

Brunswick School Board
MINUTES
Wednesday, March 19, 2014
6:30 p.m.
Executive Session following
Council Chambers
McLellan Building
85 Union Street

Board Members Present: Michele Joyce, Chair; Brenda Clough; Janet Connors; Rich Ellis; James Grant; Christopher McCarthy; and Corinne Perreault

Board Members Absent: William Thompson, Vice Chair; Joy Prescott; and Isabella Jorgensen, Student Liaison

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Gregory Bartlett, Assistant Superintendent; James Oikle, Business Manager; Sue Woodhams, Director of Technology Integration; Paul Caron, Building, Grounds, & Transportation Director; Jean Skorapa, Principal, Harriet Beecher Stowe School; Steve Ciembroniewicz, Principal, Coffin School; Bob Goddard, BHS Teacher; and Sue Alexander, Administrative Secretary

Guests: Dana Bateman; Hank Farrah; Tim Gill; members of TV3 and the press; Brunswick Police Department officer; and others

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Joyce called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked the Superintendent for a roll call.

Adjustment to the Agenda

Michele Joyce removed the Student Liaison Report listed in the Board Chair's Report.

Michele Joyce would like to add The Day at The Statehouse to the Board Chair's Report.

Consent Agenda Action

*Items on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection by the Board members present.

- *12. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of February 12, 2014
Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of February 26, 2014 Special Budget Meeting
Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of February 27, 2014, Special Meeting on Facilities

- *13. Consideration of Approval of K-8 Art Curriculum

2012-2013 Budget Audit Report

Mr. Oikle introduced two members of our audit team, Hank Farrah and Tim Gill. They reported on the audit of last year's budget as a requirement under State law. They stated the audit went smoothly and there were no difficulties. Written copies of the report are available in the Business Office.

Old Business**Consideration of Approval to Use the Jordan Acres Site For New School**

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

Approved to use the Jordan Acres site for the new school.

Communications/Correspondence

None

Public Participation

Dana Bateman spoke about her concerns with standardized testing and the State's recent rescheduling of the Smarter Balanced Testing.

Superintendent's Report

a. Building and Equipment Use:

- Atlantic Regional Credit Union – use of Crooker Theater for its annual meeting
- Bath Area Family YMCA – high school cafeteria for Freedom Tour meeting
- Brunswick Rotary – Crooker Theater for Hometown Idol
- Coastal Maine Women's Basketball – use of high school gym
- Maine Lacrosse Officials –high school for workshop
- Maine Youth Lacrosse – high school gym for junior umpire training
- MEA Benefit Trust – high school for pre-retirement seminar
- Midcoast Youth Theater – junior high cafeteria for rehearsals
- Plus One Basketball – high school gym
- Riverview-Brunswick 21 CCLC – use of junior high cafeteria for a parent meeting
- Studio Theater of Bath – Harriet Beecher Stowe for rehearsals
- VOA Action Team – high school for captains' meeting

b. Recognition

Donations – The Superintendent wanted to thank the following for their contributions to the Brunswick School Department:

- To HBS Bobcat 5K Team
- To grade 4 students: Maine maps and brochures from the State of Maine Visitor's Center in Yarmouth.
- Materials to HBS for construction of a wooden bobcat from Blake Hendrickson.

c. Resignations

The following resignations for the purpose of retirement were announced:

- Dan Konieczko, high school science teacher
- Mathilde Rothwell, high school functional life skills teacher
- Kathleen Krea, Coffin School reading teacher

Mr. Perzanoski thanked them for their service and wished them well in the future.

d. BHS Student Government Report

Oliver Smith, Treasurer of the Junior Class, reported on a successful high school dance; the annual BHS Winter Carnival in which most high school students participated; and he encouraged all to see this weekend's performance of West Side Story.

e. Budget Report

Mr. Oikle reported that he received a letter from The United Way stating that the campaign drive in September resulted in BSD employee pledges of \$27,300. He also invited the public to attend the ongoing School Budget Workshops.

f. Technology Plan

Mr. Perzanoski thanked Ms. Woodhams and her department for the extra work done due to the changes in the Smarter Balanced testing.

Ms. Woodhams explained that the State requires we have a Technology Plan and that it is updated every four years. The Board had a copy of the report which they will review and vote on during the April School Board meeting. Once this plan has been approved by the Board Ms. Woodhams will submit it to the State.

14. Consideration of Approval to Host Students from the Affiliated Primary School of Jinhua Normal School in Jinhua, China; and to Provide Two High School Mini-Camps in July for High School Students from Our Sister School in China.

Mr. Bartlett received a request from the Affiliated Primary School of Jinhua Normal School in Jinhua, China for 21 fifth graders, their vice principal, an interpreter and teacher, to visit the Harriet Beecher Stowe School from May 26 to May 30, 2014. During their visit they will stay with host families, go to classes at HBS, and immerse themselves in American culture. We would receive a percent of their cost per student and if it goes well, they would like to come back in the fall with a different set of students.

