

Brunswick School Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Brunswick Station

16 Station Avenue

Room 217

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

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

Board Members Absent: Janet Connors

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Gregory Bartlett, Assistant Superintendent; Cheryl White, Administrative Consultant; Susan Woodhams, Director of Technology Integration, Walter Wallace, Principal, Brunswick Junior High School, Art Abelmann, Principal, Brunswick High School; Steve Ciembroniewicz, Principal, Coffin School, Robert Goddard, Teacher, Brunswick High School, Christine Patton, Administrative Secretary

Guests: Brunswick Police Officer, members of the press and radio, Kathy Koerber and Cathy Carey from Poem in a Pocket program

Call to Order

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.

Adjustments to the Agenda

Mr. Grant added a Facilities and Maintenance Committee Report.
Mr. Perzanoski added Destination Imagination to the Superintendent's Report.

Consent Agenda Action

Items on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection.

*29. Minutes of March 13, 2013

*30. Second 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: IHBAAR Model Referral Procedures and General Education Interventions

First Read Policies for a Second Read:

- a. Revised Policy FILE: EEAG Student Transportation in Private Vehicles
- b. Proposed Policy FILE: EEBB-E4 Parent/Guardian Permission for Transportation By Private Vehicle, Waiver, Release and Agreement to Hold Harmless

Old Business

None

Communications/Correspondence

Mrs. Clough said she had a call from a citizen who expressed disappointment with the vote on weapon storage.

Public Participation

“Poem in Your Pocket” Program – Kathy Koerber

Mrs. Koerber reported on district-wide activities celebrating poetry in schools. Activities ranged from authors reading poetry, students writing and reciting poetry, poetry club formation and open-mike night at the high school.

Superintendent’s Report

- a. Report from Student Government

No report

- b. Building and Equipment Use:

- Portland Symphony Orchestra – use of Crooker Theater for a performance
- Bath Iron Works – use of Crooker Theater for team building activities

- c. Resignations for the purpose of retirement:

- Donna Borowick, Assistant Principal, Brunswick High School
- Steven Kondor, Night Custodian, Brunswick Junior High School

- d. Recognition

- Donation from Bank of America

Mr. Perzanoski said that Bank of America Charitable Foundation made a contribution of \$500 to Coffin School.

- 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team

The 8th grade boys’ basketball team completed their second consecutive year of perfect regular season game wins in the Andy Valley Middle School League.

- First Place at Maine National History Day

Mr. Perzanoski congratulated senior student, Brooke Tranten, for her first place win at the Maine National History Day event. She is now eligible to compete in a nation-wide competition in June.

- Destination Imagination

Destination Imagination teams from Harriet Beecher Stowe School won second and third place in their divisions in recent team competition.

- e. Budget Report

No report

- f. Report on Parent Meetings

Mr. Perzanoski said he has finished meeting with parent groups in all schools. He found it helpful to hear their ideas.

- g. Reminder: First and Second Year Teacher Evaluations and Consideration of Contracts in May

Mr. Perzanoski reminded Board members that they will be given two weeks to look at evaluations of first and second year teachers being considered for continued employment.

- h. Discussion:

- District Technology Plan

Mrs. Woodhams explained the 3-year technology plan, its vision statement, and how it fits with professional development and school curriculum. A new plan is due in 2014 and has to be approved by the State.

- District Professional Development Plan

Mr. Bartlett explained the purpose of professional development and its goals of educating school staff. He reviewed activities that relate to the Maine Common Core of Learning Standards including Math in Focus, NEASC accreditation for the high school, and other federal and state mandates whether funded or not. Concerns with disruptions to the student day and lack of training carry over to the classroom were discussed.

Board Chair's Report

- a. School Board Liaison Report – Isabella Jorgensen

Ms. Jorgensen said that high school students were giving tours to grade 8 students and families at the annual Spring Fling open house. There was also a theater arts performance about teen homelessness.

- b. Letter from the Governor

Mr. Grant read a letter from Governor LePage about the School Board's resolution in opposition to several proposals. Mr. Grant, with the Board's consent, said he will have the Political Action and Media Committee look at inaccuracies in the resolution and bring a response back to the Board before sending a reply to the Governor.

Committee Reports

- a. Student Services Committee 3/14/13 – Ms. Clough

The committee heard about a budget request for special education staffing, and had a lengthy presentation on behavioral data.

