

Brunswick School Board
MINUTES
Wednesday, August 9, 2017
*** Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. ***

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

School Board Members Present: Joy Prescott, Chair; James Grant, Vice Chair; Teresa Gillis; Mandy Merrill; Sarah Singer (arrived at 6:16 pm); Elizabeth Sokoloff; Benjamin Tucker (arrived at 6:17pm); William Thompson (arrived at 6:17pm)

School Board Members Absent: Corinne Perreault

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Kelly Wentworth, Business Manager; Shanna Crofton, BHS Principal; Jeff Ramich, BHS Athletic Director; 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 6:15 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a roll call.

Executive Session

76. Consideration of Executive Session

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

Motion to enter executive session.

Motion: Grant Second: Merrill Vote: unanimous by Board members present

Approved to enter executive session.

The Board entered executive session at 6:16 p.m.

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

Adjustment to the Agenda

Add a committee report for Region 10

Under #80 please add to Teacher Nominations: Kelsey Frost and Annie Young.

Consent Agenda Action

Items on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection.

*77. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of July 12, 2017

Old Business

None

Communications/Correspondence

None

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
- Arts Are Elementary – use of Hawthorne School
- Brunswick Bay Mobile Home Cooperative – use of BHS

b. Resignation:

- James Seheult, BJHS Grade 6 Teacher, 4 years of service

c. Resignations for the purpose of retirement:

- Deborah Bartley-Wing, BHS Business Education Teacher, 13 years of continuous service

d. Transfers:

- Beth York, Gr. 6 Math RTI Teacher, BJHS
- Christine Capobianco, Grade 6 Science Teacher, BJHS

e. MPA Cooperative Team for Volleyball – J. Ramich

Last year we received Board approval for a Cooperative Team with Mt. Ararat for wrestling. We would like to do the same with Volleyball with Brunswick as the established team.

78. Motion to adopt the Cooperative Team for Volleyball at the high school.

Motion: Singer Second: Thompson Vote: unanimous by Board members present

f. Budget Report – K. Wentworth

Explained the expense sheet to the Board.

g. PDT Contract

Portland Design Team Contract has been reviewed and revised. Would like approval of the Board to sign the contract.

79. Motion to accept the contract with PDT.

Motion: Singer Second: Gillis Vote: unanimous of the Board members present

h. Development of meeting with Legislators

In the fall we will be having a visit from the state department regarding our application for BJHS. I thought it would be advantageous for us to talk to the legislators about that visit first so we could possibly have them as part of the team, and also discuss school perspective of any legislation. We could possibly schedule a time in September. Please send any agenda ideas to Mr. Perzanoski.

i. Town Council

Through email correspondence with the town manager today: the Town Council has not chosen the members of the building committee yet; they discussed a schedule to empty Jordan Acres and a time to schedule a large tag sale for community members. The ordinance did pass Monday night which means that based upon the acreage that we need from the town for the new school that architects will be working under one ordinance instead of two.

Board Chair's Report

a. School Board Retreat: Team Building

In past years have done a School Board retreat in summer or fall. Interest in having one this year at the REAL School so will work on a schedule.

REAL School is supposed to take over the building on August 17.

b. Building Committee Appointments

Sarah Singer, Bill Thompson, Corinne Perreault, Mandy Merrill, and Elizabeth Sokoloff will be on the Building Committee.

Committee Reports

a. Building Committee Interviews – S. Singer

Interviews have been happening and will deliberate tomorrow to come up with four community members to join the committee. They have a lot of people with different strengths that have come forward with interest to be on the committee. By August 21st they will hopefully have a full committee and will hopefully meet September 7th for the first building committee meeting.

b. Budget & Finance Committee – B. Tucker

There was no meeting today. Next meeting is scheduled for Sept 13th at 5:30pm.

c. Region 10 Committee – J. Grant

Officers were appointed and Jim was appointed Chairman. Superintendent would like to move the school in a new direction, which is to reach out to the community and businesses. They have made contacts with businesses at the Brunswick Landing and also preliminary contacts that would allow them to work with the DOE and the Department of Labor for possible apprenticeship programs for the students. If there are any business leaders that would like to partner with Tech 10 high school or help with donations, please reach out to Superintendent Weed.

New Business

80. 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:

Pam Mutty, 0.5 English Teacher, BHS

Siobhan Bogle, Functional Life Skills Teacher, BJHS

Kelsey Frost, Grade One Teacher, one-year position, Coffin

Annie Young, Reading Teacher, Coffin

Motion: Thompson Second: Singer Vote: unanimous by Board members present

Naming of a School Bus

Bill and Jim would like to honor a long time bus driver, Royal Farmer. He was a school bus driver for 43 years, Bus Driver of the Year, was always successful at the annual bus rodeo, and loved being a driver. He devoted his entire life to our district and passed away in 2010. We would like to honor him by naming the bus that was his route. Ms. Caron could do the printing at no cost to the district.

81. Motion to waive the rules of our naming policy and name the bus on his route the Royal Farmer bus.

Motion: Singer Second: Merrill Vote: 7-1 (Prescott opposed)

Suggestion was made to have a recognition ceremony.

Naming of a New School

Bill would like to discuss the possibility of the Board naming the new school instead of going through the community. The board can receive input from the community, however, the Board should make the final decision. A suggestion was made to keep the school the Jordan Acres with the wings being named for the schools that have been closed. i.e. Longfellow wing, Coffin wing, Hawthorne wing. After discussion, they would like to bring this up to the newly formed Building Committee to discuss.

Calendar/Announcements

First day of school is the day after Labor Day, September 5.

Policy Committee will try to schedule a meeting before the start of school.

May have a Facilities Committee meeting in September to discuss non-new school items, RunBrunswick, summer projects, etc.

Curriculum Coordinator letter to committee members will be going out and hopefully have this finalized in October.

Future Agenda Items

Mr. Riggleman's garden

Administrative work groups that happened over the summer

Adjournment

By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board