

Brunswick School Board
MINUTES
Wednesday, April 9, 2014
7:00 p.m.
Executive Session following
Council Chamber
85 Union Street

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

Board Members Absent: Janet Connors and Christopher McCarthy

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Gregory Bartlett, Assistant Superintendent; James Oikle, Business Manager; Peter Dawson, BHS Principal; Jon Riggleman, BHS Teacher; Jim Flanagan, BHS Teacher; Peg Nulle, BHS Teacher; and Sue Alexander, Administrative Secretary

Guests: Kathy and Steve Carey; Representative Mattie Daughtry; Marina MacKinnon; members of TV3 and the press; Officer Terry Goan, Brunswick Police Department; and others

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

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

Adjustment to the Agenda

Mr. Bartlett will make his presentation after Mr. Flanagan and Mr. Riggleman's presentations.

Mr. Thompson will give the Policy and Planning Committee report.

Consent Agenda Action

Item 19 on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection by the Board members present.

*19. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of March 19, 2014

Old Business

None

Communications/Correspondence

State Representative Mattie Daughtry, member of Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, answered questions and gave an update from the State Education Committee on teacher evaluation rules, EPS, college affordability, and universal pre-K bills.

Questions were posed regarding: funding for cost of observation/evaluation training; student growth; economically disadvantaged students; the status of charter school and virtual charter school bills; and the negative effect the standardized test opting-out process will have on both schools trying to meet the participation rate as well as the student assessment for teachers' evaluations.

Public Participation

Peter Dawson recognized Izzy Jorgensen, the School Board Student Liaison, as the BHS recipient of the MPA Principal's Award. Congratulations were given.

Cathy Carey discussed the Poem in Your Pocket Program and gave accolades to Kathy Koerber for heading this program. The culminating event of National Poetry Month is Put a Poem in Your Pocket Day. She reported on district-wide activities in our schools: community members reading poetry to elementary students; students writing and reciting poetry; and open-mike poetry reading in Crooker Theater at the high school on April 30 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

a. Report from Student Government

Marina MacKinnon, Sophomore Class Secretary, reported that students are trying to have the cafeteria open during morning snack break. She stated that classes are holding fund-raisers including Hot Country Nights which is being held this Friday and Saturday night, April 11 and 12.

b. Building and Equipment Use:

- Studio Theatre of Bath – use of HBS for *Hair* rehearsal
- Midcoast Youth Theater – use of Crooker Theater for *MYT! Honk* rehearsal
- Coastal Maine Women's Basketball – use of Crooker Theater gym
- Brunswick Rotary – use of Crooker Theater for Hometown Idol

c. Resignation to pursue other endeavors:

- Samuel Bernier, Grade 1, Coffin School

Resignations for the purpose of retirement:

- Jane McKinney, RTI Reading Interventionist, HBS
- Karren Cowing, Special Education, HBS
- Susan Bean, Grade 1, Coffin School

d. Recognition

The Superintendent thanked the following for their contributions to the Brunswick School Department:

- HBS Bobcat 5K Team – many donations
- Midcoast Hospital – donated binders and clipboards
- Arts are Elementary Artist, Annegret Baier – her CD, *Solo Motion* to HBS
- BJHS Jazz Band, for earning a Gold Award and placing 2nd in Division I at the State Jazz Festival

The Superintendent congratulated Delaina Ferrell, a seventh grader who received a Gold Key Award from the Southern Maine Writing Project for her story, *Something Special*.

e. Budget Report

Mr. Oikle reported that the current year's budget was going well. The final budget workshop meeting for next year's budget will be held next week.

f. NEASC Update

Jim Flanagan, Chairman of the NEASC Steering Committee at BHS, reported that the staff has been working for approximately 18 months on the NEASC accreditation process. Committees have been established and will be meeting from 8-11 a.m. on Friday, April 18. He extended an invitation to School Board members to become members of the committees and the process, and to visit BHS on Friday to attend the committee meetings.

g. Brunswick Community Collaborative

Jon Riggelman reported on accomplishments of the Brunswick Children's Collaborative, a community partnership fostering life-long learning. They have a website, brunswickchildrenscollaborative.org, and they meet every 3 months. He extended an invitation to the next meeting, June 25, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

h. NECAP Presentation

Mr. Bartlett went over assessment results from grades 3-8 NECAP tests taken in October 2013. He compared Brunswick and State scores; went over statistics; and discussed variables, changing demographics, and socioeconomic concerns. He stressed the importance of attendance, preserving

uninterrupted classroom instruction time, and maintaining a high level of student expectation. He answered questions and discussed district concerns, continuing interventions, and future plans to address these issues.

