

Brunswick School Board
MINUTES
Wednesday, December 14, 2016
*** Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. ***
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall
85 Union Street

School Board Members Present: William Thompson, Chair; Joy Prescott, Vice Chair; Janet Connors; Teresa Gillis; Jim Grant; Corinne Perreault; Sarah Singer (arrived at 6:40 pm)

School Board Members Absent: Brenda Clough; Rich Ellis

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent; Kelly Wentworth, Business Manager; Shanna Crofton, BHS Principal; Walter Wallace, BJHS Principal; Steve Ciembroniewicz, Coffin School Principal; Brian Pressley, BEA President/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

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a roll call.

Executive Session

96. Consideration of Executive Session

Vote to enter executive session for the purpose of personnel matters pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6) (A).

Motion to enter executive session.

Motion: Connors Second: Prescott Vote: unanimous by Board members present

Approved to enter executive session.

The Board entered executive session at 6:05 p.m.

The Board reconvened in public session at 7:00 p.m.

Adjustment to the Agenda

Add a Student Services Committee report.

Move the student liaison report to Board Chair's Report.

The chairman will make a change to a committee; appointing Mrs. Perreault, Mr. Grant, and Ms. Gillis to the Negotiations Committee.

Consent Agenda Action

Items on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection.

*97. Consideration of the Minutes:

Approval of the Minutes of November 9, 2016

*98. Approve a Commitment Statement to Promote Staff Health and Well-Being

Old Business

The 2016 BHS football team was recognized for finishing the season undefeated and winning the State Championship.

Communications/Correspondence

Emails received from parents related to the wellness policy that we are currently looking at.

Emails received congratulating the band and praising Brunswick's music program.

BHS Honors Band and Chorus will be playing at "Maine Day at Fenway Park" this summer.

Public Participation

None

Superintendent's Report

a. Building and Equipment Use:

- Aspire Program - use of HBS
- Big Brothers Big Sisters – use of HBS
- Brunswick Parks and Recreation – use of schools
- Girl Scouts of America – use of schools
- Opus One – use of Crooker Theater
- SAT Testing – use of BHS
- Midcoast Youth Theater - use of Crooker Theater
- Merrymeeting Adult Education – use of BHS
- Brunswick Bay Board Meeting – use of BHS

b. Donations:

- \$200 donation to the BHS Music Department - Charlie Kettell on behalf of the Nor'easters Barbershop Chorus

c. Recognition:

- Stephanie Dumont, member of The Jackson Laboratory Teaching the Genome Generation Program External Advisory Board. Her work was recognized.

d. School Trip – Ms. Crofton

The BHS music program is seeking approval for a proposed trip to Williamsburg, VA, April 19-23, 2017. They will compete in the Heritage Music Festival; take part in lessons by a college professor; have a cultural experience in Washington DC; and experience a bonding opportunity for music students and staff. The trip aligns with their curriculum and could include up to 180 students. Board approved trip without objection.

The BHS Outing Club is doing an in-state overnight trip on a winter skills program. The Outing Club is run by Mr. Stocker and Mr. McCullough and includes approximately 30 students but is continuing to grow.

e. Budget Report – Ms. Wentworth

The Business Manager reviewed her first few weeks: learning the history, past practices, and procedures of the district; reviewing the budget and CIP; and becoming re-acclimated to ProFund. The budget is currently on track. The audit has been completed for 15-16. There will be a formal presentation and review of the documents in mid-January. Ms. Wentworth also welcomed Pam Underwood, who was recently promoted to bookkeeper.

f. Office Closure for the Holidays

On Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26 the office will be closed. We will reopen on Tuesday the 27th.

Board Chair's Report

a. Report from BHS Student Liaisons

The Board Chair welcomed Elina and Stephen to the Board as student liaisons. Mr. Grant and Ms. Singer will serve as mentors.

Stephen reported on a group of educators from the Youth Mental Health First Aid USA who were at BHS and gave an 8 hour public education program on unique risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in adolescents to help build understanding of importance of early intervention. He also thanked Wild Oats who donated lunch for them that day.

He also reported on the BHS Santa Fund program which raised over \$2,000 to help 17 families.

Elina thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on the Board.

b. Presentation – will be tabled until after the committee reports.

c. Swearing-In Ceremony, Tuesday, January 3, 2017 will be held at the Town Hall followed by an organizational meeting in room 206.

d. December 5 Town Council Meeting

Town Council was presented with our plan for a new school. There will be another discussion on December 19 and then we will hopefully be able to schedule a public hearing. The council is currently leaning toward breaking apart the bond, repairs to BJHS / the new elementary school, however, they have not made a discussion on that yet.

Committee Reports

a. Curriculum & Program Development Committee – Ms. Perreault

They met on November 15th and looked at new proposed BHS course involving robotics and coding to add to the STEM program. It will be in the course booklet for next year pending adoption of the course. The committee also looked at the ELA curriculum and the Social Studies curriculum. Both were supported by the committee to come forward to the Board.

b. Facilities and Maintenance Committee – Ms. Singer

They met on November 29th and had first track sub-committee meeting. A number of community members were there who were interested in supporting the track project. Will be meeting again on December 21st.

c. Policy & Planning Committee – Ms. Prescott

They met on November 17th and looked at Policy JICK. As a reminder these were the DOE model policies that we looked at and made a couple small changes. The extended field trip policy was also looked at.

d. Student Services Committee – Ms. Prescott

They met yesterday. They heard an update on the REAL School and its' relocation to Brunswick. Special Education reviewed the recent completed audit and are preparing for the state audit. Committee has continued to look at Student Services goals.

99. Consideration of First Read Policies:

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

Without objection, the above policies passed first read by unanimous consent of the Board members present.

New Business**Presentations:**

Certificate to Corey Perreault for 16 years of service to the Board. This was presented at the MSMA Conference.

Plaques for three departing board members: Rich Ellis, Brenda Clough, and Janet Connors will be leaving us. Each brought a unique perspective to the Board. We thank each of them for their service and wish them well.

New School Start Times Presentation:

Mr. Wallace, Mr. Ciembroniewicz, and Ms. Crofton reported on their survey findings regarding staff, students', and parents' thoughts regarding moving start times. Consensus is to have another meeting and schedule another presentation regarding challenges, athletic schedules, bus schedules, etc for elementary as well as high school and jr. high school students.

100. Consideration of ELA Curriculum, Grades 9-12

Ms. Prescott acknowledged the hard work done on this. She also wanted to make the Board aware of the different levels that are now included in the curriculum and urged them to keep an eye on this; and reading literature is an opportunity for students to explore diverse viewpoints and different perspectives but this curriculum is slanted toward classical literature.

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

101. Consideration of Social Studies Curriculum, Grades 6-9

Freshman Social Studies has shifted so they can get same overall info but at a different depth.

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

Calendar/Announcements

Superintendent made a reminder about 2017-2018 calendar. The draft calendar is out. Feedback due by February 1st. Then will add the holidays and use the same format as this year's calendar, and send it out for review before bringing it to the Board for approval.

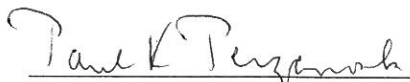
Mr. Thompson announced that this is his last meeting as Chair. He thanked the Board for their support.

Future Agenda Items

None

Adjournment

By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.


Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board