

**Brunswick School Board /
Brunswick School Board Budget Workshop
MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

*** Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. ***

Regular Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

School Board Members Present: Joy Prescott, Chair; James Grant, Vice Chair; Teresa Gillis; Mandy Merrill; Elizabeth Sokoloff; William Thompson; Benjamin Tucker; Elina Woolever, Student Liaison (arrived at 7pm); Maddie Wayne, Student Liaison

School Board Members Absent: Corinne Perreault; Sarah Singer

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent; Barbara Gunn, Student Services Director; Kelly Wentworth, Business Manager; Sue Woodhams, Technology Director; Scott Smith, Facilities and Food Service Director; Michelle Caron, Transportation Director; Martin Mackey, REAL School Principal; Shanna Crofton, BHS Principal; Tim Gagnon, BHS Assistant Principal; Walter Wallace, BJHS Principal; Lisa Cushman, BJHS Assistant Principal; Heather Blanchard, HBS Principal; Steve Ciembroniewicz, Coffin School Principal; Brian Pressley, BHS Teacher; Sue Alexander, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Diana McCain, Director, Merrymeeting Adult Education; Nancy Weed, Superintendent/Director, Region 10 Technical High School; community members and members of the press.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Ms. Prescott called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a roll call.

Executive Session

20. 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: Thompson Vote: Unanimous by Board members present

Approved to enter executive session.

The Board entered executive session at 6:03 p.m.

The Board reconvened in public session at 6:30 p.m.

Adjustment to the Agenda

None

BHS Players Presentation

Unable to Attend

Consent Agenda Action

Item on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection.

*21. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of February 14, 2018

*22. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of February 28, 2018

*23. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of March 1, 2018

Old Business

24. Consideration of Second Read Policy:

Revised Policy FILE JIC: Code of Ethics and Student Conduct

Motion: Grant Second: Thompson Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present
Approved Policy FILE JIC.

25. Discussion and Possible Action of 2017-2018 School Calendar

We have had eight total snow days so far which would place the last day of school for students on June 25. The Superintendent requested that the Board waive one day of the current calendar as our calendar has 176 student days but the state only requires 175 student days. This would place the last student day on June 22 if we have no more snow days.

Motion: Grant Second: Thompson

Amend motion to include a contingency that if we have another snow day prior to April 6, we will make April 13 a school day instead of a professional development day.

Amended: Grant Second: Thompson Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present

Approved to waive one student day of the 2017-2018 school calendar with a contingency that if we have another snow day prior to April 6 we will make April 13 a student day.

Feedback on 2018-2019 School Calendar

Calendar feedback was shared with the Board: including Indigenous Day on Columbus Day; no school on November 6 due to elections; and no school on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving (November 21). Board was asked to consider making November 6 a professional development day and no school for students or staff on November 21. In order to do this we would have to add one student day in June making the last student day June 24, 2019. The Board will vote on the 2018-19 calendar at the April Board meeting.

26. Motion to close school for students on November 6 voting day.

Motion: Grant Second: Gillis

Discussion regarding reasons for no students on voting day and possibility of moving the voting place to another building.

Amend motion to have no school for students on every November election day.

Amended: Tucker Second: Grant Vote: 5-2 (Prescott, Thompson opposed)

Voted to have no school for students on every November election day.

Communications/Correspondence

None

Public Participation

Jean Powers talked about property tax increase, salary increases, dental insurance costs, health insurance costs, and postage costs.

Superintendent's Report

a. Building and Equipment:

Aspire Program - use of HBS
 Brunswick Parks and Recreation – use of schools
 YMCA YCare – use of Coffin School Cafeteria
 Merrymeeting Adult Education - use of BHS
 Girl Scouts of America – use of schools
 Merrymeeting Community Rowers – use of Crooker Theater
 MWLOA annual meeting – use of BHS
 Brunswick Democratic Caucus – use of BJHS
 Midcoast Maine Basketball – use of BHS gym
 Brunswick Police Department – use of BJHS
 BCEF – use of BJHS Library
 Bath Area Family YMCA – use of high school cafeteria
 Midcoast Youth Theater – use of Crooker Theater
 Sage Swingers Square and Round Dance Club - use of BJHS
 Arts Are Elementary – use of Hawthorne School
 Town of Brunswick – use of schools
 Seeds of Independence - use of BJHS
 Brunswick Bay Mobile Home Cooperative – use of BHS

b. Resignation:

- Jay Ketner, Curriculum Coordinator, 5 mos.
- Martin Mackey, Principal, REAL School, 2 years
- Jessica Sapp, Coffin School Kindergarten Teacher, 5 years of service
- Marcey Crosskill, Administrative Secretary, 1 ½ years of service

We wish them well.

c. Donations:

- Anonymous \$200 donation to be put toward the unpaid school lunch debt.

