

Brunswick School Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Morrell Meeting Room

Curtis Memorial Library

23 Pleasant Street

Board Members Present: Michele Joyce, Chair; William Thompson, Vice Chair; Brenda Clough; Richard Ellis; Jim Grant; Christopher McCarthy; Joy Prescott

Board Members Absent: Janet Connors; Isabella Jorgensen, Student Liaison

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Gregory Bartlett, Assistant Superintendent; Paul Austin, Director of Student Services; Jim Oikle, Business Manager; Jake Morgan, Director of Grounds and Transportation; Susan Alexander, Administrative Secretary

Guests: Members of TV 3; Officer Terry Goan, Brunswick Police Department

Call to Order

Ms. Joyce called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked the Superintendent for a roll call.

Adjustment to the Agenda

Mr. Perzanoski added the Introduction of the Director of Grounds and Transportation to the Superintendent's Report.

Mr. Perzanoski added a letter to Pownal, Durham, and West Bath Schools, to New Business.

Ms. Joyce asked to remove the Student Liaison Report listed in the Board Chair's Report.

Consent Agenda Action

Item on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection.

*5. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of December 11, 2013
Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of January 6, 2014

Old Business

None

Communications/Correspondence

Two individuals from Durham expressed an interest to Mr. Thompson in our reaching out to their students. This will be discussed along with the Superintendent's letter under New Business.

Public Participation

None

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Perzanoski reported on the following:

- a. Introduction and welcome of Jake Morgan, the new Director of Grounds and Transportation

- b. Building and Equipment Use:
- MCCA – use of high school gymnasium for cheer clinic
 - Bath YMCA – use of high school cafeteria for Freedom Tour student meeting
 - BIW – use of high school cafeteria team building event
 - SAGE Swingers Square and Round Dance Club – use of junior high gymnasium
 - Foreign Language for Youth (F.L.Y) – use of Stowe School art room, community room, library, and multi-purpose 125 room
 - Brunswick Elks Lodge– use of high school weight room for 2014 Hoop Shoot for area children
 - Portland Symphony Orchestra – use of Crooker Theater for Kinderkonzert
- c. Voted to accept the resignation of Dianna Dietrich, Reading Strategist, at Coffin School, for the purpose of retirement. Ms. Dietrich is currently on a Leave of Absence.

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

- d. Leave of Absence
- Kaitlin Woodbury, Ed Tech III, Functional Life Skills, Coffin School

- e. Budget Report – Mr. Oikle
We are currently working on the 2014-2015 Budget.

It is a state law that auditors are required to meet with the School Board to report on their audit. A meeting to meet with the auditors will be scheduled at a later date.

We are currently working on a new procedure for the management of Federal Grant Funds.

- f. Administrator Evaluations Reminder
Mr. Perzanoski reminded Board members that evaluations of administrators whose contracts are due for extensions will be available for their perusal the week of February 3.

Mr. Perzanoski also noted there was an error on the evaluation schedule. Steve Ciembroniewicz will be evaluated this year by Mr. Perzanoski.

- g. Disposition of surplus BJHS math textbooks
Mr. Perzanoski reported that the BJHS surplus books were outdated and could not be resold or given away.

Without objection the Board members present approved the recycling of surplus books.

- h. Donations
Mr. Perzanoski thanked the Topsham Grange #37 for once again donating dictionaries to HBS third graders.

Mr. Perzanoski also thanked Exxon Mobile Education Alliance program for their \$500 grant which allowed math and science opportunities that would not be able to be offered otherwise.

Ms. Joyce will arrange Thank You notes to be sent from the School Board.

- i. Draft 2014-2015 School Calendar
Mr. Perzanoski noted that due to a state mandate, our calendar can have no more than 5 dissimilar days between the participating districts of a technical school. Currently we have no dissimilar days in the proposed 2014-2015 calendar. School Board members were urged to keep this in mind when submitting any possible changes to the calendar. Feedback is due by February 24.

Board Chair’s Report

- a. 2014 Board Committee Assignments
A great deal of discussion was heard on the overview of the School Board Standing Committees.
Ms. Joyce recommended that this be continued at the Goal Setting Workshop on January 15.
- b. MSBA Report
Mr. Grant reported that the MSBA is continuing their focus on greater School Board regionalization. They are organizing a day at the state house on March 4 to meet with legislators. Administrators and School Board members, including student representatives, will be receiving invitations.

Committee Reports

- a. Student Services Committee Report
Ms. Clough reported on the committee’s focus on economically disadvantaged students’ achievements. Student numbers have increased. Cheri White is currently working on a reading intervention and cost analysis.

New Business

Recently Freeport voted to remove themselves from RSU 5, leaving Durham and Pownal with no high school. West Bath also removed themselves from RSU 1 and they do not have a high school.

Mr. Perzanoski asked that we write a letter to these three districts informing them we have room at both BJHS and BHS and would be willing to take on tuition students if they are interested.

Passed unanimously without objection. Mr. Grant abstained.

Calendar/Announcements

January 15, 2014, 6:00 p.m. – School Board Goal Setting Workshop

January 29, 2014, 6:00 p.m. – update on the Facilities Master Plan by PDT Architects with opportunity for the public to address the Board. This will be posted in the press, and on the BSD website as well as individual school websites.

Mr. Ellis will prepare an outline prior to this meeting.

Mr. Grant suggested we send postcards to residents whose land abuts the Jordan Acres site informing them of this meeting.

Future Agenda Items

Mr. Perzanoski reminded the Board members of the Superintendent/Board Self-Evaluations in February.

School Climate

Adjournment

Without objection Ms. Joyce declared the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board