

Brunswick School Board
MINUTES
Wednesday, January 16, 2019
Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

School Board Members Present: James Grant, Chair; Benjamin Tucker, Vice Chair; Teresa Gillis; Celina Harrison; Sarah Singer; Elizabeth Sokoloff; Maddie Wayne, Student Liaison; Tyler Patterson, BHS Student Liaison

School Board Members Absent: Mandy Merrill; Joy Prescott; William Thompson

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Greg Bartlett, Interim Assistant Superintendent; Barbara Gunn, Student Services Director; Kelly Wentworth, Business Manager; Shanna Crofton, Curriculum Coordinator; Steve Ciembroniewicz, Coffin School Principal; Jim Flanagan, BHS Teacher; Brian Pressley, BHS Teacher; Sue Alexander, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: John Eldridge, Town Manager; community members and members of the press.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Mr. Grant called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a roll call.

Executive Session

5. 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: Tucker

Second: Singer

Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present

Approved to enter executive session.

The Board entered executive session at 6:31 p.m.

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

Adjustment to the Agenda

None

Consent Agenda Action

Items on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection.

***6. Consideration of Approval of the Workshop Minutes of December 12, 2018**

Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of December 12, 2018

Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of January 7, 2019

Old Business

7. Discussion and Possible Approval of Funding for BHS Track

A draft ordinance is in the Board member's packet. Mr. Perzanoski thanked the Town Manager for putting it together. It will include taking money out of the town's fund balance as well as providing the School Board with a loan. This will complete the funding needed to construct the track and the track facility. Construction will begin this spring, a year earlier than planned. The Board acknowledged RunBrunswick for their hard work and the track donors for their support.

Motion: Singer Second: Sokoloff Vote: Unanimous of Board members present
Vote to approve.

Communications/Correspondence

None

Public Participation

None

Superintendent's Report

a. Building and Equipment Use:

- Brunswick Parks and Recreation – use of schools
- Merrymeeting Adult Education – use of BHS
- Girl Scouts of America – use of schools
- Aspire Program – use of HBS
- Bath Area Family YMCA - use of schools
- Brunswick Bay Mobile Home Coop – use of BHS
- BCEF – use of BJHS
- Department of Marine Resources – use of Coffin
- Portland Symphony Orchestra – use of Crooker Theater
- Independence Association – use of BHS Cafeteria

b. New Staff

- Rachel Dillon, Ed Tech II, REAL School

c. Resignation

- Vanessa Janes, BHS Social Studies Teacher

d. Draft 2019-2020 School Calendar

2019-20 draft calendar will be available for feedback to both staff and community. Because three districts all send students to Region Ten, the calendar is developed with SAD75 and RSU5 and by state statute there cannot be any more than five dissimilar days.

e. Budget Report – Ms. Wentworth

Expenditures thru December 31, 2018 are in the Board packet. We are on track for spending, continue to order as needed, and there are no soft freezes on the budget at this time. Schools' 2019-20 budget requests are due by January 23rd. The Budget and Finance Committee will meet on February 13th to start budget discussions. The auditors will be making their presentation tomorrow at 6:30pm at the joint finance committee meeting with the town.

f. Normandy Trip Update – J. Flanagan

Mr. Flanagan gave an overview of the international trips he is planning. His goal is to develop a comprehensive program that will make the international trips he plans more than just an interesting experience, but a way to understand new cultures and give students an ability to earn

academic credit. In April he will be taking 27 students and chaperones to Italy and Greece; in June he will be taking a group of 10 to the 75th Anniversary in Normandy; he is also working on a trip to Vietnam in February 2020, and a trip to Eastern Europe in April 2020.

g. MEA Report – S. Crofton

Ms. Crofton gave an overview of the MEA (Maine Educational Assessment) test results and how the data is used. The MEA tests measure the progress of Maine students in English, language arts, literacy, mathematics, and science. The tests are taken in the spring and the results are released in November of the year following the tests. This year there were some discrepancies in the data which has delayed the release of the results. Brunswick students have generally scored at or above the state average.

Board Chair's Report

Board Chair welcomed Celina Harrison, our newest Board member.

a. Student Liaison Report –M. Wayne

Maddie Wayne welcomed Tyler Patterson, our new student liaison. They gave an overview of activities and events happening in our schools.

b. 2019 Board Committee Assignments

Board members are aware of the committees they are assigned to, however, the list will be sent out later this week.

c. Goal Setting Dinner Workshop on January 23rd

Workshop is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. at Hawthorne School.

d. Presentation

Postponed

Committee Reports

a. Budget & Finance Committee

The committee met today and discussed the audit which will be presented in detail tomorrow night. The committee also reviewed the carryover balance going into next year. In summary, if we adopt a budget for next year with no increase it will require raising \$500,000 by increase taxes which is approximately a 1% raise in taxes. The first preliminary budget discussion will be on February 13th.

b. Policy & Planning Committee

The committee met on January 3rd and our student liaisons, Maddie and Tyler, joined them. The committee reviewed and edited three policies which will come to the Board in February. The Tobacco Prevention Coordinator from Midcoast Hospital also joined them. The date for the next meeting has not been determined at this time.

New Business

Historical analysis on snow days was discussed. Mr. Bartlett reported the process that he uses for his decision regarding snow days. Decisions are always based on the safety of staff and students. He also stated that the ultimate decision of whether to send a child to school is always with the parents.

Calendar/Announcements

None

Future Agenda Items

None

Adjournment

By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board