Thank you, we appreciate the donation.

d. Welcome Back:

- Matt Engstrom, Technology System Administrator

We are pleased to have him back.

e. Youth Volunteer Presentation – Blakely Austin

Mr. Wallace presented BJHS student, Blakely Austin, with the state of Maine Youth Volunteer Award. Blake has volunteered over 1200 hours over the past 6 years at Coastal Human Society Animal Shelter, raised money for the shelter, participated in pet adoption events, and fosters cats with medical needs. Congratulations Blakely.

f. Senior Trip – S. Crofton

Request permission for seniors to take part in a class trip to attend Six Flags New England as a class on June 7 instead of a marching practice date. Because this trip is out of state they require School Board approval.

27. Motion to approve class trip for 2018 seniors to go to Six Flags New England in Massachusetts on June 7.

Motion: Thompson Second: Merrill Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present
Voted to approve 2018 senior class trip to Six Flags New England in Massachusetts.

g. Budget Report – K. Wentworth

Explained the expenditure report for February. We are still under a soft freeze.

h. Option 6 Workshop on April 2

There will be a School Board workshop regarding Option 6 on April 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Hawthorne.

i. Budget 2019 Presentation

- Region Ten Technical High School
- Merrymeeting Adult Ed
- School and System wide Administration
- Central Office / School Board
- Professional Development
- Debt Service
- Curriculum Office
- Facilities and Grounds
- Food Service
- Transportation

Nancy Weed presented Region 10 Technical High School 2018-2019 budget. Diana McCain presented the Merrymeeting Adult Education 2018-2019 budget. Before making her presentation Mrs. Wentworth explained there is not currently a proposed budget as the Brunswick school budget is still “under construction”. She presented the school department budgets pertaining to school and system wide administration; central office including school board; professional development; debt service; and curriculum office. Mr. Perzanoski presented the budget on facilities and grounds, including proposed capital projects and equipment; food service; and transportation. He also gave an overview of the 2019 proposal. Mrs. Wentworth went over the proposed budget administrative requests which are arranged in tiers, and the budget summary.

The Board will meet again next Wednesday, and the presentation to the Town Council is planned for April 5 at 7:00 p.m...

After Board discussion, a suggestion was made to keep all items in Tier 1 and the first four items in Tier 2.

Board Chair’s Report

a. Student Liaisons Report

The student liaisons gave a summary of each school’s current activities.

Committee Reports

a. Personnel & Negotiations Committee – J. Grant

The committee met on February 26. They started looking at negotiations.

- b. Curriculum & Program Development Committee
Tabled to next month

- c. Student Services Committee – M. Merrill

The committee met on March 2. They reviewed the task force to identify Special Ed cost drivers and innovative approaches; received an update on the building committee's plan for pre k; suggestion was given for Board to start soliciting questions from the community regarding the pre-k program and a survey is being developed to use during this year's kindergarten screening. Ms. Crofton discussed changes to the academy program, which serves at-risk students, including a new pilot program which will offer students more options for 45 minute classes every day as opposed to 80 minute classes every other day. Next meeting is scheduled for May 4.

- d. Facilities & Maintenance Committee – Mr. Perzanoski

The committee met on March 6. The committee prepared a prioritized list which was brought forth tonight.

- e. Elementary School Building Committee – Mr. Thompson

The committee met on March 12. DEP permit has come through and building plan approved. Jordan Acres is scheduled to be razed mid-May. There will be a public ceremony prior to this.

1. Interior Design Sub-Committee- Mr. Thompson

The committee met on March 5. They have decided on a theme of woods and meadow. Designs will include one wing with deciduous trees, the other wing with coniferous trees, second story will be the canopy of those trees, preschool with pinecones and acorns, and the center corridor will be the meadow.

2. Playground Sub-Committee – Mr. Thompson

The committee met on March 12th. They discussed how far money allowed will go toward two playgrounds and possibility of fundraising for additional funds.

3. Naming of the New School Sub-Committee – Mr. Thompson

The committee met tonight. There will be a survey that will be available to the community the beginning of April. The goal is to have a name to bring to the Board on May 9th.

New Business

None

Calendar/Announcements


Titanic the Musical at BHS Crooker Theater on March 22-23 at 7pm and March 24 at 2pm and 7pm.

Future Agenda Items

Region 10 Technical High School presentation on their progress.

Adjournment

By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board