- i. Mr. Perzanoski reminded the School Board members that First and Second Year Teacher Evaluations would be available for review in May.

Board Chair's Report

- a. School Board Liaison Report

Isabella Jorgensen reported that the BHS National Honor Society participated in "Stuff the Bus" to raise money for Midcoast Hunger Prevention. BHS Guidance counselors took BHS Academy students to visit campuses at USM Gorham and St. Joseph's College.

Mr. Grant congratulated Julia Brown, past student liaison, who was accepted into the Maine New Leadership Program.

- b. School Board Goals

Mrs. Joyce gave a progress report of the School Board goals. There was a lengthy discussion regarding a request for administration to give a monthly report on initiatives that apply to the School Board goals. School Board members agreed this should be a regular part of the Board Chair's Report.

- c. RSU 5

Mrs. Joyce, Mr. Perzanoski and other members of his administration met with administration from RSU5. Mrs. Joyce commended Mr. Perzanoski and Mr. Oikle for all the work they have done with regard to this meeting.

- d. May 7 Special Board Meeting on Facilities

Mrs. Joyce reminded School Board members of the Special Board Meeting on Facilities to be held on May 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Committee Reports

- a. Curriculum and Program Development Committee

Mrs. Perreault reported that the committee had a submission for a new Pre-Algebra textbook to be used in a transitional BHS math class, co-taught by special ed and regular ed teachers. Christine Sullivan, BHS Special Education Department Head, introduced two special education programs. Pam Wagner, BHS Social Studies Department Head, made a request to move Humanities from honors level to an AP level course. The committee worked on goals. The next meeting will be April 16th at 9:15 a.m.

- b. Student Services Committee

Brenda Clough reported that the committee drafted goals and discussed updates on Special Services budget. The next meeting will be May 1 at 7:30 a.m.

- c. Policy and Planning Committee

Mr. Thompson reported that the committee worked on the Mission Statement and continued to go through old policies.

They reviewed the policies for foreign exchange students. The committee decided to continue to allow Mr. Bartlett to monitor in-place procedures, and no changes to our policies and procedures were necessary at this time. The current policies are still appropriate for the China sister-school program. Mr. Bartlett has done extensive background work on this program as well as having consulted the school's attorneys.

Mrs. Clough requested to go on record that she does not support this decision.

d. Budget and Finance Committee

Mr. Ellis reported that the committee met today and drafted goals. He reminded the Board members present that all School Board members are members of the Budget and Finance Committee so any questions or concerns can be given to him.

New Business

20. Consideration of the 2014-2015 School Calendar

There was much discussion about date and location of the 2015 graduation.

Motion: Thompson Second: Ellis Vote: 4-3 (Joyce, Prescott, Clough, and Jorgensen opposed)

Voted to adopt the 2014-2015 School Calendar with the one change of moving graduation to June 12th and with the understanding that the graduation location would be discussed at a future meeting.

21. Discussion and possible Action of new District Technology Plan

Mrs. Perreault moved, with a second by Ms. Clough, to adopt plan as read. Discussion continued. Mrs. Joyce asked for a motion to table this item.

Motion: Grant Second: Thompson Vote: 5-2 (Joyce, Clough opposed)

Voted to table this item to the next meeting.

Calendar/Announcements

April 11, 12: Hot Country Nights @ BHS

April 16: next budget workshop

April 30: budget wrap-up and vote

May 7: Special Board meeting on Facilities

Future Agenda Items

District Technology Plan

There was an **Executive Session** at 9:25 p.m. in order to conduct the following business:

21. Consideration of Executive Session to discuss negotiations with RSU5 pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6) (D)

Motion: Thompson Second: Perreault Vote: 6-0-1 (Grant abstained)

Voted to enter executive session to discuss negotiations with RSU5 pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6) (D).

The Board entered executive session at 9:25 p.m.

The Board re-entered public session at 9:45 p.m.

There was no action on this item.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.