

**Brunswick School Board  
MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

**\* Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. \***

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers  
Town Hall  
85 Union Street

School Board Members Present: William Thompson, Chair; Joy Prescott, Vice Chair; Brenda Clough; Janet Connors; Richard Ellis; Teresa Gillis; Jim Grant; Corinne Perreault; Sarah Singer

School Board Members Absent: Molly Gramins, student liaison

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent; Jim Oikle, Business Manager; Barbara Gunn, Director of Student Services; Paul Caron, Director of Facilities, Grounds, & Transportation; Steve Ciembroniewicz, Coffin Principal; Jean Skorapa, HBS Principal; Josh Levy, HBS Assistant Principal; Walter Wallace, BJHS Principal; Greg Bartlett, BHS Interim Principal; Bob Goddard, BHS Social Studies Teacher; Carolyn Foley, HBS Resource Teacher; Kelli Libby, HBS Grade 3 Teacher; Kathy Buttner, HBS Reading/Math Support; Susan Alexander, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Melissa Fochesato, co-president of BCEF; Sarah Chingos, secretary of BCEF; Brunswick Police Officer Terry Goan; members of the community and press.

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call**

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

**Executive Session**

**36. Consideration of Executive Session and Possible Action**

Vote to enter executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6) (A) for the purpose of personnel.

Motion: Grant      Second: Perreault      Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present

Approved to enter executive session per 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (D) for negotiations.

The Board entered executive session at 6:32 p.m.

The Board reconvened in public session at 7:00 p.m.

**37. Consideration of Any Appropriate Action as a Result of Item 36**

Motion to direct the Superintendent to enter into contract negotiations with Martin Mackey for the position of Principal of Brunswick REAL School.

Motion: Thompson      Second: Connors      Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present

Voted to authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a contract to hire Martin Mackey for the position of Principal of Brunswick REAL School.

**Adjustment to the Agenda**

None

**Consent Agenda Action**

Items on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection.

\*38. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of April 13, 2016\*39. Consideration of Approval of the Public Forum Minutes of April 13, 2016\*40. Approve the Superintendent's Nominations for Membership on the Professional Learning Community Support System (Certification Steering Committee)

The following vacancies are for 2-year terms that expire at the end of the 2018 school year:

BRUNSWICK HIGH SCHOOL:	Deborah Bartley-Wing
	Margaret Dalrymple
BRUNSWICK JR. HIGH SCHOOL:	Sharon Callahan
HARRIET BEECHER STOWE:	Emily Moll
	Joyce Foley

\*41. Approval of the Superintendent's Nomination of Probationary and Continuing Contract Teachers for the 2016-2017 School YearElect the following probationary teachers for 2016-2017 (2<sup>nd</sup> year contract):

Heather Audette, Resource, HBS  
 Tracy Carrier, Social Worker, HBS  
 Ann Christie, School Psychologist, Coffin  
 Kate (Noonan) Cloutier, Grade 7/8 Resource, BJHS  
 Alexandra Fish, Grade 1, Coffin  
 Kevin Fisher, Connections, HBS  
 Joy Gray, School Psychologist, BJHS  
 Nicole Guite, .5 Physical Therapist  
 Sarah Hillery, Speech-Language Pathologist, BJHS  
 Amelia Kiely, Grade 3, HBS  
 Danielle LeBlanc, Grade 8 Language Arts, BJHS  
 Erin Lemont, Kindergarten, Coffin  
 Jennifer Mason, Connections, Coffin  
 Kari McCarthy, Art, BJHS  
 Thomas Stocker, Science, BHS  
 Elizabeth Swazey, Social Foundations, BJHS

Elect the following probationary teachers for 2016-2017 (3<sup>rd</sup> year contract):

