

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Executive Session following

Council Chambers

Town Hall

85 Union Street

Board Members Present: William Thompson, Chair; Joy Prescott, Vice Chair; Brenda Clough; Janet Connors (arrived at 7:05 pm); Richard Ellis; Jim Grant; Corinne Perreault; Sarah Singer; Molly Gramins, Student Liaison

Board Members Absent: Christopher McCarthy

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Greg Bartlett, Assistant Superintendent; Paul Austin, Director of Student Services; Jim Oikle, Business Manager; Shanna Crofton, BHS Principal; Sue Alexander, Secretary; and others.

Guests: Sarah Judd and Anna Callahan, BHS students; members of the press and TV 3; Brunswick Police Department officer; and other parents, students, community members.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance/Roll Call

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

Adjustment to the Agenda

Board Goals will be given out to School Board members tomorrow so we will remove them from the Board Chair's Report.

Consent Agenda Action

Item on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection.

- *15. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of March 11, 2015
Consideration of Approval of the Workshop Minutes of March 25, 2015

Old Business

16. Consideration of the 2015-2016 School Calendar

Passed unanimously without objection.

Policy and Planning Committee

17. Consideration of Second Read Policy

Revised Policy FILE: IKF Graduation Requirements

Recommended that revisit this every year.

Passed unanimously without objection.

18. Consideration of First and Second Read Policy

Revised Policy FILE: IMGA Service Animals in Schools

Motion: Grant

Second: Connors

Vote: unanimous by Board members present

Communications/Correspondence

Board members reported that they had received emails regarding resurfacing the track at the high school, the school calendar, and grants. Board member saw Legally Blonde performed at the high school and reported that it was fantastic.

Public Participation

“Poem in Your Pocket” Program – Kathy Koerber

Mrs. Koerber reported that April is National Poetry Month and this year Brunswick will hold its 4th annual Poem in Your Pocket Day on Thursday, April 30th. She explained the program, discussed what has been done in the past, and noted that Open Mic Night will also be held that night at Curtis Memorial Library at 7:00 p.m. She encouraged everyone to attend and also to put a poem in your pocket on that day and share it with others.

Superintendent’s Report

a. Building and Equipment:

- Brunswick Community Education foundation – use of HBS
- Furbish Archaeology – use of BHS
- AHERA training – use of BHS
- Chris Cassidy, Maine Astronaut – use of BHS
- Merrymeeting Adult Ed – use of BHS
- PSO Kinderkonzert – use of Crooker Theater
- Riverview Foundation – use of HBS
- Midcoast Youth Theater – use of Crooker Theater
- Brunswick Parks and Recreation
- Girl Scout meeting

The Superintendent noted that Chris Cassidy had to cancel his visit to BHS but would hopefully reschedule for next year.

b. Recognition:

- Elizabeth S. Bartlett Memorial contributed to book fund of Coffin School Library
We would like to thank Gil Peterson and his colleagues for their contribution.

c. Resignations:

- Laura Waite, Grade 6 Math Teacher, currently on LOA teaching in India
- Lorraine Lamont, Reading Strategist, Coffin School, for the purpose of retirement

We thank them for their contributions and wish them well in the future.

d. Disposition of BHS band saw – Mrs. Crofton

The high school has an old, broken band saw which they will recycle the metal.

e. BHS Graduation – BHS Student Government

Two members of the BHS Student Government, Sarah Judd, Senior Class Treasurer, and Anna Callahan, Sophomore Class Secretary, addressed the Board. They reviewed the history of the

\$10,000 graduation cap, discussed what students have done this year to fund graduation, and requested the Board increase the budget cap to \$15,000 for future graduations.

Mr. Perzanoski listed and thanked those that have made donations for graduation this year. Discussion was held about date, cost, and venue of graduation along with alignment with other graduations in the area.

f. Budget Report – Mr. Oikle

Updated board members on current budget. We now have a software program that will automatically give account information to the town daily.

g. Update on Assistant Superintendent Search

Mr. Perzanoski reported that the search committee was formed; there were 18 applicants; and the committee has interviewed 5 applicants. The committee plans to have a recommendation brought to the Superintendent for interview and a nomination brought to the Board at the May meeting.

h. Superintendent Advisory Committee

Mr. Perzanoski gave an update to the Board members on his Advisory Committee on new programming. The committee is divided into a Research Committee and a Survey Committee. The Survey Committee is working on a survey to find out what community members know about the programs in our school department and what they want to see in the future. The committee hopes to have it posted sometime after April vacation and leave it posted to the end of school year. The Research Committee is looking into out of state visits.

i. Results of Survey

There were 538 responses to the recent survey on grade/school options. The results and comments were given to the Board. Since the Board agreed to leave the grades where they are for the next two years, some of the next steps will include a meeting with PDT, repairs to the buildings, and plans for Jordan Acres School.

j. Update on State's visit on Option 6

Mr. Austin reported on the March 25 visit from the state regarding Option 6. There is no formal report from the state but we seem to be a little bit ahead of the where we thought we would be, so are making good progress. On the state's second visit they will be meeting with Board members.

k. PLCSS (Certification Steering Committee), approved for 2015-2017 school years:

BRUNSWICK HIGH SCHOOL: Robert VanMilligan

BRUNSWICK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL: Mary Hudson

COFFIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Sharon Harvie

l. Reminder: First, Second, & Third Year Teacher Evaluations & Consideration of Contracts in May
Evaluations will be ready for your review on May 1st should you wish to review them before the May meeting when they will be voted on.

