

Brunswick School Board  
**MINUTES**  
Wednesday, February 12, 2020  
6:30 p.m.  
Council Chambers  
Town Hall  
85 Union Street

School Board Members Present: James Grant, Chair; Joy Prescott (arrived at 6:32 p.m.), Vice Chair; Beth Bisson; Teresa Gillis; Celina Harrison; Mandy Merrill; Sarah Singer; Elizabeth Sokoloff; Maddie Wayne and Tyler Patterson, BHS Student Liaisons

School Board Members Absent: William Thompson

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Shawn Lambert, Assistant Superintendent; Barbara Gunn, Student Services Director; Shanna Crofton, Director of Curriculum, Assessment, Instruction, & Professional Development; Kelly Wentworth, Business Manager; Michelle Caron, Transportation Director; Troy Henninger, BHS Principal; Mandy Lewis, BJHS Principal; Gabriel Schuft, BJHS Assistant Principal; Steve Ciembroniewicz, Coffin School Principal; Ann Young, Coffin Assistant Principal; Brian Pressley, BHS Teacher; Sue Alexander, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Stacy Frizzle, Executive Director of People Plus; other 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.

**Adjustment to the Agenda**

Move Communications/Correspondence before Old Business.

**Consent Agenda Action**

Items on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection.

\*14. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of January 8, 2020

Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of January 22, 2020

Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of January 30, 2020

\*15. Consideration of Extension of Administrator Contracts

Vote to extend the contracts of the following administrators through June 30, 2022:

Michelle Caron, Transportation Director

Steve Ciembroniewicz, Principal, Coffin Elementary School

Shanna Crofton, Director of Curriculum, Assessment, Instruction, & Professional Development

Troy Henninger, Principal, Brunswick High School

Chris McCarthy, Principal, REAL School

Scott Smith, Director of Building, Grounds, and Food Service

Kelly Wentworth, Business Manager

Sue Woodhams, Director of Technology Integration

## **Old Business**

### **Pre-School Advisory Committee Report**

Mr. Ciembroniewicz, Ms. Crofton, and Ms. Gunn gave a presentation on this year's Pre-K pilot program and recommendations for next year's Pre-K program. They discussed the curricula, Special Education needs, staffing, transportation, student selection, the schedule, and community providers. No final recommendation was formed for the schedule, however, the majority was for a five-day per week/half-day program for 120 students, but the Board will decide the schedule.

Mr. Perzanoski would like to propose the development of an Early Childhood Advisory Council to maintain collaboration and relationships with community providers. He has currently set up meetings with private providers on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>, both at 4:30pm at Hawthorne.

The Board would like additional information on numbers of private providers we have in the community; percentage of current kindergarteners who were previously enrolled in a Pre-K program; pros and cons on schedules currently being used in other school districts; and whether Pre-K students are developmentally able to handle an afternoon class. Information will be provided at the next meeting at which time Board members will vote on the Pre-K program.

## **Communications/Correspondence**

### **Teen Center Letter**

Stacy Frizzle discussed the Brunswick Area Teen Center and requested a School Board member to serve on the Teen Center Advisory Committee (TCAC) as a volunteer. They would also like the Board to approve a member of the BJHS staff to serve in an onsite role, on TCAC. This is a 1½ hr, once a month, paid position, and they would also serve as a liaison.

Interested Board members should email Mr. Grant.

Ms. Prescott received an email regarding the Dual Language Immersion Program.

## **Public Participation**

Kate Kalajainen spoke in favor of the Pre-K Program and having a full day program to help service those parents that cannot be accommodated by the private half-day programs in our community. She is also concerned about the transportation transitions.

Nate Hintz had a question as to when student support services would be provided on a half day model as opposed to a full day model, if CDS is being phased out.

## **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
- Midcoast Literacy - use of HBS
- Midcoast Youth Theater – use of Crooker Theater
- Bath Area Family YMCA – use of BHS Cafeteria
- Town of Brunswick Plan Brunswick Meeting – use of BHS Cafeteria
- Brunswick Democratic Town Committee – use of Hawthorne
- BHS Class of 1970 – use of BHS
- Brunswick Youth Lacrosse – use of Coffin School gym
- Sage Swingers and Round Dance Club – use of BJHS

## b. Resignation

- Brenda Conn, Ed Tech III, Coffin, 14 ½ years of service
- Helen Tetu, Nurse, BJHS, 21 years of service

## c. Resignation for the purpose of Retirement

- Ann Vellella, Grade 3 Teacher, HBS, 25 years of service

We thank them all for their service and wish them well.

## d. Resignation for the purpose of Retirement at the end of the 2019-20 school year:

- Susan Collins, Grade 2 Teacher, HBS, 19 years of service
- Linda Slotnick, Resource Asst, HBS, 16 years of service
- Joyce Duda, Ed Tech III, Coffin, 12 years of service

We wish them well in their retirement.

## e. New Staff

- Janelle Smith, Food Service Worker, BHS

We welcome her.