Christopher Baribeau, Connections, BHS  
 Sarah Bingham, Health/Consumer Life, BJHS  
 Elizabeth Bradley, Math, BHS  
 Carly Cavallari, Resource, BJHS  
 Brian Choate, Math, BHS  
 Alisha Copp, Grade 3, HBS  
 Cynthia Cygan, .5 Tech. Ed, BHS  
 Jonathan Fisk, Functional Life Skills, BJHS  
 Bethany Fortier, Science, BHS  
 Samantha Francis-Taylor, .5 English, BHS  
 Elaine Graviett, Title I at St. John's  
 Jola Hebert, Grade 3, HBS  
 Kristen Hunter, Grade 5, HBS

Penny Inman, Reading Intervention, HBS  
 Kimberly Jordan, Kindergarten, Coffin  
 Colleen Kearney-Graffam, Art, BHS  
 Kamis Ley, Connections, BJHS  
 Shawne McCord, Reading Intervention, HBS  
 Rebecca McKarns, Resource, BHS  
 Deborah Melanson, Resource, BHS  
 Keira Monahan, Grade 1, Coffin  
 Stacy Musica, Math Interventionist, HBS  
 Carmon Parker, Social Foundations, HBS  
 Michelle Russo, Grade 7 Math, BJHS  
 Sarah Sherrill, Librarian, HBS  
 Barbara Smith-Lunney, Resource, HBS  
 Katherine Swain, Resource, HBS  
 Carrie Thomas, Kindergarten, Coffin

Elect the following continuing contract teachers for the 2016-2017 school year (4<sup>th</sup> year contract):

Christine Capobianco, Grade 5, HBS  
 Larena Carten, Reading, Coffin  
 Amy Crosby, Art, Coffin/HBS  
 Kalie Dunn, Grade 1, Coffin  
 Angela (Jordan) Morin, Reading Strategist, BJHS  
 Eugenie Knowles, Reading Strategist, Coffin  
 Julie Mason, World Language, BHS  
 Meghan (Murray) Taylor, Grade 2, HBS  
 Catherine Howard Nein, Guidance Counselor, BJHS  
 Alanna Roy O'Donnell, Guidance Counselor, BJHS  
 Jessica Pelletier, Speech and Language Pathologist, HBS  
 Jessica Sapp, Kindergarten, Coffin  
 James Seheult, Grade 6 Science, BJHS  
 Heidi Strait, Kindergarten, Coffin  
 Lori Watson, Behavior Intervention, Coffin  
 Hilda Wiley, School Psychologist, HBS

### **Old Business**

#### **42. Consideration of Discussion and Possible Action on Any Revisions to the 2017 Operating Budget**

Town Council requested we reduce our budget by \$410,000 bringing our budget down to a 1.64% tax increase or a 3.2% increase overall. The Superintendent went over recommended reductions and also other options.

Motion to accept recommendations made by the Superintendent, not including the options, for a total of \$410,000 reduction that the Town Council requested.

Motion: Perreault      Seconded: Grant      Vote: Unanimous of Board members present

Voted to accept Superintendent's recommendations for a total of \$410,000 reduction.

### **Communications/Correspondence**

None

### **Public Participation**

None

## Superintendent's Report

### a. Building and Equipment:

- Midcoast Youth Theater – use of Crooker Theater
- Aspire Program – use of HBS
- Brunswick Parks and Recreation – use of schools
- Merrymeeting Adult Education - use of BHS
- Girl Scouts of America – use of schools
- Bath Area Family YMCA – use of BHS
- Big Brothers Big Sisters – use of HBS
- PSO Kinderkonzert – use of Crooker Theater
- Brunswick Soccer Club - use of junior high fields
- Independence Association – use of BJHS Gym
- Ampersand Academy of Dance - use of Crooker Theater
- Sage Swingers Square and Round Dance Club – use of BJHS
- Fox Run Homeowners – use of BJHS classroom
- Region Ten Technical High School – use of Crooker Theater

### b. Recognition

- Emily Moll had an article entitled “Cushy Canvas” published in the May 2016 issue of School Arts magazine.

Congratulations to Emily.

### c. Resignations for the purpose of retirement:

- Paul Caron, Facilities, Grounds, & Transportation Director, 6 years of service
- Lugene Doughty, Grade 1 Teacher, 27 years of service
- Bob Goddard, BHS Social Studies Teacher, 37 years of service
- Cathy Kelley, BHS English Teacher, 17 years of service

We wish them all well and will miss their contributions.

