

Brunswick School Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Town Hall

85 Union Street

School Board Members Present: William Thompson, Chair; Joy Prescott, Vice Chair; Brenda Clough; Janet Connors; Richard Ellis; Teresa Gillis; Jim Grant

School Board Members Absent: Corinne Perreault; Sarah Singer

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent; Kelly Wentworth, in-coming Business Manager; Shanna Crofton, BHS Principal; Walter Wallace, BJHS Principal; Steve Ciembroniewicz, Coffin School Principal; Brian Pressley, BHS Science Teacher

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

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a roll call.

Adjustment to the Agenda

Move agenda item 92 in front of item 91.

Table agenda item 93.

Under Committee Reports add Personnel and Negotiations.

Consent Agenda Action

Items on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection.

***89. Consideration of the Minutes:**

Approval of the Minutes of October 12, 2016

Approval of the Minutes of October 19, 2016 Public Forum

Approval of the Minutes of October 26, 2016 Special Meeting

Approval of the Minutes of November 1, 2016, Special Meeting

***90. Consideration of Appointment of Certification Support Team Members**

Teachers new to teaching in Maine work with a mentor for two years as part of the process for professional certification. The staff mentors listed are recommended by the Professional Learning Communities Support System (Certification Committee). Please approve the Superintendent's nominations of the following Certification Support Team Members:

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>MENTOR</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Brunswick High School:	Sonya Armer	Margaret Dalrymple	1 st

Old Business92. Discussion and Possible Action on Student Liaison

Originally the request for Student Liaisons was to have two serve on the Board. For the last three years we have only had one, however, this year we are fortunate enough to have two candidates. Our two candidates are Stephen Backman, a senior, class president of class of 2017; and Elina Woolever, a junior, treasurer of class of 2018.

Motion to suspend our rules and amend the policy to allow two student representatives.

Motion: Grant Seconded: Ellis Vote: Unanimous of Board members present

Stephen was welcomed to the Board and Elina was not able to be here tonight. Jim Grant and Sarah Singer have agreed to serve as mentors for the student liaisons.

91. Discussion and Action on moving forward with \$5,711,088 BJHS Repair Project and \$27,920,474 New Elementary School

Motion that we put a bond for the BJHS repair for \$5,711,088 and a new elementary school package for \$27,920,474

Motion: Ellis Seconded: Prescott Vote: 4-2-1 (Connors, Thompson opposed)
(Clough abstained)

94. Motion to amend the cost to cover connecting the upper floors. The total cost of the amendment is \$515,185.86

Motion: Clough Seconded: Prescott Vote: 3-4 opposed: (Prescott, Ellis, Gillis,
Thompson opposed)

Motion denied.

Communications/Correspondence

Welcome to Girl Scout Troop 987 who are here working on their government badge.

Public Participation

Dan Harris, a Town Council member, is here speaking on his own behalf and not as part of the council. He asked the Board to look carefully, as we go forward through this fiscal year, and monitor our expenses to make sure they are really needed. The management team apparently is paid by "piggy-backing" on the teacher's contract and receive the same pay raise while not looking at their goals and objectives and whether these have been met, which is what business does. Please be conservative in how money is spent and give the students the best opportunity that we can by having the best faculty possible.

The chairman reported that administrators are evaluated annually and receive contracts based in part on those evaluations. It is always the goal of this Board to make sure we are providing the best faculty while also being respectful of the taxpayers of the town.

Superintendent's Report

a. Building and Equipment Use:

- Brunswick Parks and Recreation – use of schools
- Aspire Program - use of HBS
- Merrymeeting Adult Education – use of BHS
- Girl Scouts of America – use of schools
- Town of Brunswick – use of BJHS for election