## f. Donations

\$100 donation from Jennifer Pietraho to the Music Program at BJHS.

Thank you for your generosity.

## g. The Prudential Spirit of Community Award

The Superintendent recognized BJHS student Charlie Austin who has been selected as Maine's top Middle Level Youth Volunteer in the 2020 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program. We wish him well and are proud of his accomplishments.

## h. Scholastic Art Gold Key Award

The Superintendent recognized 7<sup>th</sup> grader, Maleia Wakinekona for winning a Gold Key Award from the Scholastic Art Contest with her winning photograph, Below the Basketball Hoop, shown at an exhibit at the Maine College of Art. Congratulations to Maleia.

## i. Connections For Kids

The Board was given a sheet explaining the difference between an Ed Tech III and a BHP. Connections for Kids supplies the BHPs. It has been difficult finding appropriate BHPs to fill the positions we need, and the MaineCare process is extensive and lengthy. Our intent next year is to hire a couple BHPs as a pilot program and by school year 21-22 take over any services for students that need a BHP.

Ms. Gunn explained that an Ed Tech III works on academics while a BHP is a medical necessity reporting to a clinician, not the teacher. BHPs have their own goals and treatment plan and their services are billed to MaineCare. BHPs do not teach academics.

## j. Budget Report and Preliminary Information on Budget FY 20-21 – K. Wentworth

The Board members have the expenditure report through January 31, 2020. We are still on essential spending only and the 2020 budget is on track for meeting the shortage created by the additional ELL staff members we had to hire this year. Auditors will be here on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. for a joint meeting with the town for a final report on the 2018-2019 school year.

An overview presentation of the 2021 budget was given, summarizing our budget process, drivers of the 2021 budget requests and fiscal areas of need, as well as a review of the projected revenues and this year's budget calendar.

### **Board Chair's Report**

- a. Student Liaison Report – M. Wayne & T. Patterson  
A report was given on the happenings in our schools:  
This week at Coffin is colors week, a 5210 celebration encouraging students to try new fruits or vegetables. The school raised over \$2700 for Midcoast Hunger Prevention in the January coin drive. HBS was recently recognized as a 5210 Gold Status School for their work in student wellness. They are currently enjoying a 5210 Spirit Week. Chorus concerts for grades 3, 4, and 5 were held in January. BJHS is starting their first unified basketball team and unified cheering. BHS is currently accepting applications for the next student liaison as Maddie will be leaving us in June.
- b. 2020 Board Goals – Ms. Prescott  
Status of the 2019 School Board objectives and the planned goals for 2020 are in the School Board packet.
- c. Superintendent Search Update  
No decision has been made yet.

### **Committee Reports**

- a. Curriculum & Program Development Committee – C. Harrison  
The committee met on January 27<sup>th</sup> and spent the majority of the meeting looking at new courses at BHS. They needed more information on two courses so those will be reviewed again in February. The next meeting is scheduled for February 24<sup>th</sup> at noon.
- b. Policy & Planning Committee – W. Thompson  
Tabled.
- c. Playground Sub-Committee – S. Lambert  
The committee met on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Playground plans are about 75% complete. They are currently discussing the transition stage and making decision of what equipment will need to be purchased. The next meeting is scheduled for February 24<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Interior Design Sub-Committee – E. Sokoloff  
The committee met on February 3<sup>rd</sup> which was their last meeting. They looked back at all the work they have done since they started in January 2018. Teachers involved on the committee were so dedicated and represented the needs and wants of all the teachers. The committee will meet in June for a walk through the new school.
- e. Public Art Sub-Committee – E. Sokoloff  
The committee met on January 27<sup>th</sup> and are continuing the process of choosing the art that will be displayed at Kate Furbish Elementary School. Artists we are interested in will be giving a presentation to the committee. Today the committee did a walk through the school with some of those artists.

**New Business**

16. Consideration of the following BHS Courses:

- The Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship (approve as a pilot)
- AP US Politics and Government
- Physics of Music
- Theater Arts
- AP Music Theory
- Women in American History (request to extend pilot)

Motion: Sokoloff      Second: Gillis      Vote: Unanimous of Board members present  
Vote to approve the above BHS courses.

17. Consideration of the Superintendent's Nomination of a Social Worker for 2019-2020 School Year

Vote to elect the following Social Worker for the 2019-20 school year:

Julia Fenton-Schnee, Social Worker, REAL

Motion: Gillis      Second: Merrill      Vote: Unanimous of Board members present  
Vote to approve the Superintendent's nomination.

**Calendar/Announcements**

Building Committee meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night at Hawthorne. If there is a snow day tomorrow, the meeting will be rescheduled to February 20<sup>th</sup> at the same time.

Facilities & Maintenance Committee meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

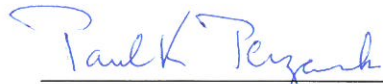
Budget & Finance Committee has set their meetings for 6pm before regular School Board meetings, so the next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

**Future Agenda Items**

None

**Adjournment**

By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

  
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Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary  
Brunswick School Board