

**Brunswick School Board  
MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Town Hall

85 Union Street

**Brunswick School Board Budget Workshop, 6 p.m.**

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; Elina Woolever, Student Liaison; Stephen Backman, Student Liaison

School Board Members Absent: James Grant, Vice Chair

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent; Barbara Gunn, Special Services Director; Kelly Wentworth, Business Manager; Shanna Crofton, BHS Principal; Martin Mackey, REAL School Principal; Walter Wallace, BJHS Principal; Lisa Cushman, BJHS Assistant Principal; Steve Ciembroniewicz, Coffin School Principal; Scott Smith, Building, Grounds, Food Service Director; Michelle Caron, Transportation Director; Ashley Albert, BHS Teacher; Susan Alexander, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Brunswick Police officer; community members; and members of the 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.

**Adjustment to the Agenda**

Move item 18, Major Capital Improvement Application to end of Superintendent's Report.

Remove Harpswell Coastal Academy Flyer from agenda.

**Consent Agenda Action**

Items on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection.

- \*15. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of February 8, 2017  
Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of February 1, 2017

- \*16. Consideration of Extension of Administrator Contracts

Vote to extend the contracts of the following administrators through June 30, 2019:

Lisa Cushman, Assistant Principal, Brunswick Junior High School

Tim Gagnon, Assistant Principal, Brunswick High School

Barbara Gunn, Student Services Director

Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent

Jeff Ramich, Athletic Director, Brunswick High School

Walter Wallace, Principal, Brunswick Junior High School

Sue Woodhams – Technology Director

## **Old Business**

### **17. Consideration of the 2017-2018 School Calendar**

Calendar feedback was shared with the Board. Multiple requests were made to have the last pupil day of school a half day for students.

Motion made to approve the 2017-2018 calendar as presented with the revision of the last student day becoming a half day of school.

Motion: Perreault

Second: Merrill

Vote: Unanimous by Board members present

## **Communications/Correspondence**

None

## **Public Participation**

Vladimir Douhovnikoff congratulated 8<sup>th</sup> graders on the Math Counts team for second place in state at recent math meet; three students from that team in top ten; and one of those students selected to represent the state at nationals. He spoke in support of the Talent Development Program which was cancelled. He also supported public schools in view of the Governor's proposed budget.

## **Superintendent's Report**

### **a. Building and Equipment:**

Aspire Program - use of HBS  
 Brunswick Parks and Recreation – use of schools  
 Merrymeeting Community Rowers – use of BHS  
 Brunswick Community Education Foundation – use of BJHS  
 Bath Area Family YMCA – use of high school cafeteria  
 Girl Scouts of America – use of schools  
 Big Brothers Big Sisters – use of HBS  
 Class of 1978 Reunion – use of BHS  
 Merrymeeting Adult Education - use of BHS  
 Girls on the Run - use of HBS music room  
 Greater Portland Sustainability Council – use of HBS  
 Brunswick Democratic Town Committee - use of Hawthorne  
 Miss Maine International – use of BHS  
 Brunswick Rotary – use of BHS

### **b. BHS Players – BHS Students**

Ashley Albert, the music director for Les Miserables, introduced four student actor/actresses who performed two songs from the musical. Les Miserables will be performed at BHS Crooker Theater on March 23-25 at 7pm and a 2pm matinee on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **c. High School Basketball Team**

Congratulations to the Girls high school basketball team for finishing second at the state finals.

### **d. Principal Search – P. Makin**

Two high quality principal finalists made a presentation at a well-attended community forum last night. The search committee met today and now has a recommendation that will be brought forward to the superintendent.

e. Substitute Fair – P. Makin

Will be held at HBS on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm. Administrators and staff members from Brunswick, RSU 1, RSU 5, Wiscasset, West Bath School, and Region 10 Vocational School will be there to interview and assist those wishing to become substitute teachers, ed techs, nurses, custodians, or bus drivers.

f. Professional Development Update – P. Makin

We are taking a systemic approach to providing targeted professional development and are very responsive to what teachers are asking for. Recent examples were given to the Board.

g. BCEF Grant Announcement – P. Makin

Brunswick Community Education Foundation awarded 22 grants to support innovative programs and practices in our classrooms. We are extremely grateful to BCEF. BCEF is having a fundraiser, the Spark, on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Brunswick Hotel and Tavern. Tickets are needed and are available if you go to the BCEF website.

