

Brunswick School Board
MINUTES
Wednesday, June 10, 2015
7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

School Board Members Present: William Thompson, Chair; Joy Prescott, Vice Chair; Janet Connors; Brenda Clough; Richard Ellis; James Grant; Molly Gramins, student liaison; Corinne Perreault (arrived 7:15p.m); Sarah Singer (arrived 7:07p.m)

School Board Members Absent: Christopher McCarthy

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Gregory Bartlett, Assistant Superintendent; Paul Austin, Director of Student Services; Margaret Dalrymple, BHS Teacher.

Guests: 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

The superintendent would like to add Paul Austin to his resignation report.
Board Chair would like to add the Student Liaison's high school report.

Consent Agenda Action

Item on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection.

***46. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of May 13, 2015**

Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of May 18, 2015 Executive Session

Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of May 20, 2015 Special Meeting on Facilities

Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of May 27, 2015 Special Meeting on 2016 Budget

***47. Consideration of Appointment of School Physician Services for 2015-2016**

Appoint Martin's Point Health Care LLC to provide the services of School Physician for the period July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, for a cost of \$1,500.

***48. Consideration of Authorization for the Superintendent to Sign Teacher Contracts**

Authorize the Superintendent to sign teacher contracts before official Board action of said teachers from June 13, 2015, through October 31, 2015.

***49. Consideration of Applications for State and Federal Funds**

- a. Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to apply for federal funds, including NCLB which includes Title I, II and any other federal, and state funds that may be available for the 2015-16 school year.
- b. Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to file applications and reports to make such representation and commitments on behalf of the Board as are required to obtain financial assistance under the U.S.

Department of Education Impact Aid program and/or the U.S. Department of Defense Impact Aid program.

***50. Consideration of Authorization for Contracts**

- a. Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to enter into such contracts for special education and other services as may be necessary for the 2015-16 school year.
- b. Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to enter into an agreement with SAD 75 for adult education for the 2015-16 school year.
- c. Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with Maine Region 10 Technical High School for transportation services for the 2015-16 school year.
- d. Authorize the Superintendent to execute purchase orders and to negotiate and execute contracts and other necessary documents, commitments and representations on behalf of the Board within budget constraints as may be necessary to conduct the mission of the school department. The Superintendent may delegate this authority as necessary.
- e. Authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Bath Area Family YMCA and Family Focus to provide before and after school child care for the 2015-2016 school year.

Old Business

None

Communications/Correspondence

None

Public Participation

None

Superintendent's Report

- a. Building and Equipment Use:
 - Aspire Program, HBS
 - Alma-Lea's Dance Studio, BHS
 - Brunswick Youth Lacrosse, BJHS
 - Brunswick Soccer Club, BJHS
 - State of Maine PUC, BHS
 - Dorena's Dance Studio, BHS
 - Habitat For Humanity, BHS
 - Curtis Memorial Library, BHS
- b. Resignation:
 - Christine Sullivan, BHS Spec. Ed. Dept. Head, 6 yrs. of service
 - Paul Austin, Director of Student Services past 9 years, RSU 3 Supt
 Resignations for the purpose of Retirement:
 - Mary Hudson, Speech/Language Pathologist and BJHS Spec. Ed. Dept. Head, 17 yrs. of service
 - June Shankle, Ed. Tech III, Resource BJHS, 16 yrs. of service

Mr. Perzanoski thanked them for their service and wished them well. He also noted that this is the last Brunswick Board meeting for Mr. Bartlett.

c. Budget Report:

In this year's budget the projected overage in charter schools is down, and projected special education tuition is also down. Other than that, everything is going according to plan.

- d. Superintendent Advisory Committee Report
The committee has launched their survey that they have been working on for the past year. This is posted on all websites as well as our Facebook page.
- e. MEA Opt-Out Results
Mr. Perzanoski went over the numbers of student that opt-out of tests this year. Numbers are almost identical to the numbers who opt-out during the pilot Smarter Balance test done last year. We did not meet the state's 95% participation rate, however, there will be no consequences this year. Mr. Perzanoski discussed the consequences that we could suffer if we do not meet the participation rate in future years. We will have to wait to see what assessment exam the state will be using to replace the Smarter Balance test next year.
- f. Cost of Assessments Report
Mr. Perzanoski went over the estimated time and cost for training and administering tests this year. The Administrative team has been researching two other assessments to replace the NWEA that would take less time; Aimsweb for K-5 and STAR for grades 6-12. Much discussion followed.

Board Chair's Report

- a. Board Goals
No objections, goals adopted. Goals will be revisited when new Board members are elected in January.
- b. Student Liaison Report
Ms. Gramins reported that graduation practice is taking place this week to prepare for Friday's graduation.
- c. July Board meeting
The Superintendent's review will be rescheduled to June 24th at 6:30p.m.
May possibly need a meeting in July, will leave this to the discretion of the Chair.

Committee Reports

- a. Student Services Committee – B. Clough
Met on May 12 and heard an update on the athletic program at BHS. The Athletic Director, Jeff Ramich, gave a report on high school sports available to students, the number of participants, and awards received in the various sports. Approximately 58% of high school students participate in at least one sport. He also reported that he has been collaborating with the athletic directors from Morse and Mt. Ararat on training costs. The committee also heard an update from Harriet Beecher Stowe School on the reconfiguration, and the creation of a self-contained program for children with behavioral needs.
- b. Curriculum & Program Development Committee – C. Perreault
The committee met on June 2 and revisited the new course being offered at BHS, Exploring Hispanic Culture Through Cinema. This will be an elective course taught by a foreign language teacher. The committee also had a request that students be able to receive credit for literacy support classes. This is part of the response to intervention program. The committee also had a request that woodworking courses have the ability to grant multiple credits, for each year they take it. This would encourage students who are interested in this to take this course and create some great skills. Mrs. White, Curriculum Coordinator, gave an update on the writing prompt initiative for K-5. The committee also worked on curriculum adoption and will eventually ask policy committee to make some updates.

Mrs. Perreault acknowledge Mr. Bartlett and wished him a great retirement.

c. Personnel & Negotiations Committee

Mr. Perzanoski reported that the committee is getting ready for teacher evaluations. They also discussed having a representative of the Teacher/Principal Evaluation Committee come to the next meeting to talk about how that might affect any personnel issues going forward.

New Business

51. Consideration of Approval to Reinstate Contract

Vote, pursuant to 20-A M.R.S.A. Section 13201, to reinstate the teaching contract of Beverly Doughty, Reading/Math Support, as the result of a teacher with more seniority refusing this position.

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

Voted to reinstate the teaching contract of Beverly Doughty.

52. Consideration of Approval of New High School Course: Exploring Hispanic Culture Through Cinema

53. Consideration of Approval to Extend Credit to Students Continuing Woodworking Classes at BHS

Motion: Grant, to approve items 52 and 53.

Items 52 and 53 were approved unanimously with objection of Board members present

54. Consideration of Approval of Strategic Plan Contract resulting from the RFP

Not ready to bring this forward to the Board for consideration at this time.

Calendar/Announcements

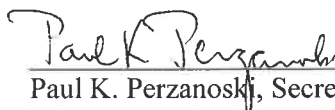
Mr. Ellis noted that our budget for 2015-2016 was approved last night on a vote count of 779-490.

Future Agenda Items

None

Adjournment

Without objection Mr. Thompson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


 Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary