

**Brunswick School Board
MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 12, 2017
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

School Board Members Present: Joy Prescott, Chair; James Grant, Vice Chair; Mandy Merrill; Teresa Gillis; Benjamin Tucker; William Thompson

School Board Members Absent: Corinne Perreault, Sarah Singer; Elizabeth Sokoloff

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent

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

Ms. Makin would like to add item 75, a flow chart that should go along with Policy FILE: JICK Bullying.

Consent Agenda Action

Items on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection.

*69. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of June 14, 2017

*70. Consideration of Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2017

*71. Approve of a Teacher Request for Leave of Absence

Old Business

72. 2018 Budget Discussion and Possible Action

The Superintendent received word from the state that we will receive extra finances of \$628,000 for the 2017-18 school year. Based upon the public vote and what the Town Council passed, he would recommend that we follow their directive and use \$400,000 to restore positions, \$200,000 toward tax relief, and the additional \$28,000 would go into the fund balance. Positions to be restored are: full-time BJHS RTI Teacher; full-time Curriculum Coordinator; 0.5 BHS Tech Ed Teacher; re-instate freshmen sports; add 0.1 to the 0.5 HBS Music Teacher; add Ed Tech III RTI Math position at Coffin; add \$7,000 to professional development; and re-instate the Resource Officer at BJHS; for a total of \$399,223.

Motion to restore funds as identified by the Superintendent.

Motion: Tucker Second: Grant Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present.

Communications/Correspondence

Letter from Robert Hasson, the Commissioner of Education, approved our locally funded construction project pursuant to state statute Title 20-A; 15905-A.

Ms. Prescott also received a letter from Robert Hasson in response to the letter from the Board regarding testing. A copy of his letter will be made available for all Board members.

Public Participation

None

Superintendent's Report

a. Building and Equipment:

- Brunswick Parks and Recreation – use of schools
- Bowdoin International Music Festival - use of Crooker Theater
- Merrymeeting Adult Education - use of BHS
- CCI Greenheart - use of BHS
- TBOSCO Inc. - use of Crooker Theater
- Stonecoast MFA at University of Southern Maine – use of Crooker Theater

b. Donations:

- Coffin School Library Donation

c. Resignations:

- Jonathan Fisk, Special Education Teacher, 7 years of service

d. Transfers:

- Jola Hebert, Gr. 6 Math, BJHS (transfer)
- Andrew Kosak, Gr. 6 Social Studies, BJHS (transfer)

e. District Achievements – P. Makin

Ms. Makin went over a few of the accomplishments this year: developed a district-wide volunteer management system; some policy achievements including the Wellness Policy and Graduation Policy; received support from the community for a new school; two applications were prepared and submitted for new school construction projects through the state; many student successes including many awards and scholarships to class of 2017 students; large focus on professional development and differentiated instructional practices; countless grants and donations; combined professional development with Bowdoin College; BJHS students participated in the We All Belong Walk along with Mt. Ararat students; staff and students have donated thousands of hours of community service; BHS Band and Chorus performed the National Anthem at Boston Fenway Park; and the Music Program was awarded the Dale Huff Outstanding Music Award.

f. Budget Report – K. Wentworth

Expenditures through June 30, 2017 was given to Board members along with an estimate of end of fiscal year figures. Reminder was given that even though there is an estimated balance of \$2.7million it was voted to use \$2.6 million during the budget process, so the estimated undesignated balance to start the new fiscal year would be approximately \$128,000. This year we were asked by residents and Town Council to utilize our fund balance which we have done, so this means that during the budget process for the 2018-19 school year we will not have the level of funding through the fund balance that we previously have had.

g. Additional Comment from the Superintendent:

Board members received a copy of a memo from John Eldridge and Mr. Perzanoski regarding the elementary school building committee as well as a draft of who will comprise the committee. That will be on the Town Council's agenda next Monday.

Board Chair's Report

None

Committee Reports

a. Facilities & Maintenance Committee – P. Perzanoski

The committee met on July 5th. There was a discussion with PDT Architect, Lyndon Keck, regarding timeline and process of the new elementary school. Timeline and future possibilities of Coffin School was also discussed, however, we don't know specifics until we know the results of the application for BJHS. We will take into consideration that our food services department has the district-wide kitchen and storage at Coffin. They also discussed proposals for Special Education space changes at Coffin and BJHS. Mr. Perzanoski would like the Board to vote tonight on the plan to add one portable unit with two classrooms to accommodate some space changes for the Special Education programs.

b. Budget & Finance Committee – B. Tucker

The committee met today. There was discussion about the state aid that we would be receiving. They also discussed ESSA Grant, we will be receiving approximately \$86,000 less in federal funds. The Superintendent will be adjusting our professional development funds so we will not lose two positions that would otherwise be lost as a result of this cut. They also discussed planning for the FY 19 budget. New school construction was also discussed. Next meeting will be August 9th at 5:30pm.

New Business

73. Discussion and Possible Action on Space Needs at Coffin School and BJHS

It was estimated \$38,000 to install a portable at Coffin School. To cover this cost we have some money in the maintenance and repair budget, and projects in the budget that we can either put on hold or eliminate if the portable is installed.

Motion to approve installation of a portable unit at Coffin School for an estimated cost of \$38,000.

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

74. Consideration of the Superintendent's Nomination of Teachers for 2017-2018 School Year

Vote to elect the following teachers for the 2017-18 school year:

Kaitlyn Austin, Physical Science Teacher, BHS
 Patrick Hurley, Special Education, Resource Teacher, BHS
 Erika Leighton, Grade 4 Teacher, HBS
 Kathryn Marro, Special Education, Connections Teacher, Coffin
 Darcee Pantaz, 0.5 Speech Pathologist, BHS
 Rachel Pelletier, Grade 3 Teacher, HBS
 Aimee Sanfasin, Special Education, Connections Teacher, BJHS

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

75. Consideration of Approval of Policy FILE: JICK-E4: Bullying & Cyberbullying Flowchart

Motion to waive our policy and adopt Policy FILE: JICK-E4.

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

Calendar/Announcements


The new HBS Principal has started and seems to be doing well.

Future Agenda Items

Mr. Thompson would like to add to the next agenda the naming of a bus, and discussion about the Board naming the new school rather than setting up a committee.

Adjournment

By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.


Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board