- b. Curriculum & Program Development 3/18/13, 4/3/13 – Mrs. Perreault

Mrs. Perreault said the committee discussed Math In Focus transition to Grade 6. The committee voted 2-1 against using it in Grade 6 after hearing explanations from Grade 6 math teachers.

Without objection, the Board consented to consider Item 32.

32. Consideration of Math In Focus Program for Grade 6

Motion: Joyce

Second: Perreault

Vote: 6-2 (Clough, Ellis opposed)

Approved to **not** adopt Math In Focus for grade 6 at this time, and allow the junior high staff to investigate and decide how to progress with the program while it is still emerging at the middle school level.

- c. Personnel and Negotiations Committee 3/27/13 – Mrs. Perreault

Mrs. Perreault reported that negotiations continue with the educational technicians.

- d. Maine Region 10 Cooperative Board 3/18/13 – Mr. Thompson

Mr. Thompson said the Cooperative Board discussed the Region 10 budget and voted to approve it.

- e. Political Action & Media Committee – Mr. Grant

Mr. Grant said the committee met with Representative Daughtry to discuss Board concerns and ways to help resolve them.

- f. Sub Committee on Board Self-Evaluation - Mr. McCarthy

Mr. McCarthy said the committee plans to make a matrix of several self-evaluation instruments.

- g. Facilities & Maintenance Committee – Mr. Ellis

Mr. Ellis reported that the committee proposed that fencing be installed in several areas at Coffin School as recommended by the security assessment report. The committee also discussed bus garage options and scheduling a facilities master plan meeting in May.

Without objection, fencing was approved by unanimous consent of the Board members present.

- h. Charter School Project (formerly Brunswick Landing International School: Academy and Charter School) – Mr. McCarthy

Mr. McCarthy reported on a proposal by Mr. John Stadler to develop a local charter school in partnership with the Brunswick School Department and Southern Maine Community College. He proposed forming an Ad Hoc Sub Committee to study and bring back a more information to the Board for its consideration.

Without objection Board members agreed to form an ad hoc sub committee to study the charter school proposal. Mr. Grant asked interested Board members to let him know by Friday, April 12, if they would like to serve on the committee.

New Business

31. Consideration of the 2013-2014 School Calendar

A revised 2013-2014 school calendar was approved by unanimous consent of the Board members present.

Calendar/Announcements

Mr. Grant announced that there is a special meeting tomorrow on April 11 at 6:00 p.m. to vote on the school budget.

Ms. Prescott said the Stowe School students are participating in the Hannaford Clynk program to earn money for the school.

Future Agenda Items

Mrs. Perreault suggested consideration of the current school year calendar to discuss a change to the last day of school.

Executive Sessions

33. Consideration of Executive Session to Consider Two Teacher Requests for Leave of Absence

On a motion by Ms. Joyce and with no objections from the Board members present, it was approved to enter executive session in order to discuss two requests for leave of absence pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6) (A).

The Board entered executive session at 8:25 p.m.

The Board re-entered public session at 8:32 p.m.

34. Consideration of Any Action as a Result of Item 33

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

Approved a request from Kyra Salancy for a 1-year unpaid leave of absence from the position of Grade 8 Science Teacher at Brunswick Junior High School, effective for the 2013-2014 school year. This action was taken in accordance with Article 17 (I) of the current agreement with the Brunswick Education Association.

Approved a request from Leslie Soule, for an unpaid leave of absence from the position of Grade 1 Teacher, effective August 28, 2013, and ending on March 12, 2014, when Ms. Soule plans to retire. This action was taken in accordance with Article 17 (I) of the current agreement with the Brunswick Education Association.

35. Consideration of Executive Session for an Update on Negotiations with Educational Technicians and Non Teaching Personnel

On a motion by Mrs. Perreault and without objection from the Board members present, the Board entered executive session to have an update on the educational technician negotiations pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6) (D).

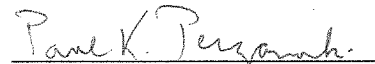
The Board entered executive session at 8:33 p.m.

The Board re-entered public session at 8:45 p.m.

There was no action on this item.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:45 p.m.



Paul K. Perzanoski Secretary
Brunswick School Board