

Brunswick School Board
MINUTES
Wednesday, September 12, 2018
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; Corinne Perreault; Sarah Singer; Elizabeth Sokoloff; William Thompson; Benjamin Tucker; Maddie Wayne, Student Liaison

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent; Kelly Wentworth, Business Manager; Steve Ciembroniewicz, Coffin Elementary School Principal; Brian Pressley, BHS Teacher; Sue Alexander, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: 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

None

Consent Agenda Action

Items on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection.

*80. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of August 22, 2018

*81. Policy and Planning Committee

Consideration of First Read Policies:

- a. Revised Policy FILE BCB: Board Member Conflict of Interest
- b. Revised Policy FILE DBJ: Procurement
- c. Revised Policy FILE DJH: Purchasing & Contracting: Procurement Staff Code of Conduct

Consideration of Policies and Regulations to Rescind:

- a. Recommendation to Rescind Policy FILE BDG: Legal Services
- b. Recommendation to Rescind Policy FILE EEAEAA: Drug & Alcohol Testing of School Bus Drivers (It was the understanding of the Board to rescind only the regulation and exhibits attached to this policy: -R, -E1, -E2)
- c. Recommendation to Rescind Policy FILE EEAG: Student Transportation in Private Vehicles
- d. Recommendation to Rescind Policy FILE EGAB: Internet Usage Safety
- e. Recommendation to Rescind Policy FILE GBBA: Harassment
- f. Recommendation to Rescind Policy FILE GBGA: Staff Health
- g. Recommendation to Rescind Policy FILE GCOA-R: Teacher Evaluation Handbook
- h. Recommendation to Rescind Policy FILE ID: Early Release
- i. Recommendation to Rescind Policy FILE IJNDB-R: Regulations for Student Computer Use
- j. Recommendation to Rescind Policy FILE IKE-R: Promotion Policy – Regulations

- k. Recommendation to Rescind Policy FILE JBAA: Non-discrimination of Students on the Basis of Handicap/Disability
- l. Recommendation to Rescind Policy FILE JF: Student Admissions to/Withdrawals from School
- m. Recommendation to Rescind Policy FILE JICA: Student Dress
- n. Recommendation to Rescind Policy FILE JKG: Physical Restraint

Old Business

None

Communications/Correspondence

None

Public Participation

None

Superintendent's Report

a. Building and Equipment:

- 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
- Arts Are Elementary – use of Hawthorne School
- Independence Association - use of BHS
- Merrymeeting Community Rowing - use of BHS

b. New Staff

- Shelly Beal, Food Service, BHS
- Joseph Britton, Food Service, BHS
- Sheila Demers, Ed Tech III, BHS
- Michael Factor, bus driver
- Elle Harrington, FLS Ed Tech III, BJHS
- Alicia Morey, Resource Assistant, Coffin
- Jonathan Waldo, FLS Ed Tech III, BJHS

We welcome them all.

c. Budget Report – K. Wentworth

The Business Manager reviewed the expenditures through August 31, 2018.

Due to a finding against Volkswagen, monies were awarded federally that were passed down to the states. Maine DOE has Volkswagen Settlement Funds available which allows us the opportunity to apply through a grant process for replacement of our five oldest buses. As part of the grant process, the five buses would be reimbursed at 80%, leaving our cost at 20%. We need Board approval to move forward with the application and to confirm intent to pay our cost of approximately \$88,000. If approved, we have two years to expend the funds.

- 82. Move to approve Superintendent to apply for the Maine Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Action Round One application process.

Motion: Tucker Second: Thompson Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present

d. Statement of Commitment to Employee Health and Well Being – P. Makin

Brunswick School Department takes the health, safety, and well-being of their employees very seriously. We are committed to sustaining a safe, healthy, and productive workplace environment for all of our staff, faculty, and administrators.

e. Regionalization Plan Update – P. Makin

We continue to meet as a cohort of districts. Current meetings center on organizational structure. We are sharing ideas and recently discussed our emergency management plans.

f. Superintendent Advisory Committee

The committee met yesterday. They have been looking at increasing the multi-age program, a dual language program starting in Kindergarten, and a visual and performing arts program. The three committees have been preparing videos and presentations to present to the Board at the December Board meeting.

g. September Workshop:

(Restorative Justice; Update on Proficiency Legislation/District Ramifications)

There will be a Board workshop on September 26 at 6:30 p.m. to look at the above topics.

Board Chair's Report

a. Student Liaison Report – M. Wayne

School opening went well in all our schools. Coffin welcomed 173 new kindergarten students. There is a pre-kindergarten survey posted on our district website that we welcome community members to complete. Brunswick Junior High School now has a late bus running on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays.

b. School Board Retreat

The Board Chair will email to Board members this week possible dates for the retreat.

c. Delegate selection, MSMA Fall Conference, Oct. 25 & 26

83. Motion to nominate Bill Thompson as delegate.

Motion: Singer Second: Tucker

Approved by unanimous consent of the Board members present.

Committee Reports

a. School Building Committee – S. Singer

The committee met last Friday with the architects, contractors, site sub-contractor, environmental hazard sub-contractor, civil engineers, hazmat consultants, project manager, site superintendent, owner of Ledgewood, the owner's representative, and the Clerk of the Works. They discussed the timeline. Ledgewood requires all workers involved in project to sign a Code of Conduct which includes no smoking, no profanity, no loud music, etc. and will be strictly enforced. Keys have been turned over to Ledgewood and the water and power to JA will be turned off. A "coming soon" sign will be erected and fencing should go up next week. Ground breaking ceremony will be scheduled for mid-October followed by a "good bye" to Jordan Acres Elementary School.

b. Budget & Finance Committee – B. Tucker

The committee met today. They are proposing to adopt a budget presentation schedule similar to last year's. The next meeting will be held on October 18 at 5:30p.m. which will be a joint meeting with the town Finance Committee as there will be a preliminary audit review.

New Business

84. Consideration of the Superintendent's Nomination of Teachers for 2018-2019 School Year

Vote to elect the following teachers for the 2018-19 school year:

- Diane Cook, 0.5 Guidance/0.5 RTI B, BHS
- Scott Fournier, Special Ed Teacher, REAL (transfer from Ed Tech, REAL)
- Jessica Marion, 0.5 Science Teacher, BHS
- Heather Martin, Librarian, HBS
- Stacey Vannah, Health Teacher, BHS

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

Calendar/Announcements

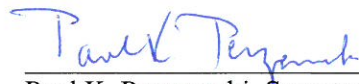
Friday, September 21st @ 6:00 p.m. – “Competition Piece” will be performed by members of the BHS faculty as a fundraiser for the theater students' trip to attend the American High School Theater Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland. Tickets are \$10.00.

Future Agenda Items

None

Adjournment

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


 Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
 Brunswick School Board