

Brunswick School Board
MINUTES
Wednesday, December 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; Sarah Singer; Elizabeth Sokoloff; William Thompson; Benjamin Tucker; Maddie Wayne, Student Liaison

School Board Members Absent: Corinne Perreault

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent; Kelly Wentworth, Business Manager; Steve Ciembroniewicz, Coffin School Principal; Brian Pressley, BHS Teacher; Mary Lord, BJHS Teacher; Peg Nulle, BHS Teacher; 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 7:26 p.m. (following School Board Workshop presentations).

Adjustment to the Agenda

Move tonight's Quebec trip presentation (under New Business) to the beginning of the agenda.

Remove item d. under Board Chair Report.

Consent Agenda Action

Items on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection.

*100. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of November 14, 2018

Public Participation

None

New Business

101. Consideration and Possible Action on Quebec Trip – P. Nulle & M. Lord

The trip will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of Memorial Day weekend for approximately 21 high school students. Students would miss Friday from school as almost all of these students have to be back to participate with the band in the Memorial Day Parade. They will be traveling with a very reputable group from Quebec and the trip will include visits throughout Quebec City and old Quebec, a ghost tour, a river tour on the St. Lawrence, an Indian Village tour, and a visit to a sugar shack. They will keep a 1:10 ration of chaperones to students. This is not a school sponsored trip.

Motion to approve students traveling to Quebec.

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

Old Business

None

Communications/Correspondence

None

Superintendent's Report

- a. Building and Equipment:
 - Brunswick Parks and Recreation – use of schools
 - Aspire Program - use of HBS
 - Bath Area YMCA – use of BHS
 - Girl Scouts of America – use of schools
 - Merrymeeting Adult Education – use of BHS
 - Department of Marine Resources – use of Crooker Theater
 - Midcoast Youth Theater – use of Crooker Theater
 - Brunswick Democratic Town Committee – use of Hawthorne
 - Brunswick Bay Mobile Home Co-op – use of HBS

- b. Resignation at end of 2018-19 school year:
 - Lynn Yuodsnukis, grade 4 teacher, 14 yrs. of service
We will miss her. She has been a great addition to our staff.

- c. New Staff:
 - Ashley Dauphin, custodian

- d. Budget Report – K. Wentworth
The Business Manager review the revenue and expenditures through November 30, 2018. Work has begun on the 2020 budget.

- e. Adult Ed Collaboration
This year has been a pilot year collaborating with SAD 75 and RSU 1 on Adult Ed. All seems to be going well.

- f. Collaboration with Nearby Districts Update
We have been meeting with Lisbon, RSU 1, RSU 5, SAD 75, and West Bath. We will be having a Board seminar run by MSNA for the districts on January 22, 2019. Some items they may discuss are Board ethics, Board responsibilities, dealing with the media, as well as giving Board members the opportunity to talk to one another about issues that they may share. Special Education Directors from these districts have communicated, collaborative grant dealing with homeless transportation, and a meeting of transportation directors will be scheduled.

- g. Office Closure for the Holidays
Central office will be closed for the Holidays on December 24th, December 25th, and January 1st.

- h. Brunswick Believes, Strategic Framework – P. Makin
A handout was passed out to Board members and a brief summary of accomplishments was given.

Board Chair's Report

- a. Student Liaison Report – M. Wayne
The student liaison gave a summary of each school's current activities.

- b. 2019 School Board Meeting Schedule
Proposed meeting schedule was given to Board members in their packet.

- c. Swearing-In Ceremony, Monday, January 7, 2019
Swearing-In Ceremony will be held at Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 7th.

- d. Presentation
Tabled

Committee Reports

- a. Policy & Planning Committee – J. Prescott
The committee met December 5th. They looked at several policies that have some relations to athletics and co-curricular activities but no changes were identified. The nurses along with the school physician and athletic directors will be looking at recent national guidelines concerning management of concussions. The administrative team will be looking at Policies ADC-R and JICH, tobacco and substance abuse, for any possible revisions. The next meeting is scheduled for January 3rd at 5:30 p.m.
- b. Student Services Committee – M. Merrill
The December 7th meeting was rescheduled to January 11th at 9:45 a.m.
- c. School Building Committee – W. Thompson and S. Singer
The committee met on November 28th. The Board met to agree to a work change order due to additional hazardous materials on site that was discovered when the building was being demolished. Jordan Acres is completely down and they are now starting to build the new school. A group from the committee met with the Director of Special Collections at Bowdoin, Kat Stefko. We would like to publicly thank Bowdoin for their offer of anything from their Kate Furbish collection digitally or any resources or information that they can help us with.
 - 1. Interior Design Sub-Committee – E. Sokoloff
The committee met on December 10th. The committee saw samples and was able to make some color and material decisions on flooring, light fixtures, tiles, lockers, wall coverings, and classroom signage. They looked at different light fixtures that will be hanging in the Meadow's Edge (the corridor outside the library) and they chose pendant lights that symbolize fireflies. The next meeting will be determined at a later date.
- d. Budget & Finance Committee – B. Tucker
The committee met this evening. Tom Stocker, BHS teacher, gave a presentation on BHS Science Department strategic five-year budget proposal. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for January 9th at 6:00 p.m.
- e. Curriculum & Program Development Committee – E. Sokoloff
The committee met today. They wanted to thank Corey Perreault for her 18 years of service on the committee, however, she was unable to attend the meeting. The committee talked about the curriculum review cycle due to the change of Curriculum Coordinator. The next meeting date is to be determined.
- f. Wellness Committee – E. Sokoloff
The committee met on December 6th with Shanna Crofton now at the helm. "The purpose of the committee moving forward will be to research and share information and resources that promote a healthy school community. Two goals were set for the remainder of this year: 1. Support staff wellness k-12; and 2. Research and share ways to incorporate physical activity into the school day to enhance learning outcomes." The committee has formed sub-committees to work on these goals. The committee also received an update from Scott Smith on the state's district food service review. The state gave some suggested changes which have been made and finalized. The committee also discussed the continuing partnership with Let's Go and qualifications for mini-grants for each school. The next meeting is scheduled for February 28th at 3:45 p.m.

Calendar/Announcements

Tech Talk Parent Information Evening at BJHS Library tomorrow night from 6-7:30 p.m. The topic is safety and understanding navigating through your child's electronic devices. Parents other than BJHS parents are welcome to also attend.

BHS Chorus Concert on December 19th in Crooker Theater at 7:00 p.m.

Future Agenda Items

None

Adjournment

Mrs. Prescott thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as chair for the past two years.

By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board