# Brunswick School Board MINUTES

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

# Workshop with DOE, 6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. meeting

## **Executive Session following**

Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

Board Members Present: Joy Prescott, Vice Chair; Brenda Clough; Richard Ellis; Jim Grant;

Chris McCarthy; Corinne Perreault (arrived late); Sarah Singer

Board Members Absent: William Thompson, Chair (left at 7:00p.m.); Janet Connors; Molly Gramins,

Student Liaison

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Greg Bartlett, Assistant Superintendent;

Paul Austin, Director of Student Services; Jim Oikle, Business Manager; Paul Caron, Director of Maintenance & Transportation; Michelle Caron, Assistant Director of Transportation; Jean Skorapa, HBS Principal; Mike Larrabee, Grade 4 Teacher; Blair Dwyer, Grade 4 Teacher; Carolyn Foley, HBS Teacher; Carmon Parker, HBS Teacher; Robert Goddard, BHS Teacher; Jeff Hipsher,

BHS Teacher; Sue Alexander, Secretary; and others.

Guests: Members of the press and TV 3; Terry Goan, Brunswick Police Department;

and other community members.

Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance Attendance/Roll Call

Ms. Prescott called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked the Superintendent for a roll call.

### Adjustment to the Agenda

Ms. Clough requests that we remove item 40 as it is not necessary.

### **Consent Agenda Action**

Item on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection.

\*35. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of April 8, 2015

Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of April 28, 2015, Special Meeting on the 2016 Budget Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of April 29, 2015, Special Meeting on the 2016 Budget

\*36. Approval of the Superintendent's Nomination of Probationary and Continuing Contract Teachers for the 2015-2016 School Year

Elect the following probationary teachers for the 2015-2016 (2<sup>nd</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

Jaimie Choiniere, Physical Therapist, HBS

Alisha Copp, Grade 3, HBS

Angela Evans, Connections, Coffin

Jonathan Fisk, Functional Life Skills, BJHS

Bethany Fortier, Science, BHS

Samantha Francis-Taylor, 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 probationary teachers for the 2015-2016 (3<sup>rd</sup> year contract):

Barbara Burgess, Kindergarten, Coffin

Christine Capobianco, Grade 4, HBS

Larena Carten, Reading, Coffin

Amy Crosby, Art, Coffin

Kalie Dunn, Kindergarten, Coffin

Angela Jordan, Reading Strategist, BJHS

Eugenie Knowles, Reading Strategist, Coffin

Marie Larson, Special Education, BJHS

Julie Mason, World Language, BHS

Haley Matthias, Behavior Interventionist, HBS

Meghan Murray, Grade 2, HBS

Catherine Howard Nein, Guidance Counselor, BJHS

Alanna Roy O'Donnell, Guidance Counselor, BJHS

Jessica Pelletier, Speech and Language Pathologist, HBS

Kim Roth, Psychologist, BJHS

Jessica Sapp, Kindergarten, Coffin

James Seheult, Grade 6 Science, BJHS

Heidi Strait, Kindergarten, Coffin

Michael Thompson, Behavior Resource, BJHS

Lori Watson, Behavior Intervention, Coffin

Hilda Wiley, Educational Psychologist, HBS

Elect the following continuing contract teachers for the 2015-2016 school year (4th year contract):

Caron, Heather, Kindergarten, Coffin

Doughty, Beverly, Math Support, HBS

Funderburk, Eric, Grade 1, Coffin

Jerome, Daurene, Librarian, BHS

Marett, Selene, Psychological Examiner, BHS

Martin, Ashley, Grade 1, Coffin

Potter, Luke, Social Studies, BHS

Sullivan, Carrie, Grade 6 Language Arts, BJHS

#### **Old Business**

37. Consideration of Discussion and Possible Action on Meeting Start Times

Mr. Grant thought the Board should consider moving the meeting start time earlier. Some discussion.

Motion to move the regular Board meeting start time to 6:30pm and end time to 9:30pm.

Motion: Grant

Second: McCarthy

Vote: 1-4-1 (Clough, Ellis, Prescott, Singer opposed)

(McCarthy neutral)

Vote failed.

### Communications/Correspondence

Board members have received calls and emails regarding the budget.

#### **Public Participation**

None

# Superintendent's Report

- a. Building and Equipment:
  - New England Regional Theater Company use of Crooker Theater
  - Brunswick Soccer Club use of BJHS field
  - Brunswick Travel Club use of BHS Cafeteria
  - Brunswick Youth Lacrosse use of BJHS field
  - Independence Association use of BJHS gym
  - Relay for Life use of BHS field/track
- b. Resignations for the purpose of retirement:
  - Gail Brann, Grade 8 Language Arts, 16 years of service
  - Karen Doherty, Resource Teacher, Coffin School, 13 years of service
  - Jeff Hipsher, BHS Science Teacher, 31 years of service
  - Joanne Olson, Grade 3 Teacher, 12 years of service
  - Laurie Peters, Grade 1 Teacher, 14 years of service

Mr. Perzanoski thanked them for their service and wished them well-

c. Update from HBS on teacher proposals

Jean Skorapa explained the HBS School Community Configuration /Organization and four staff proposals.