Mr. Bartlett reported that he also received a request for two groups of Chinese high school students to come here during two separate weeks in July for a mini-camp at Brunswick High School. This is important to our program as last year's mini-camp resulted in applications for two tuition students to study here at BHS next year.

There was much discussion among the Board members regarding our policy. It was decided that the Policy Committee will review the existing policy and if needed, will consult past policies, or will consult with Mr. Goddard who heads the international program at the high school and has been involved for many years with student travel. If the committee finds a new policy is needed, they will have the first draft ready for the April Board meeting.

Motion: Connors

Second: Grant

Vote: 6-1 (Clough opposed)

Approved to Host Visiting Students from the Affiliated Primary School of Jinhua Normal School in Jinhua, China; and to conduct two summer mini-camps for Chinese high school students.

15. Consideration of Approval To Increase The Multi-age Program at Coffin School.

Mr. Ciembroniewicz requested approval for a multi-age expansion at Coffin School. He would like to increase the grades 1 & 2 multi-age classrooms to four classes. This would require no additional staffing; save a classroom and position at HBS; create flexibility, and is a creative choice opportunity for families.

Motion: Grant

Second: Perreault

Vote: Unanimous of the Board Members Present

Approved to Increase the Number of Classrooms of Grade 1 & 2 Multi-age Program at Coffin School.

Board Chair's Report

a.. Future Reports

Mr. Bartlett will give a power point presentation regarding NECAP at the April School Board meeting.

Rich Ellis stated that he would like to discuss student subgroups at the April School Board meeting.

Jim Flanagan, BHS Social Studies Teacher and Chairman of the NEASC Committee, will be at the April or May School Board meeting to discuss the NEASC process at the high school.

c. School Board Goals

Michele Joyce reported that she would like to revisit School Board goals at each meeting to keep the Board focused.

Christopher McCarthy would like to see monthly reports showing how students and/or the district is moving forward.

d. Strategic Plan

Michele Joyce asked the Board if there was an interest to form a sub-committee. Michele Joyce, Chris McCarthy, and Brenda Clough volunteered to form that committee. Ms. Joyce also welcomed any other Board member to join them.

e. Cabinet

Michele Joyce reported that she attended an Administrative Cabinet Meeting. She thanked the administrators for allowing her to attend.

f. Day At The State House

Michele Joyce asked the Board members present if they were attending the Day At The State House on Monday, March 24 from approximately 10:00 a.m. to noon. Michele Joyce, Janet Connors, and Brenda Clough will be attending.

Committee Reports

a. Curriculum & Program Development Committee

Mrs. Perreault reported that the committee has been working on their goals.

b. Facilities and Maintenance Committee

Mr. Ellis reported that the committee has been working on a first draft of their goals. They also discussed the four options for the 2015-2016 calendar year:

- A. Moving grade 2 into portable classrooms (which was agreed was too expensive)
- B. Moving grade 5 to BJHS
- C. Using Hawthorne School for a choice school
- D. Multi-age option

The committee would like to schedule a meeting of the full Board to go over these options and possibly come to a decision before June. They would also like the team who researched option B to be available at that meeting. The committee is interested in the recommendations of administrators and teachers involved.

Paul Caron will be touring the Lewiston facility on April 25 to look at energy efficiency and sustainability. Board members and/or administrators are invited to join him.

New Business

Discussion and possible action on recommended facilities research:

- a. project plan and timeline; b. educational rationale; c. financial implications; d. communication plan

Preliminary information has been supplied to Board members.

Calendar/Announcements

There will be a budget workshop here on Wednesday, March 26.

Bobcat 5K, a Harriet Beecher Stowe parent group fundraiser, will be held on May 17th.

BHS students are performing West Side Story this weekend, with the first performance tomorrow at 7pm.

Future Agenda Items

NEASC update in May or June.

There was an **Executive Session** at 8:14 p.m. in order to conduct the following business:

16. Consideration of Executive Session for an Update on Negotiations with Educational Technicians and Non-Teaching Personnel Pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6) (D)

17. Consideration of Executive Session for a Student Issue Pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6) (F)

Without objection of the Board members present, it was voted to enter executive session for an update on negotiations with Education Technicians and Non-Teaching Personnel Pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6) (D); and for a student issue pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6) (F).

The Board entered executive session at 8:14 p.m.

The Board re-entered public session at 8:42 p.m.

18. Consideration of Any Action as a Result of Item 16


Motion: McCarthy Second: Clough Vote: Unanimous of the Board Members Present

Voted to Accept Terms of the Education Technicians and Non-Teaching Personnel Contract

There was no action on Item 17.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.


 Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
 Brunswick School Board