

Brunswick School Board
MINUTES
Wednesday, November 14, 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 (arrived 7:02 p.m.); Corinne Perreault; Elizabeth Sokoloff; William Thompson (arrived 7:04 p.m.); Benjamin Tucker; Maddie Wayne, Student Liaison

School Board Members Absent: Sarah Singer; Mandy Merrill

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent; Barbara Gunn, Student Services Director; Kelly Wentworth, Business Manager; Scott Smith, Facilities & Food Service Director; Steve Ciembroniewicz, Coffin School Principal; Heather Blanchard, HBS Principal; Matt McGreevy, HBS Instructional Strategist; Mike Scarpone, Ashley Albert, and Brian Pressley, BHS Teachers; Sue Alexander, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Celina Harrison, 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

Please remove *96 from consent agenda for a first and second read approval on Policy FILE JL: Student Wellness.

Move tonight's presentations on a therapy dog and the BHS band trip to after Public Comment.

Consent Agenda Action

Items on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection.

*92. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of October 10, 2018

*93. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of October 24, 2018 Special Meeting

*94. Consideration of Appointment of Performance Evaluation and Professional Growth Systems Committee Mentors

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 PEPGS Committee (Certification Committee). Please approve the Superintendent's nominations of the following Mentors:

SCHOOL	STAFF MEMBER	MENTOR	YEAR
Brunswick High School	Jessica Marion	Andrew McCullough	1 st
	Vanessa Janes	Jennie Driscoll	1 st
	Roger Aschbrenner	Margaret Dalrymple	2 nd
	Patrick Hurley	Margaret Dalrymple	2 nd

Brunswick Jr. High School	Jamie Seheult	Mary Lord	1 st
Harriet Beecher Stowe	Kevin Fisher	Emily Moll	2 nd
	Jody Clark	Mike Larrabee	1 st
	Heather Martin	Vicki Farsaci	1 st
	Lacy Dugas	Shelby Kavanaugh	1 st
	Kate Kovach	Emily Moll (fast tracked)	1 st
Coffin Elementary School	Charity Kaiser	Libby Hunt	1 st
	Michele Lane	Charlotte Mastropasqua	1 st

***95. Consideration of Appointment of First Year BSD Teacher Induction Mentors**

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>MENTOR</u>
Coffin Elementary School	Michelle Lane	Kathy Dekker
	Charity Kaiser	Kimberly Jordan
	April Doane	Charlotte Mastropasqua
	Kyla McCann	Carrie Thomas
	Jennifer Allain-Winchester	Becky McKarns
Harriet Beecher Stowe School	Kate Woodward	Lynn Yuodsnukis
	Suzanne Hamilton	Shawne McCord
	Jody Clark	Kathy Buttner
	Heather Martin	Liz VanUden
	Lacy Dugas	Maria Palopoli
	Kate Kovach	Andrea Feigner
	Krystal Bray	Ann Anderson
Brunswick Jr. High School	Joe Furrow	Rebecca DeMars
	Heather Pratt-Lowe	Danielle LeBlanc
	Suzanne Gardiner	Hilda Wiley
Brunswick High School	Summer Paradis	Hilda Wiley
	Stacey Vannah	Jennie Driscoll
	Diane Cook	Mike Halmo
	Vanessa Janes	Jim Flanagan
	Jessica Marion	Andrew McCullough
	David Lowe	Andrew McCullough
	Emily Darby	Rick Wilson

96. Policy and Planning Committee

Consideration of First and Second Read:

a. Revised Policy FILE JL: Student Wellness

There was a brief edit to the language of this policy regarding food and beverage advertising which has to be in this policy in order for us to receive subsidies.

Motion to approve this policy tonight and suspend our rules to do so.

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

Old Business

None

Communications/Correspondence

Several people were “annoyed” that school was closed on Election Day.

Public Participation

None

Presentations:

Ms. Blanchard and Mr. McGreevy gave a presentation regarding Mr. McGreevy’s therapy dog, Jelly. They would like permission for Jelly to be at HBS as a therapy dog to work with students in the self-contained classrooms. Jelly would not have free rein of the school. She would either be in Mr. McGreevy’s office or in one of the self-contained classrooms. They will be sensitive to students with allergies, fear or aversions to dogs.

Motion to allow Jelly at HBS with Mr. McGreevy.

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

97. Consideration and Possible Action on BHS Band School Trip – Mr. Scarpone

Mr. Scarpone and Mrs. Albert gave a brief presentation regarding a proposed BHS Performing Arts Department trip to compete at Festival Disney. They would like to take as many instrumental and vocal students as possible. Festival Disney is an international music competition held at Walt Disney World in Florida which includes workshops and would give students an exceptional musical experience. They would leave Wednesday, April 10th for a Thursday performance with awards on Saturday.

Motion to approve the Festival Disney trip.