### d. BCEF Update

Melissa Fochesato, president; and Sarah Chingos, secretary of Brunswick Community Education Foundation. This year BCEF raised \$52,876. They had 32 grant requests and 23 grants were awarded. On May 17 they will be hosting a Brunswick Downtown Association Simply Social event. Donations are appreciated. Check out their website at [brunswickcef.org](http://brunswickcef.org). They also have a Facebook page.

School department is very appreciative of their work.

### e. HBS Community Configuration Report

Jean Skorapa, Carolyn Foley, Josh Levy, and Kelli Libby gave an update on their research; survey; community forum; student input; and Community Configuration Committee recommendations to make their large school community smaller, increase cross grade level opportunities, and encourage other opportunities to meet the diverse needs of learners.

### f. Budget Report – J. Oikle

Gave a summary of the current year figures; overall current year looks like it will finish well.

## g. Option 6 Report – P. Makin

The Option 6 Steering Committee will meet next week. We have accomplished a lot of professional development. We are continuing to take a deliberate and selective route toward implementation; only implementing those pieces that we believe are truly good for teaching and learning and for our community. Walter Wallace, the Steering Committee Chair, thanked teachers and briefly described the work they have been doing; and explained the planned summer work to take place on June 27 and 28.

## h. School Climate Survey Update – P. Makin

The School Climate Survey is underway and the survey window opened on Monday. Check district webpage which will guide you to your child's school. Student surveys will be available for students in grades 3-12.

**Board Chair's Report**

## a. Student Liaison Report – Molly Gramins

No report as student liaison is absent.

Board Chair took this time to give his best to Mr. Goddard who will be missed tremendously next year.

**Committee Reports**

## a. Student Services Committee – B. Clough

The committee met on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and discussed goals; the Brunswick REAL School; update on DOE visit and DOE training that the Special Ed department heads will be attending in June. The next meeting will be on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am.

## b. Personnel &amp; Negotiations Committee – B. Clough

The committee met on April 29<sup>th</sup> and the focus was on continuation of negotiations; also reviewed job descriptions; and received a personnel update. The next meeting on May 27 at 8:15am.

## c. Policy &amp; Planning Committee – J. Prescott

The Policy Committee met on April 25<sup>th</sup> and discussed policy reviews. The Planning Workgroup has not met. A presentation of the draft Strategic framework will be brought to the Board in June.

## d. Curriculum &amp; Program Development Committee – C. Perreault

The Curriculum Committee met on May 4<sup>th</sup> and reviewed several different curricula but only brought forward one. Questions on both K-8 Guidance and Language Arts needed to be answered so these will hopefully be brought to the Board in June. Their next meeting is June 1 at 1:00pm.

The K-5 Social Studies Curriculum will be brought to the Board tonight. Some of the changes were discussed including the large change of the Civil War reenactment no longer being a part of the grade 5 curriculum as the Civil War will be covered in the Junior High curriculum. Discussion followed.

43. Consideration of K-5 Social Studies Curriculum

Motion to accept the proposed K-5 Social Studies Curriculum.

Motion: Prescott      Seconded: Connors      Vote: Unanimous of Board members present

Voted to accept K-5 Social Studies Curriculum.

e. Budget & Finance Committee – R. Ellis

The committee met yesterday morning. Mr. Oikle's report covered their meeting.

f. Political Outreach Committee – J. Grant

The committee did not meet. Would like to remind everyone of the Memorial Day Parade and observance on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business**

**Calendar/Announcements**

HBS is hosting the Bobcat 5K this Saturday at 9am.

The last day of school is June 17 for students (full day of school), and June 20 (half-day) for teachers.

Kindergarten Information Night will be held at Coffin School tomorrow night at 6:30p.m.

A Facilities meeting is scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Town Hall in room 206.


BHS Graduation will be held Friday June 10.

Referendum is June 14 (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in June).

**Future Agenda Items**

**Adjournment**

By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

  
Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary  
Brunswick School Board