

Brunswick School Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Brunswick Station

16 Station Avenue

Room 217

Board Members Present: James Grant, Chair; Brenda Clough; Janet Connors; Richard Ellis; Michele Joyce; Michelle Small; William Thompson

Board Members Absent: Corinne Perreault, Vice Chair; James Matthew Corey; Julia Brown, Student Liaison

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Gregory Bartlett, Assistant Superintendent; Paul Austin, Student Services Director; James Oikle, Business Manager; Rick Wilson, Teacher, Brunswick High School; Christine Patton, Administrative Secretary

Guests: Vantiel Elizabeth Duncan, AmeriCorps; Brunswick Police Officer

Call to Order

Mr. Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustment to the Agenda

Addition to the Superintendent's Report: Consideration of a revised 2012 School Board Meeting Schedule

Addition to Committee Reports: Political Action and Media Committee

Consent Agenda Action

Motion: Joyce Second: Connors Vote: Unanimous of the Board Members Present

The Board approved the following consent agenda item:

5. Minutes of December 14, 2011, and January 3, 2012

Old Business

None

Communications/Correspondence

None

Public Participation

None

Superintendent's Report

a. Student Government Report

Nick Toole reported that the student government is fundraising for the Bruce Cook Scholarship, working on an anti-bullying project, winter carnival, school dances, and the student government constitution.

b. Building and Equipment Use:

- Maine Steiners Concert - use of Crooker Theater for concert
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters - use of Stowe School classroom for a meeting
- Fashions For Graduation - use of Crooker Theater for scholarship fashion show

c. Recognition

- All State Band and Orchestra

Mr. Perzanoski announced the names of high school students who earned the honors of participating in the Maine All State Band and Orchestra.

- "Schools That Shine" Grant

The Superintendent was pleased to report that Brunswick Junior High School was recently highlighted on TV Channel 6 "Schools that Shine" for its anti-bullying efforts, and was awarded a \$1000 grant from Dunkin Donuts.

d. Resignation

- Nancy White, Administrative Secretary, Stowe School

e. Budget Update – Mr. Oikle

Mr. Oikle reported on the upcoming auditors' report, the status of the current operating budget and debt service.

f. Administrator Evaluations Reminder

Mr. Perzanoski reminded Board members that evaluations of administrators whose contracts are due for extensions will be available for their perusal in February.

g. AmeriCorps Volunteer – Mr. Wilson

Mr. Wilson explained the AmeriCorps program and introduced Vantiel E. Duncan as the volunteer who would work assisting high school students.

Motion: Joyce

Second: Ellis

Vote: Unanimous of the Board Members Present

Voted to approve participation in the AmeriCorps program as presented at no cost to the school department.

h. Draft 2012-2013 School Calendars

Mr. Perzanoski presented three drafts of a 2012-2013 school calendar. He asked for staff and parent feedback before a Board vote.

i. Strategic Planning Interview

The Superintendent announced that an interview is scheduled for January 17 with the one firm that submitted a proposal for strategic planning. He asked Board members to submit interview questions.

j. Consideration of a Revised School Board Meeting Schedule

Mr. Perzanoski explained that the meeting schedule has been rearranged in order to televise all budget workshops.

Motion: Connors Second: Ellis Vote: Unanimous of the Board Members Present

Approved the revised School Board meeting schedule as presented.

Board Chair's Report

a. Student Liaison Report

None

b. 2012 School Board Committee Assignments

Mr. Grant announced School Board Committee assignments for 2012.

c. January 25 Goals Workshop Change to February 1

The Board goals workshop was changed to February 1 in order to accommodate a guest speaker.

d. Public Forum on Budget

Mr. Grant announced that public input is requested at a forum on the proposed 2012-2013 school budget on February 29 at Brunswick Station.

Committee Reports

a. Student Services Committee – Ms. Clough

Ms. Clough reported that the committee discussed the Americorps program and alternative education.

b. Personnel and Negotiations Committee – Mr. Grant

Mr. Grant said the committee is continuing with on-going negotiations.

c. Facilities and Maintenance Committee – Mr. Ellis

Mr. Ellis reported that the committee had updates on the facilities study, the Stowe punch list and the Bonneville Company that supplied the windows.

d. Budget and Finance Committee – Mrs. Connors

Mrs. Connors reported that the committee considered the budget workshop schedule.

e. Curriculum and Program Development Committee – Ms. Joyce

Ms. Joyce said the committee heard a proposal for a new high school course and results of a report card survey with suggestions for modifications.

f. Policy and Planning Committee – Ms. Small/Mr. Austin

The committee will meet to organize and set future agenda topics.

g. Political Action and Media Committee – Mr. Grant

Mr. Grant announced that he has been appointed to the Maine School Board Association. He described projects and legislative topics that the state board is working on.

New Business

6. Consideration of Superintendent's Nomination of a Teacher for the Professional Learning Communities Support System (Certification Committee)

Motion: Connors Second: Thompson Vote: Unanimous of the Board Members Present

Approved the Professional Learning Community Support System (Certification Steering Committee) recommendation for the following teacher to serve as a mentor:

Mentor

Kathy Dekker, Coffin School

Teacher to be Mentored

Lois Deady-Schultz, Coffin School

7. Focus Report: Special Education Update – Mr. Austin

Mr. Austin reported on financial challenges and concerns within the special education department for this school year. He reported that 15.5% of the student population receives services. He explained predicted cost overruns are exacerbated by reductions in federal and state funding.

Calendar/Announcements

None

Future Agenda Items

Ms. Small asked to have a report on NECAP test results.

Executive Sessions

- 8. Consideration of Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Issue
- 9. Consideration of Executive Session to Discuss Evaluation of the Superintendent


Motion: Joyce Second: Clough Vote: Unanimous of the Board Members Present

Voted to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue and the evaluation of the Superintendent pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(A).

The Board entered executive session at 8:07 p.m.

Adjournment

The Chair announced that that there would be no action on Items 8 and 9 and the Board would adjourn without re-entering public session. The meeting ended at 8:43 p.m.



Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board