h. China Trip Update – P. Makin

Julie Mason, Spanish teacher at BHS, and Pender recently returned from a visit to Changsha China, in the Hunan province. They were given tours of five different schools in the area. They signed Sister School Agreements with three of those districts with the hope of attracting high school students to come to BHS for a year; groups of students to attend a Summer School Program here; and/or an educator exchange program.

i. Budget Report – K. Wentworth

Explained the expenditure report for February.

j. Quality Programming Proposals – P. Perzanoski

The Superintendent went over three proposals for quality programming in our schools. These proposals included multi-age programs for grades 3- 4 and 5-6 in addition to the current grades 1-2; dual language program starting at the K-1 level; and developing a program emphasizing the performing arts.

Dr. Jay Ketner, the DOE Consultant on World Languages provided information and gave his experiences with world language immersion programs.

Beth Lambert, DOE Consultant on the arts, discussed her experiences with visual and performing arts academies.

18. Motion to move forward to form three work groups on each of these programs and to report back to the Board in one year for two of the programs and in two years for the third program.

Motion: Thompson      second: Tucker      Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present.

19. Major Capital Improvement Application.

Lyndon Keck, PDT senior principal, passed out Major Capital Improvement Applications to Board members. He briefly went over the application to the Board and answered questions. There is one application which will be submitted to Maine DOE and two copies for the Board.

Motion to accept applications as presented and to submit them to the Department of Education.

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

## Board Chair's Report

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

Stephen Backman gave a report on HBS activities such as 5210 Week, A.A.E. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Residency, Parent/Teacher conferences, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade music concert. He also reported on BJHS Spirit Week.

Elina Woolever gave a report on BHS activities such as the upcoming Les Miserables performance, the girls' basketball team recent runner-up in the state finals, intramurals, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Step-Up Day, three students invited to National Speech and Debate Meet in Alabama, and Bowl-For-Kids Sake.

### b. Strategic Planning Update

Pender has been working with administration in each of the buildings to identify work toward goals and objectives. On the Student Success level the Board adopted the revised graduation standards last month.

## Committee Reports

### a. Political Action Committee – S. Singer

The committee met on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Most of SAD 75 School Board and seven legislators were there. There was an interesting conversation about the governor's proposed budget. Paul spent Friday in Augusta at a public hearing and he testified what the funding shortfalls mean for public education and also gave a couple solutions. Paul and Kelly did an excellent presentation.

### b. Facilities & Maintenance Committee – S. Singer

The committee met on March 1<sup>st</sup> and talked about our strategy for moving forward. The presentation calendar was amended and discussed what would happen at those meetings. The next meeting will be on March 22<sup>nd</sup> before the budget meeting. Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> will be the first presentation meeting with the Jordan Acres abutters.

The town council did vote to move the bond forward at the February 21<sup>st</sup> town council meeting.

### c. Budget & Finance Committee – B. Tucker

The next meeting will be April 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in room 117.

### d. Wellness Committee – E. Sokoloff

The committee met on February 8<sup>th</sup>. The 5210 grants were distributed and each school received about \$750. Some of the projects coming from these grants are a portable mural painted at Coffin, installation of water bottle fillers at BJHS and HBS, and a garden will be planted at BHS. The committee reviewed staff and parent input on potential revisions to the policy on using food as rewards and incentives. The next meeting is tentatively March 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm.

### e. Upcoming Committee Meetings:

Policy and Planning Committee will be meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Student Services Committee will be meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

Personnel and Negotiations Committee will be meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. in room 117

## New Business

None

## Calendar/Announcements

Les Miserables will be playing at BHS, March 23 through 25, at 7pm and 2pm matinee on Saturday.

Hot Country Nights will be held at BHS on April 7 & 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Science Night at HBS will be held on April 7

BCEF fundraiser, Spark, will be held on April 8

**Future Agenda Items**

Suggestions for changes to the policy for the School Board Meetings: do the calendar and announcement at the beginning of meeting, and also have public comment throughout our meeting.

**Adjournment**

By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 8:41p.m.

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Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary  
Brunswick School Board