Mike Larrabee, Grade 4 Teacher, and Carmon Parker, Social Foundations Teacher gave a presentation on the proposal which was piloted this year for a grade 4/Social Foundations Teacher Team.

d. Budget Report – Mr. Oikle

Mr. Oikle reported that this year's budget looks good and we would hopefully have surplus to be able to use in next year's budget. Auditors have asked to have Board involved more in the routine budget adjustments throughout the year. We are now basically paperless between the school department and the town finance department. The two computer programs are working together which is not only much easier but also eliminates transcription errors.

#### **Board Chair's Report**

a. Student Liaison Report – Molly Gramins Absent – no report given.

#### b. Board Goals

Mr. Thompson put this together based on the Board's input. The proposed goals were discussed. Mr. Perzanoski suggested Board members send any ideas or revisions to the superintendent by next Tuesday and he will discuss it with Mr. Thompson and bring them back to the Board for approval in June.

## **Committee Reports**

a. Region 10 Cooperative Board Update - J. Grant

At their last meeting SAD 75 Superintendent, Brad Smith, approached the Board to say that they have a school construction project going on and asked if the Board would be interested in exploring an idea of a comprehensive technical high school on their site. That would mean that it would become a center at SAD75 and the Region 10 government would change as it would become part of SAD 75 to which we would send students. Students could get their academic and vocational program at one site, not necessarily as a full day comprehensive program but students would remain there a half day and receive their academics at Mt. Ararat. Another proposal that has been brought forward is making the current program a full day comprehensive program, including academics. Right now these are just ideas, but the Cooperative Board authorized the superintendents to investigate these proposals and come back with some ideas. They will be getting input from students, staff and community. They will also be looking for additional feedback from the School Board. Brad Smith will need a decision in 3-4 month.

They will be interviewing a candidate for the Interim Director as the current Director, Barry Lohnes is retiring.

### b. MSBA Report – J. Grant

They had a long discussion with acting Commissioner Tom Desjardins regarding programming and testing. They discussed differences of formative assessment and summative assessment. Smarter Balance being a summative assessment and teachers preferring a formative assessment such as NWEA.

May 27 at 10am is annual day at The Capital. Board members are invited to attend.

### **New Business**

# 38. Consideration of Approval to Eliminate Positions

Vote, pursuant to 20-A M.R.S.A. Section 13210, to eliminate the positions of: 1.0 Elementary Reading Strategist, Coffin School (pos#1345), 1.0 K-5 Technology Integrator (pos#1311/1313/1314) for the 2015-2016 school year because of changes in local conditions.

Motion: Grant (with regret) Second: McCarthy Vote: 6-1 (Ellis opposed)
Voted to eliminate Elementary Reading Strategist & K-5 Technology Integrator for the 15-16 school year.

# 39. Consideration of Approval to Eliminate Contracts

Vote, pursuant to 20-A M.R.S.A. Section 13210, to terminate the teaching contract of Beverly Doughty, Reading/Math Support, as of August 31, 2015, as the result of the elimination of a position, and to instruct the Superintendent to provide her with at least 90 days prior written notice of the termination of her teaching contract.

Motion: Grant (with regret) Second: McCarthy Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present Voted to terminate teaching contract of Beverly Doughty as of August 31, 2015.

40. <u>Consideration of Discussion and Possible Action on Any Revisions to the 2016 Operating Budget</u> Removed (per Adjustment to Agenda)

#### Calendar/Announcements

All town band concert was fantastic and the program is amazing. Appreciation given to all staff for their dedication. It was also clear and apparent after the concert that a single egress road from the high school is a major problem that needs to be corrected.

Recognized Judy Elser, a long time music teacher at Jordan Acres School, who passed away last week.

This Saturday HBS will be having a 5k fundraiser and a 1 mile fun run.

### Future Agenda Items

- ~ Region 10
- ~ Approval of Board goals
- ~ Financial proposal that was made to town council 5 yrs. ago
- ~ Cultural Assessment
- ~ Regular presentations from classroom teachers

#### **Executive Session**

- 41. Consideration of Executive Session Pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6) (A) to Discuss the Following Personnel Items:
  - a. Consideration of 2015-2016 Salaries for Non-Contracted Administrators, Technology Staff, Administrative Secretaries, and Resource Assistants.

Motion: McCarthy Second: Ellis Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present

The Board entered executive session at 8:55p.m.

The Board re-entered public session at 9:08pm.

42. Consideration of Any Appropriate Action as a Result of Item 41.

Motion: McCarthy Second: Singer Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present

Voted to approve a 2% raise for all non-affiliated personnel for the 2015-2016 budget.

## Adjournment

Without objection Ms. Prescott declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10p.m.

Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary Brunswick School Board