

Brunswick School Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

Town Hall

85 Union Street

- School Board Members Present: Joy Prescott, Chair; Jim Grant, Vice Chair; Teresa Gillis; Mandy Merrill; Corinne Perreault; Sarah Singer; Elizabeth Sokoloff; Ben Tucker; William Thompson; Elina Woolever, student liaison; Stephen Backman, student liaison
- Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Barbara Gunn, Director of Student Services; Kelly Wentworth, Business Manager; Cheryl White, Curriculum Coordinator; Sue Woodhams, Technology Director; Scott Smith, Building, Grounds & Food Service Director; Michelle Caron, Transportation Director; Shanna Crofton, BHS Principal; Walter Wallace, BJHS Principal; Cathy Folan, HBS Principal; Josh Levy, HBS Asst. Principal; Steve Ciembroniewicz, Coffin Principal; Brian Pressley, BHS Teacher; Stacia Lowe, Grade 1-2 Teacher; Cindy Brown, Music Teacher; Susan Alexander, Administrative Assistant
- Guests: John Eldridge, Town Manager; Harris, Town Councilor; Wilson, Town Councilor; Julia Henze, Town Manager; 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. Five Coffin School students were present to sign the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustment to the Agenda

Old Business will be moved after Communications/Correspondence and Public Participation.
Mandy Merrill will be giving the Student Services Committee report.

Consent Agenda Action

Items on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection.

*26. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of March 8, 2017

*27. Consideration of Approval of the Special Board Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2017

Communications/Correspondence

A citizenship swearing-in ceremony was recently held at Greely Middle School and children at the school were able to attend. This would be a great idea to see if one of our schools could host something like this.

Comments regarding the budget have been received by Board members.

Public Participation

April is National Poetry Month and Poem in Your Pocket Day will be held on April 27th. Students recited some of their favorite poems for the Board. There will be an open-mic night on April 27th at Curtis Memorial Library from 6:30-8:00p.m.

Jean Powers, community member, had comments and questions for the Board regarding the school budget.

Willow Wright, community member, praised the school department staff and administration. She gave a report on her fundraising activities for Coffin School Cub Camp. There will be a fundraiser on May 17th at Flight Deck Brewery from 4:00-8:00p.m. Wild Oats Bakery has Cub Camp punch cards for the entire month of May. Her goal is to raise \$20,000 for 40 students to attend Cub Camp. A grant has also recently been submitted for funds for Cub Camp.

Old Business

28. Consideration of Discussion and Possible Action on Any Revisions to the 2018 Operating Budget

The Superintendent gave a presentation on possible reductions and answered questions from the Board.

Motion made to accept the new Tier 1 and Tier II Reductions for a total of \$1,076,525.

Motion: Grant Second: Thompson, supports the motion of \$1,076,525 reduction, with subsequent changes of particular items in the reduction.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion made to amend previous motion and restore the BJHS RTI position

Motion: Tucker Second: Singer

Motion withdrawn.

Each Board member gave their suggestion for amendments to the above motion:

Tucker: Reinstate BJHS RTI position

Reinstate HBS music position

Add some money into our budget for Cub Camp

Thompson: Reinstate BJHS RTI position

Add Ed Tech RTI position at Coffin

Reduction of full-time Curriculum Coordinator position

Reduction of Special Education Secretary

Sokoloff: Reinstate BJHS RTI position

Add Ed Tech RTI position at Coffin

Reinstate full-time Curriculum Coordinator position

Add \$8,000-\$10,000 into our budget for Cub Camp

Gillis: Reinstate full-time Curriculum Coordinator position

Reinstate BJHS RTI position

Add Ed Tech RTI position at Coffin

Reinstate HBS music position

Add \$10,000 into our budget for Cub Camp

Perreault: Reinstate full-time Curriculum Coordinator position

Reinstate BJHS RTI position

Add Ed Tech RTI position at Coffin

Reinstate HBS music position

Add money into our budget for Cub Camp

Merrill: Reinstate BJHS RTI position

Add Ed Tech RTI position at Coffin

Keep Curriculum Coordinator to half-time position

Reinstate HBS music position

Add money into our budget for Cub Camp

Backman (student liaison): Reinstate BHS Consumer Life position

- Singer: Either reinstate full-time Curriculum Coordinator position or reduce it completely
 Reinstate BJHS RTI position
 Add Ed Tech RTI position at Coffin
 HBS music position reduction only if no impact to the program
- Prescott: Reinstate BJHS RTI position
 Add Ed Tech RTI position at Coffin
 Some level of funding for Cub Camp
 Either reinstate full-time Curriculum Coordinator position or reduce it completely
 HBS music position reduction only if no impact to the program
- Grant: Will support changes voiced by other Board members

8:30p.m. Board in recess to calculate the new total reduction.