- Sage Swingers Square and Round Dance Club - use of BJHS
 - Midcoast Youth Theater - use of Crooker Theater
 - BAYFL – use of High School facilities
 - Arts Are Elementary - use of Hawthorne
 - Girls on the Run - use of HBS
 - Bath Area Family YMCA – use of high school cafeteria
 - Brunswick Bay Board Meeting - use of BHS
- b. Donations:
- \$3,000 to the REAL School Program - H. Gilman Nichols
 - \$2,000 to the REAL School Program – Collaborative for Perpetual Innovation
- c. Recognition:
- Andrew McCullough received another Sea Net Grant of \$3,667 to go towards more equipment in the spring for their clam seeding project.
 - Lynn D’Agostino from HBS was awarded the MAHPERD PE Teacher of the Year.
- d. BHS World Language Trip Proposal to Nicaragua – S. Crofton
Here on behalf of Peg Nulle and Julie Mason, who put forward a proposal last year for a trip to Cuba. This is still a Spanish trip and offers a lot of the same opportunities, however, the change of location to Nicaragua and Costa Rica is due to an increased cost of the Cuban trip. This trip is geared for students in Spanish III and above and would take place during April vacation of 2018.
95. By unanimous consent of the Board members present the Nicaragua/Costa Rica trip was approved.
- e. Budget Update - P. Perzanoski
Revenue and Expense report can be viewed. All warrants and revenue are doing fairly well at this point in time. We are keeping an eye on the expenses for students with outside placement. These expenses are stable right now. We continue to have students with needs that we cannot meet. Many of these students have been placed at the REAL School so that has helped us as far as costs are concerned.
- Mr. Ellis added that we have built into our budget just under \$2.6 million as “unappropriated funds” which represents spending from prior year budgets that we chose not to spend. This amount represents approximately 6-7% of the school budget. We have consistently tried to do this for the past 7-8 years.
- f. Community Initiatives and Partnership to Meet Increasing Needs – P. Makin
Our community continues to see a growing need with respect to children and families who are currently experiencing homelessness and who have other extreme levels of need. In order to meet the needs of our most at-risk families and children, the school department has been working with Tedford Housing, and have been partnering with Midcoast Hunger Prevention to continue providing a meal. Yesterday’s lunch was extremely well-attended with many staff members volunteering.
- Our community has started The Emergency Action Network (TEAN). It was started by a couple community members, Ms. Gillis and Ms. Singer, who are also School Board members. They have a website and also a Facebook page. In a week’s time they had 500 members. A vetted need will come to them and they will place the need on their Facebook page and members will

answer the need. Donations are given to answer a specific need. If you are interested in helping you can go to their Facebook page or their website, theemergencyactionnetwork.com.

Board Chair's Report

- a. Election Update
We will be welcoming three new School Board members, Elizabeth Sokoloff, representing district 6; Mandy Merrill, representing district 1; and Ben Tucker, representing district 2. We would also like to thank the three Board members who will be leaving us, for their service and their time.
- b. MSMA Conference Follow-up
The conference was a success. There were several MSBA referendum questions, guest speakers, and opportunities to take some courses. Two of our Board members were honored at the conference: Janet Connors for 20 years of service to the Board, and Corey Perreault for 16 years of service. Jim Grant was re-elected as President-elect of the MSBA. Because Jim was President-elect the Brunswick Jazz Band was invited to play during the lunch and they were spectacular. We would like to thank the band members and their director, Mike Scarpone, and Mr. Perzanoski for helping to organize that.
- c. School Board Goals
Recommend goals be reviewed in January with the hope of re-writing them in June-July timeframe.

Committee Reports

- a. Policy & Planning Committee – Ms. Prescott
Committee met on October 19 and discussed JICK, the bullying policy, based on a new recommended model policy that all districts received from the DOE. They identified a few more changes and will bring it back to the Board. The next meeting is November 17th at 5pm.
- b. Budget & Finance Committee – Mr. Ellis
Committee met on October 26. They discussed the carry-over funds from fiscal year 2016, a budget strategy for 2018, and also discussed the Capital Improvement Plan. The next meeting date has not been set yet.
- c. Student Services Committee – Ms. Clough
Committee met on October 20 but did not have a quorum so had an informal discussion. They brainstormed some options if a pre-K program were started, and discussed how to create an electronic database describing student service programs.
- d. Personnel & Negotiations Committee – Ms. Clough
Committee met on November 3 but did not have a quorum so had a general discussion. They discussed the ed tech contract, job descriptions, and heard how the administration is brainstorming possible solutions for hard-to-fill special education positions. The next meeting is December 1st at 8:15am.
- e. Facilities & Maintenance Committee – Mr. Thompson
Committee met November 1st and discussed construction of the new school, and safety of the playground equipment at Coffin School. They also established a Track Development Sub-Committee of the Facilities Committee to begin outreach into the community to identify ways to help raise money for the development of a new track at the high school. The sub-committee will be meeting on November 29 at 6pm at Hawthorne.

New Business93. Policy and Planning Committee - TABLED**Consideration of First Read Policies:**

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

Calendar/Announcements

The Great Gatsby is being put on by the Brunswick High School Players November 17-19 at Crooker Theater.

Brunswick football will be playing Brewer on Friday evening at home in the Northern Class B Championships.

Future Agenda Items

None

Adjournment

Before adjourning, the Chairman asked the Girl Scout troop if they had any questions about the meeting. Questions asked were: What is the "wooden mallet" for? When do you get together? Do you do anything to make laws in the state? The decisions that you make, do you tell other districts, school businesses, or other businesses what to do?

After answering all of their questions, the Girl Scouts were thanked for being there.

By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board