item 26: Consideration of a School Board Self Evaluation

Consent Agenda Action

Items on the Consent Agenda passed without objection with Ms. Joyce abstaining from voting on the minutes.

*23. Approved the Minutes of February 13, 2013

Approved the Minutes of February 25, 2013 Special Meeting

Approved the Minutes of March 6, 2013, Special Meeting on Facilities

*24. Approved the Following First Read Policies:

a. Revised Policy FILE: BDE Board Committees

b. Revised Policy FILE: BDE-R Standing Committee Operating Procedures

c. Proposed Policy FILE: IHBAC Model Child Find Policy

d. Proposed Policy FILE: IHBA-R Model Referral Procedures and General Education Interventions

Old Business

None

Communications/Correspondence

Mrs. Perreault announced that high school students are performing the musical "Grease".

Ms. Joyce encouraged the public to view student art exhibits currently on display in honor of Youth Art Month.

Public Participation

Mr. Vineet Shende, on behalf of the parent group, Brunswick Community United, spoke about concerns with the cost of the proposed facility renovations.

Sarah Singer spoke on behalf of Brunswick Community United about concerns with site study costs, and in support of the proposed resolution on educational funding.

Superintendent's Report

a. Report from Student Government

Ms. Jorgensen reported that student government is considering changes in use of cell phones, and revisions to the Bruce Cook Scholarship application. She reported that the dance last month went very well.

b. 2012 NECAP Results – Mr. Bartlett

Mr. Bartlett reported on standardized testing (NECAP) results for grades 3-8 in math, reading and writing. Results ranged from 66% to 77% proficiency and proficiency with distinction in all areas. He reviewed interventions and plans for action to improve scores below these levels.

c. Building and Equipment Use was reported:

- Destination Imagination – use of Stowe School Discovery Room for meetings
- Town of Brunswick – use of Hawthorne conference Room for certification
- Riverview-Brunswick 21 CCLC – use of junior high cafeteria for a parent meeting
- MePERS – use of high school Multi-Purpose Room for a pre-retirement seminar
- Atlantic Regional Credit Union – use of Crooker Theater for its annual meeting

d. Resignations

Mr. Bartlett acknowledged the following resignations for the purposes of retirement:

- Berenice Knight, Reading Recovery Teacher & Reading Strategist
- Christine Patton, Administrative Secretary to the Superintendent

e. Recognition

- Letter from MCHPP

The Assistant Superintendent said that Stowe School students made food donations recently to the Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program.

- Letter from Drummond Woodsum

Mr. Bartlett said the school attorneys sent a letter saying there will be no rate increase for school lawyers this year.

- PMA Youth Art Month Exhibit

The Portland Museum of Art in Portland is exhibiting local students' work during Youth Art Month.

- Results of Jazz Festival

The Brunswick High School Jazz ensemble placed 2nd and 4th recently at the prestigious Berklee Jazz Festival.

- Scholastic Art Awards

Mr. Bartlett announced that two students received recognition from the Scholastic Art Awards.

f. Budget Report – Mr. Oikle

Mr. Oikle said last year's budget has been retired, and next year's budget is in development. The current year's budget is running within normal limits and there are no concerns with overtime expenses, utilities, principals, and other budgets. He said that the school department received a check for \$30,294 in Impact Aid.

g. Community Conversation Update

The committee has been meeting frequently and has two areas to finalize before soliciting public input.

h. China Sister School Update

The Superintendent will meet with Suzanne Fox next week to continue making summer plans for sister school student visits.

i. Report on Parent Meetings

Mr. Bartlett reported that the Superintendent continues to meet with parent groups at each school.

Board Chair's Report

a. Addition of Budget Workshop on April 4 at Brunswick Station

Ms. Joyce announced that this is an additional meeting to the budget workshop schedule.

Committee Reports

a. Student Services Committee 2/19/13 – Ms. Clough

Ms. Clough said the committee set goals and focused discussion on low test score groups.

b. Curriculum & Program Development 3/6/13 – Mrs. Perreault

Mrs. Perreault said the committee set goals, looked at extending Math In Focus to the junior high, discussed the transition of grade 5 students to grade 6, and explored potential changes to high school courses.

c. Policy & Planning Committee 2/28/13 – Mr. Thompson

Mr. Thompson said the committee discussed changes to school board committee structure and set goals that include a review of old policies. The committee plans to meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:45 p.m.

d. Personnel and Negotiations Committee 3/6/13 – Mrs. Perreault

Mrs. Perreault said that the committee continued to negotiate with two bargaining units.

e. Facilities & Maintenance Committee 3/12/13 – Mr. Ellis

Mr. Ellis reported that the committee discussed the security inspection. Results would be presented to the Board in May. They reviewed the March 6 special meeting and looked at the Capital Improvement Plan.

New Business

25. Consideration of Approval of a Security Request from School Resource Officers

Detectives Bailey and Andreotti presented a request for firearms storage units at the junior high and high schools.

Motion: Ellis

Second: Thompson

Vote: 7-1 (Clough opposed)

Approved the request from School Resource Officers for firearm storage units as presented.

26. Resolution on the Governor's Proposal

Mr. McCarthy made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Connors, to approve the proposed resolution on the Governor's proposal concerning educational funding.

Mr. Ellis made a motion to add an amendment that included financial details. There was no second and the motion died.

The vote was 7-1 (Thompson opposed) to adopt the resolution in opposition of the Governor's proposals regarding shifting retirement costs to local school boards and using casino funds earmarked for public schools to fill the state budget gap. The resolution was to be sent to Governor LePage, Education Commissioner Stephen Bowen, local legislators and appropriate members of the media.

Calendar/Announcements

None

Future Agenda Items

Mr. Thompson suggested inviting area legislators to the school board meetings.

Mr. McCarthy suggested having an overview of professional development activities and the technology plan.

Executive Session

27. Consideration of Executive Session to Discuss Negotiations

Motion: Perreault Second: Connors Vote: Unanimous of the Board Members Present

Voted to enter executive session to discuss employee negotiations pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6) (D).

The Board entered executive session at 8:47 p.m.

The Board re-entered public session at 9:12 p.m.

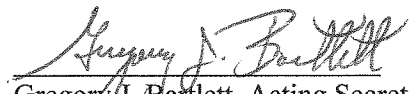
28. Any Action as a Result of Item 27

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

Voted to ratify the negotiated agreement with local 2010-Unit 01, Council 93, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016, as recommended by the Negotiations Committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:13 p.m.


Gregory J. Bartlett, Acting Secretary
Brunswick School Board