8:35 p.m. Board reconvened.

New Tier I Reduction of \$975,650

- \$43,000 to add Ed Tech RTI position at Coffin
- \$87,092 to keep HBS music position
- \$10,000 to add funding for Cub Camp
- + \$14,027 additional savings on RTI position (\$97,027-\$83,000)

Total reduction of \$849,585

Motion made to accept total reductions of \$849,585.

Motion: Tucker Second: Perreault Vote: 8-1 (Thompson opposed)

Voted to revise 2018 proposed operating budget by additional reduction of \$849,585

29. Possible Adjustment to 2017 Calendar Based on Accumulated Snow Days

We had six snow days this year which would mean that the last day of school for students would be Monday, June 26th and last day for staff would be Tuesday, June 27th.

Motion to waive the last day, making the last student day Friday, June 23rd and last staff day Monday, June 26th.

Motion: Perreault Second: Thompson Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present.

- c. Budget Report – Ms. Wentworth
 The Business Manager reviewed the expenditures for March. She explained copier costs and the change from leasing our copiers to purchasing them. We have also gone to essential spending only.
- d. Reschedule 11/30/16 Workshop on Anxiety
 This workshop will be rescheduled for some time in May.
- e. Reminder: First, Second, & Third Year Teacher Evaluations & Consideration of Contracts in May
 The evaluations will be available for review from May 3rd to May 10th in the central office.

Board Chair's Report

- a. Student Liaison Report – E. Woolever and S. Backman
 HBS held their Science Discovery Night where 5th graders presented science projects to families and community members.

BHS is looking for summer host families for one or two weeks. Chinese students from our two sister schools will be visiting on two separate weeks in July. BHS students have recently participated in Bowl-for-Kids-Sake, Stuff-the-Bus, and their fundraiser, Hot Country Nights.

Annual BHS Spring Fling for eight graders and their families was held tonight with a large turnout. BHS Spring sports are currently in session.

BJHS students are participating in We All Belong Walk on April 26th. Students, staff, and parents will walk from BJHS to the Green Bridge where they will meet students from Mt. Ararat Middle School. They will walk to the 250th Anniversary Park and exchange wristbands and hear some students speak about how they feel they belong in their school communities.

Coffin School is in the third and final week of their newest spring reading challenge, Dive Into A Good Book. Coffin students also participated in Jump Rope for Heart. Kindergarten registration has also begun at Coffin School.

Committee Reports

- a. Student Services - Mandy
They have met on March 13th and April 10th. They received an overview of RTI and general ed interventions. Some concerns were discussed regarding facilities and space for the Connections program. Barbara Gunn and the Superintendent will be touring the facilities to evaluate space issues for these programs. They discussed the purpose of the committee's work and had a brief Special Ed update. The next meeting will be June 12th.
- b. Budget - Tucker
They did not meet today. The next meeting will be May 10th.
- c. Personnel -Grant
During the last meeting they looked at secretary contracts. They will meet again on April 26 and will be looking at business office contracts.
- d. Policy & Planning Committee – Ms. Prescott
They met on March 23rd and looked at overall timeline and identified some changes to policy IKE which will be brought to the Board in May for a first read. They also met on March 29th and discussed policy EF and EF-R and also identified changes which will be brought to the Board in May for a first read.
- e. Curriculum – Corey
They met on April 5th and received an update on Option 6. The next meeting is May 24th.
- f. Facilities – Singer
They have been doing Facilities Presentations with the public and attendance has been mixed. Their next presentation will be April 27th at Curtis Library.

New Business

Communication Strategy and Consideration of Ad-hoc Committee

Would like to consider an ad-hoc committee to do committee work throughout the summer. Any Board member interested in volunteering for this committee should contact Ms. Prescott by the end of Spring break.

30. Consideration of Letter to Legislature on Testing

Ms. Prescott drafted a letter which was given to Board members. With no objections of the Board members present, the final letter will be available for Board members' signatures at the central office.

Calendar/Announcements

BHS Chamber Choir and Wind Ensemble were selected to perform the National Anthem at Fenway Park on Maine Day on June 29th at the Red Sox vs Minnesota Twins game.


HBS fundraiser, Bobcat 5K and 1 mile Family Fun Run, will be held on May 20th.

Future Agenda Items

Pre-K Options

Adjournment

By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 9:13p.m.


Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board