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

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
- Girls on the Run - use of HBS
- Arts Are Elementary – use of Hawthorne School
- BAYFL – use of HBS
- Bowdoin College Athletics – use of BHS
- Midcoast Maine Basketball – use of BHS
- Town of Brunswick – use of schools
- Portland Symphony Orchestra – use of Crooker Theater
- Seeds of Independence – use of BJHS
- Bath Area YMCA – use of BHS
- Department of Marine Resources – use of schools
- Midcoast Youth Theater – use of Crooker Theater

b. Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement:

- Wes Anderson, head mechanic, 23 ½ yrs. of service
- Sheryl Veilleux, HBS Library Ed Tech, end of school year, 22 yrs. of service

We thank them very much for their service and wish them well.

c. New Staff

- Aaron Hamlen, Network Administrator
- David Arnold, Head Mechanic
- Karin VanNostrand, Ed Tech III, BJHS
- Kenneth Kadra, bus driver

“We are pleased to have them on board”.

d. Business Manager Reports – K. Wentworth

1. Budget Report

The Business Manager reviewed the revenue and expenditures through October 31, 2018. All teaching positions are full. Fund balance \$381,000 less than what we ended on 6/30/17. This means that during the budget preparation for next year, we will have less carry forward money to utilize to offset taxation.

2. Land & Water Commission Grant

A lot of work has been done on the application. Submittal date is Friday. We would like to thank Kelly for all her work and also thank Tom Farrell from the Rec. Department for his help.

3. VW Settlement Application

We submitted an application for buses. We scored in the 90th percentile but because we are replacing them with gasoline buses, we did not meet the criteria. We are looking toward round two which should be coming out in April 2019. We are exploring the possibility with other districts regarding purchasing propane buses and sharing a propane filling station.

e. FEDES Grant – P. Makin

We recently submitted a grant for the Department of Education’s initiative “to foster regionalized cooperative services”. It is called the Funds for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services (FEDES). We designed a program with RSU 5 and MSAD 75 that would provide a shared social worker to help with the increasing number of homeless students, as well as shared transportation for those students.

In other grant news, we were just awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Maine Commission for Community Service. It is a planning grant to support next year’s implementation of the AmeriCorps Program.

f. Brunswick Students in Placement Other Than BSD / Superintendent’s Agreements

Based upon research of last Friday, we have 186 Brunswick students placed in different schools or programs other than the Brunswick School Department: 43 at charter schools, 32 homeschooled, and 111 at private schools. These include preschool to grade 12 students. We also have 57 students with Superintendent Agreements: 8 leaving Brunswick to go to other districts, and 49 students coming into our district. We also have 14 students attending Brunswick schools on tuition basis. We have written a draft survey for these families for feedback for their choices for education. This will be sent to Board members for comments.

Board Chair’s Report

a. Student Liaison Report – M. Wayne

The student liaison gave a summary of the many activities that are happening at each school.

BHS Student Government met today and decided to split into committees.

b. Election Results

Greater Sebago Educational Alliance was passed.

Ms. Prescott and Ms. Gillis were re-elected.

We want to welcome Celina Harrison as our newest Board member as of January 1.

Committee Reports

a. Policy & Planning Committee – J. Prescott

The committee met November 1st. They reviewed several policies. There were no changes identified for policies JRA, IJOC, IJND, and JICIA. They discussed policy IKF: Graduation Requirements and requested BHS make sure information in their handbook is consistent with the policy. They also discussed potential changes to policy BBBAB: Student Liaison to the School Board which will come forward for Board consideration in December or January. The next meeting is scheduled for December 5th at 5pm.

b. Budget & Finance Committee – B. Tucker

Tonight's meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be held on December 12 at 5:30 p.m.

c. Student Services Committee – M. Merrill

Tabled

d. Personnel & Negotiations Committee – J. Grant

The committee met on November 5th. They reviewed more job descriptions and there was a brief labor review. The committee will meet again on November 28th.

e. School Building Committee – S. Singer

Tabled

f. MSMA Fall Conference and Delegate Assembly Report – W. Thompson / J. Grant / M. Wayne

At Delegate Assembly resolutions that passed were concerning: importance of school safety; affirming the current law of gun-free zone; supporting CDS moving into the public schools; Special Education reforms, mostly geared toward lobbying the federal government on IDEA; support for rebuilding the Revolving Renovation Fund; and support for lowering the mandatory age of student attendance to 6. Resolutions that did not pass were concerning: supporting proficiency based diplomas; increase the state minimum step for salaries for teachers; and increasing the length of the school year.

Ms. Wayne met other school liaisons and attended clinics.

New Business

98. 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:

Matthew McGreevy, Instructional Strategist, HBS

Kristen Foley, Talent Development Strategist, K-12

Motion: Thompson

Second: Tucker

Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present.

99. Consideration of Appointment to Region 10 Technical High School Cooperative Board

Vote to elect Richard Bray to continue to serve as Town of Brunswick Community Representative on the Region 10 Technical High School Cooperative Board.

Motion: Grant

Second: Thompson

Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present.

Calendar/Announcements

BHS Players will perform *Flower for Algernon*, which is the play they will perform in Edinburgh, on November 15, 16, 17 at 7pm with a 2pm matinee on the 17th.

BHS Football Team will compete at state game against Marshwood at Fitzpatrick Stadium at 6 p.m. on November 17.

BHS Players will be doing a fundraising community scoop at Gelato Fiasco on November 20th.

BHS Choir will be singing at the tree lighting ceremony on the mall on Saturday, November 24th.

Superintendent's Advisory Committee will have a presentation at the School Board Workshop on Wednesday, November 28th.

Night of Swing and Jazz at BHS, preceded by a silent auction, on Saturday, December 1st at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.


BHS Players will be having a Theater Camp for students in grades 3-8 at Crooker Theater during the December school break.

Future Agenda Items

Move voting site out of BJHS to avoid disrupting school.

Adjournment

By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board