Mr. Perzanoski reported that on Friday, April 3rd the MPA announced that Walter Wallace was selected as the Maine Principal of the Year. Mr. Wallace will be honored at an awards banquet on April 30th.

Board Chair's Report

- a. Student Liaison Report – Molly Gramins
Molly reported on events happening this week at BHS: Pride Week, in support of the gay/straight alliance club; Hot Country Nights on Friday and Saturday evenings at 7pm; and the Spring Fling to be held tomorrow for the in-coming 9th graders.
- b. Board Goals
Postponed to a later date.

Committee Reports

- a. Facilities & Maintenance Committee – R. Ellis
The committee met on April 1. The first topic was a proposal from a local business owner on Park Row to lease four parking spaces at the Hawthorne building. This will be discussed later tonight. The committee also discussed PDT's continued evaluation and assessment of BJHS, Jordan Acres demolition budget, and the BHS track resurfacing. Since there are many different priorities within the district, the committee has asked staff to re-evaluate and help prioritize the projects so a recommendation from the committee can be made to the full board.
- b. Student Services Committee – B. Clough
The committee met on March 30. The first agenda item reviewed the Student Services budget recommendations which have already been brought to the Board. The second agenda item reviewed the extra-curricular and co-curricular activities at BHS and BJHS. The committee now has a list of all, including funding information, and will continue to collect more information. The next meeting is on April 16.
- c. Curriculum & Program Development Committee – C. Perreault
The committee met on March 17 and on April 1. In March they reviewed the grade 6-8 Social Studies curriculum to address a change to align it to the Maine Learning Results. In April the committee reviewed a Hispanic cultural course proposal from the high school which needed more work before coming back to the committee in May.

19. Motion was made to put in place the proposed scope and sequence for the social studies curriculum in grades 6-8 until such time that the regular scheduled curriculum rotates through.

Passed unanimously without objection.

- d. Policy & Planning Committee – J. Prescott
The Strategic Planning Adhoc Committee, which is a sub-committee of the Policy and Planning Committee, met on March 31 and looked at the draft RFP for an outside consultant to work with them on the multi-year Strategic Plan. This will be voted on later tonight.

The Policy and Planning Committee met on April 2 and reviewed and approved the RFP. They also reviewed Policy FILE: IKF Graduation Requirement. No changes were needed. They also reviewed Policy FILE: IMGGA Service Animals in Schools, which was revised due to the substantial changes to the law regarding service animals in a school setting. That is why the policy was brought to the Board for immediate action.

- e. Wellness Committee – J. Prescott
The committee met on March 10 and reported on general wellness activities in all the buildings including 5-2-1-0.

New Business**20. Consideration of Parking Plan at Hawthorne**

A Park Row property owner has secured a long-term tenant but are 4 parking spacing short. The Superintendent is recommending that we enter into a contract with them to lease four parking spaces at \$35 per month. He also suggested we put this money into a fund for repairs to Crooker Theater.

Motion: Grant Second: Clough Vote: unanimous by Board members present

Voted to accept the Superintendent's recommendations to enter into a contract to lease four parking spaces at Hawthorne and to put this money into a fund for repairs to Crooker Theater.

21. Consideration of RFP for Strategic Planning

Motion: Perreault Second: Clough Vote: 8-1 (Connor opposed)

Voted to accept the RFP and place \$25,000 in next year's budget for that purpose.

Calendar/Announcements

- ~ Coffin meeting on Tuesday the 14th at 6:30pm
- ~ This Saturday, 10am to 4pm, at the Maine Mall, there will be a teen driving expo
- ~ May 16 Stowe Community Group will be hosting the 2nd annual Bobcat 5k fundraiser which includes the family fun run at 8:30am and the 5K which starts at 9am
- ~ On April 28 there is a public forum on the budget and a board workshop on April 29, if needed

Future Agenda Items

Mr. Grant would like to revisit the start time of the meetings.

Executive Session**22. Consideration of Executive Session**

Vote to enter executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6) (D) and 1 MRSA 405(6) (A) to discuss teacher negotiations and a personnel matter.

Motion: Ellis Second: Perreault Vote: unanimous by Board members present

The Board entered executive session at 8:41 p.m.

The Board re-entered public session at 9:23 p.m.

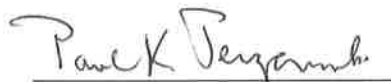
23. Consideration of Any Appropriate Action as a Result of Item 22.

Motion: Clough Second: Perreault Vote: 8-0-1 (Singer abstained)

Vote to extend the teachers contract with BEA for another year with 2% increase plus steps.

Adjournment

Without objection Mr. Thompson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.


 Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
 Brunswick School Board