

Brunswick School Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

Town Hall

85 Union Street

School Board Members Present: Joy Prescott, Chair; James Grant, Vice Chair; Teresa Gillis; Mandy Merrill; Corinne Perreault; Sarah Singer; Elizabeth Sokoloff; Benjamin Tucker; William Thompson (arrived at 7:03 p.m.); Stephen Backman, Student Liaison; Elina Woolever, Student Liaison

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent; Barbara Gunn, Student Services Director; Kelly Wentworth, Business Manager; Steve Ciembroniewicz, Coffin Principal; Jean Skorapa, HBS Principal; Walter Wallace, BJHS Principal; Lisa Cushman, BJHS Assistant Principal; Shanna Crofton, BHS Principal; Susan Alexander, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Brunswick Police Officer; other members of the community and press.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

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

**Pledge of Allegiance
Attendance/Roll Call**

Adjustment to the Agenda

Add #5 to the consent agenda.

Add to the Board Chair's Report an update on Town Council discussions.

Remove the Executive Session.

Consent Agenda Action

Items on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection.

*4. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of December 14, 2016
Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of January 3, 2017

***5. Consideration of Second Read Policies:**

a. Revised Policy FILE JICK: Bullying

b. Revised Policy FILE JICK-E2: Bullying Investigation Form

Old Business

None

Communications/Correspondence

None

Public Participation

None

Superintendent's Report

a. Building and Equipment Use:

- Brunswick Parks and Recreation – use of schools
- Merrymeeting Adult Education – use of BHS
- Girl Scouts of America – use of schools
- Brunswick Democratic Town Committee – use of Hawthorne School
- Aspire Program – use of HBS
- Bath Area Family YMCA - use of BHS
- Brunswick Bay Board Meeting – use of BHS
- Big Brothers Big Sisters – use of HBS
- Arts Are Elementary – use of Hawthorne School Alumni Room
- Ampersand Academy of Dance – use of BHS

b. Donations

- Monetary donation to the BJHS Music Department from Mr. Craig Small & Ms. Suzanne Johnson

c. International Program Update and Proposal – S. Crofton

Presentation was given to request permission to establish a partnership program with two schools, Wangcheng No. 1 and Changsha No. 21, in Changsha China. The partnership would provide academic and summer programs for Chinese students at BHS; study abroad opportunities for BHS students & teachers; and globally diverse classrooms. They are requesting permission to use the funds they have from previous Chinese partnership to cover flights for two employees, Assistant Superintendent Pender Makin, and Julie Mason, World Language Teacher and International Programs Coordinator, to travel to China to confirm the partnership. Without objection of the Board, approval was given to move forward with this proposal.

d. BHS STEM presentation – S. Crofton

Presentation and proposal for STEM Endorsement Plan for students for next year was given. In order to acquire a STEM endorsement at graduation, students would have to meet certain requirements over and above those necessary for graduation, one of which would be a required 4 years of math instead of 3.

6. Consideration of Approval to move forward toward STEM Endorsement

Moved: Thompson Seconded: Singer Vote: Unanimous of Board members present

e. Watch D.O.G.S. – J. Levy & W. Wright (Founder of Seeds of Independence)

Presentation to introduce Watch D.O.G.S., a program to bring positive male role models to students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important. Volunteers can be any positive male role model willing to donate one school day, from 9am to 3pm, during the year. To kick off the program there will be a pizza night on January 26th in the HBS Cafeteria from 6-7pm.

f. Budget Report – Ms. Wentworth

Administrators are busy preparing budgets. We just completed the halfway mark of the fiscal year and things are on track. Reminder that annual audit is done and the review will be held next Thursday, January 19th at 3:30pm at the Town Hall.

g. MEA Overview – P. Makin

Went over the data posted on the Maine DOE website on the MEA testing that was done last spring. Brunswick's outcomes were very good comparatively from the state.

h. Principal Search Update – P. Makin

HBS Principal Search Committee is looking at applications. Interviews are scheduled to take place in mid-February. They are hoping to have a community forum for one or more candidates on March first.

i. Draft 2017-2018 School Calendar

A reminder that the draft 2017-2018 school calendar is currently on the website, and we are accepting feedback on the first draft until February 1st.

Board Chair's Report

The Chairwoman thanked Mr. Thompson and recognized his steady leadership and good example during his time as Board Chairman.

a. Student Liaison Report – E. Woolever & S. Backman

Coffin – Having a grand opening of the Brunswick Student Art Gallery on the 2nd floor of the Town Hall on January 26, 4-5 pm.

BJHS – They have created a Gay-Straight-Transgender Alliance which meets after school on Fridays.

Family Art Night will be held February 3rd from 5-7:30pm.

BHS – Action Team is having a clothing collection for the Maine Homeless Veterans Alliance.

They are collecting warm clothing, socks, tarps, and blankets. Donations can be given to Mrs. Maines in the BHS office.

Four BHS students recently participated in the Doc-For-A-Day Program, whose goal is to spark an interest in medicine to students.

BJHS will be hosting a viewing of the movie, Screenagers, to be held in Crooker Theater at BHS on January 12th at 6pm for both parents and students.

b. 2017 Board Committee Assignments

New committee lists were given to Board members.

c. Goal Setting Dinner Workshop on January 25

The goal setting workshop will be held Wednesday, January 25th at Hawthorne at 6pm with dinner included.

d. Strategic Plan Update

Summary of the Strategic Framework was given to Board members. The Strategic Framework is a living document that we continue to go by and should be incorporated by committees as they go forward. The administrative team has been prioritizing and aligning their work according with the Strategic Framework goals and objectives. The Strategic Plan is available on the website.

- e. Update on Town Council Discussions
The School Board Chair and Vice Chair will meet with the Town Council Chair and Vice Chair to continue to build positive relationships between the Town Council and the School Board.

Committee Reports

- a. Facilities Committee – S. Singer

The committee met on January 5th at Hawthorne and discussed the track replacement and also the future of Coffin School. Some Town Council members were also at this meeting. A community group has been developed to support the track replacement; fundraising was discussed, including the formation of a 501C to develop fundraising independent of the school district; Huntress has done a study and has given us a bid of \$850,000; and there was discussion regarding the cost and what part the school and/or the town may pay for. The future of Coffin School was also discussed. Possible options include demolishing the building; turning the building over to the town; using Coffin to house the central office, Family Focus before and after school program, and alternative ed while continuing to use the kitchen and offer Hawthorne to the town.

- b. Wellness Committee – J. Prescott

The committee met on January 5th. Both community members and staff members provided a report on outreach they had done looking at food in the classroom, both as a reward and for celebrations; and also recess and movement. There was a divergence of opinion and many concerns raised by staff members regarding potential changes.

New Business

We have new School Board members so would like to recommit to the bond for new elementary school and repairs to BJHS. State funding has also become available since we voted on this.

- 7. Motion that the Board recommits to the new school and waits until after public hearing on January 17 to recommit to repairs to BJHS.

Motion: Singer Second: Tucker

After discussion, motion amended to reaffirm the whole bond.

Motion Withdrawn.

Calendar/Announcements

There will be a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 17th at 7pm at the Town Hall held by the Town Council with a presentation by the Superintendent, PDT Architects, and Julie Henze.

Future Agenda Items

None

Adjournment

By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.



Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary