

Brunswick School Board
MINUTES
Thursday, November 12, 2015
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; James Grant; Sarah Singer

School Board Members Absent: Corinne Perreault; Molly Gramins, student liaison

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent; Jim Oikle, Business Manager; Paul Caron, Director of Facilities and Transportation; Jean Skorapa, HBS Principal; Shanna Crofton, BHS Principal; Bob VanMilligan, BHS Science teacher; Maria Palopoli, HBS Science teacher; Suzie Ring, BJHS Science teacher; Bob Goddard, BHS Social Studies teacher; Susan Alexander, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Lyndon Keck, PDT; Kate Kalajainen, AAE Board Chair; Kristi Hatrick, AAE Executive Director; 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 7:00p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a roll call.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance/Roll Call

Adjustment to the Agenda

Remove the October 20 Facilities Minutes from the Consent Agenda.

Add the Proposal for Service from Lyndon Keck to Old Business.

Under recognition in the Superintendent's Report the grant was to Coffin School not HBS.

Table the CIP document.

Ms. Prescott is giving the Curriculum update for Ms. Perreault.

Consent Agenda Action

***81. Consideration of the Minutes:**

Approval of the Minutes of September 23, 2015

Approval of the Minutes of October 14, 2015

Approval of the Minutes of October 20, 2015 Facilities Meeting

Approval of the Minutes of October 21, 2015 Workshop

Motion: Connors Second: Grant Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present.

Old Business

Report on building renovations/repair or replacement – Lyndon Keck

Mr. Keck reviewed Phase 1 of the work his company completed which included updating costs for the previous work done on the Jordan Acres site; updating costs for the various renovations to Coffin School and the Junior High School that were previously presented to the Board; and simplifying the plan for Jordan Acres that was previously presented in June 2014. Phase 2 could be completed by the end of January, which includes referendum work, etc. There was much discussion among the Board members regarding costs, major renovations, new building on the JA site, and energy efficiency.

82. Consideration to accept taking money from Contingency Fund to pay for architects' work

Motion: Grant Second: Clough Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present.

Voted to approve money from Contingency Fund to pay architects, then Facilities Committee will meet and bring their recommendation back to the full board.

Board members preferred to wait until after the Facilities Committee Meeting to decide on a June or November referendum.

Communications/Correspondence

Public Participation

Richard Fisco believes that schools should last longer than 40 years. He expressed concern that today we replace instead of repair.

Superintendent's Report

a. Building and Equipment Use:

- Aspire Program - use of HBS
- Girls on the Run - use of HBS music room
- Girl Scouts of America – use of schools
- Brunswick Parks and Recreation – use of schools
- Big Brothers Big Sisters – use of HBS library
- Coastal Maine Women's Basketball and CMGDR – use of high school gym & cafeteria
- Bath Area Family YMCA – use of high school cafeteria
- Portland Symphony Orchestra – use of Crooker Theater
- Midcoast Youth Theater - use of Crooker Theater

b. Donations:

- 26 new painting t-shirts to be used as art smocks to HBS - Sherwin-Williams, Brunswick
- to the BJHS Music and Art Departments – Mr. Mark Battle & Ms. Kathryn Thorson

Mr. Perzanoski thanked them for their generosity. It is very much appreciated.

c. Recognition:

Safety Enhancement Grant Approval for Ergonomic Workstations at HBS

d. Science Standards Recommendation

Bob VanMilligan, Maria Palopoli, and Suzie Ring gave a presentation to the Board on the Next Generation Science Standards. Brunswick is about to embark on a Rewrite of the K-12 Science Curriculum and while still honoring the Maine State Learning Results, they would like the Board to grant them permission to align this rewrite with the Next Generation Science Standards.

83. Consideration and support of the Next Generation Science Standards

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

- e. Exchange Students' NYC Trip Update – Bob Goddard
Mr. Goddard is planning a school sponsored NYC trip for the current BHS exchange students. The nine exchange students involved come from China, Moldova, Ukraine, Argentina, Brazil, and Germany and may not have a chance to go to NYC otherwise.

84. Consideration and support of School Sponsored Trip to NYC with BHS Exchange Students

Motion: Grant Second: Connors Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present.

- f. Arts Are Elementary Update – Kristi Hatrick
Kate Kalajainen and Kristi Hatrick gave an update on Arts Are Elementary. They have brought in artists to all K-5 classrooms in Brunswick. Residencies are tied to the curriculum.

- g. Budget Update – Mr. Oikle
We had a clean audit for last year's budget and ended with a surplus of \$853,000. This year is going well. Budget guidelines for next year's budget should go out to the schools soon.

There was discussion regarding the procedure for approving any transfer exceeding 5% of any warrant line.

85. Consideration of statement requiring the full Board to approve any budget transfer exceeding 5% of any warrant line.

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

Voted to require the full Board to make the approval for any transfer exceeding 5% of any warrant line.

- h. Surplus – Mr. Caron
Mr. Caron requested that he be allowed to either sell or scrap surplus equipment that has been at the high school since it was built: a rear mount sweeper, a rear mount mower deck, and an old spike aerator.

86. Consideration and support of Mr. Caron's request to sell or scrap surplus equipment listed above.

Motion: Connors Second: Singer Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present.

- i. Track repair proposals – Mr. Caron
Track repair has been part of the Capital Improvement Plan. In order to do a proper track repair, Mr. Caron would like to do a site survey with soil testing and core sampling of the base materials under the track. After seeking proposals from Huntress Associates and FST (Fay, Spofford & Thorndike), Mr. Caron would like to make a recommendation that we contact Huntress Associates for a track study which would cost \$32,250.

87. Consideration and support to move forward with the BHS track study.

Motion: Ellis Second: Connors Vote: 7-0 (Prescott recused herself from vote)

- j. Professional Development Report – Pender Makin
All of the Professional Development time that is built into our schedule has been dedicated to mandated trainings and changes that are happening under Option 6. There is very little time during teachers' regular schedule for professional development which would enhance their practice in other ways. In order to encourage our teachers to engage in outside-of-school time targeted professional development, we are engaging the use of local experts to provide training on evenings, weekends, or vacation days. We are also trying to maximize the in-house expertise that we have on our staff by allowing the use of some of the curriculum pay to go to teachers who volunteer and are willing to plan, prepare, and present workshops to train their peers. These are teachers that are going above and beyond and we would otherwise be paying someone outside of the district to come in to teach these workshops.

Ms. Clough would like to go on record that she hopes “we are going to maximize our professional development money for other things than things that we have already spent a lot of money on”.

- k. Holiday Office Closure
Office will be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.
Office will be closed December 24 and December 25 this year.

Discussion and Possible Action

Board Chair's Report

There was an election since the last meeting and Ms. Perreault and Ms. Prescott were re-elected, and Ms. Gillis was elected to the Board. There was also an election at the Maine School Board Association and Mr. Grant was elected as their president elect. He will hold that position for the next year.

Committee Reports

- a. Personnel & Negotiations Committee – Mr. Thompson
Meeting was held this evening and they continue to move forward and will hopefully have an update for the full Board in December.
- b. Policy & Planning Committee – Ms. Prescott
There are three policies that they are looking at for possible revision and will probably come before the Board in February: Administering medicines, curriculum adoption, and sponsorship and advertising in the schools.

Strategic Planning is underway and there are three more meetings that she would encourage community members to attend: Tomorrow from 3-5pm at Region 10; and next Thursday from 10am-noon at Curtis Memorial Library and 6-8pm at the Perryman Community Center.

- c. Curriculum & Program Development Committee – Ms. Prescott
The committee met on October 29 and heard a presentation from the science staff that presented tonight and also received a report on the summer curriculum work that was done. Next meeting will be November 18 at 9am.
- d. Facilities and Maintenance Committee – Mr. Ellis
The committee met and discussed the track which was brought to the Board tonight. There was also a discussion about the CIP and the Facilities Master Plan. They would like to have as many Board members as possible to attend the next committee meeting. It is tentatively set for November 17.
- e. Budget & Finance Committee – Mr. Ellis
The committee met and talked about the language for the transfer process which was brought to the Board tonight. They also discussed the carry-over of state funds, the planning of the 2016-17

budget process, and the budget meeting dates. The draft budget needs to be at the town by April 1st. The next meeting date will be in January.

f. **Student Services Committee – Ms. Clough**

The committee met on November 6 and resurrected the preschool proposal that was back in 2011. They also heard an update from the Student Services Director regarding the enrollment process for alternative ed and the academy, and professional development needs for Special Education staff. Results from a technology survey of the schools was given, and they also discussed the need for social workers in schools.

New Business

Consideration and possible approval of CIP document - TABLED

Calendar/Announcements

Dates for musicals at BHS and BJHS were given.

Mr. Ellis will be playing "Mr. Bumble" in *Oliver* at Crooker Theater from December 3-6.

Tomorrow night the BHS football team will be playing in the Eastern Maine Championship.

Future Agenda Items

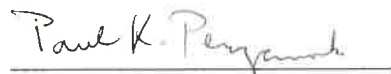
A solar report will be given to the Board next Wednesday.

Cub Camp Update for possibly the December or January meeting.

The Board has a Special Meeting next Wednesday at 6:30pm.

Adjournment

By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary

