

Brunswick School Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Brunswick Station (formally Maine Street Station)

16 Station Avenue

Room 217

Board Members Present: Corinne Perreault, Chair; James Grant, Vice Chair; Brenda Clough;
James Matthew Corey; Richard Ellis; Michele Joyce;
John Jack Jones; Michelle Small; Julia Brown, Student Liaison

Board Members Absent: Janet Connors

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Gregory Bartlett, Assistant Superintendent

Guests: Nick Toole, Student, Brunswick High School; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks
and Recreation; William Thompson; Dana Bateman, parent; Brunswick Police
Department Officer; other

Call to Order

Mrs. Perreault called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustments to the Agenda

- Item 109 was moved to the end of the agenda.
- Addition to the Superintendent's Report: Score Board Donation at Stowe School
- Omit from the Consent Agenda: Policy and Planning Committee - Consideration of Approval of the Following Second Read Policies:
 - IJND-R: Electronic Presence Guidelines
 - IJND-E1: Parent/Guardian Agreement to Publish Student Information (K-5)
 - IJND-E2: Parent/Guardian Agreement to Publish Student Information (6-8)
 - IJND-E3: Parent/Guardian Agreement to Publish Student Information (9-12)

Consent Agenda Action

Items marked * were voted as part of the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Grant Second: Corey Vote: Unanimous of the Board Members Present

To approve the following items:

- *105. Minutes of October 12, 2011
Minutes of October 27, 2011 Special Meeting
- *106. Rescind the Following Policies as Recommended by the Policy and Planning Committee:
 - IHBHC Weekend/Night School
 - IHCA Summer School

Old Business

None

Communications/Correspondence

Ms. Small inquired about follow-up to the elementary parent meetings.

Mrs. Perreault announced the upcoming high school theater group production of “Tom Jones”.

Public Participation

Dana Bateman spoke to the Board about her concerns with Stowe School.

Superintendent’s Report

a. Student Government Report

Nick Toole discussed the following high school student government activities:

- Winter carnival
- Bullying statement for the student handbook
- Bruce J. Cook Scholarship
- Prospective volleyball club

b. Building and Equipment Use:

- New England Medical Fitness – use of high school track for 2011 Fall Fitness Competition
- Maine Chapter American Physical Therapy Association – use of high school cafeteria for a meeting to plan 22nd annual physical therapy road race
- Royal River Chorus – use of junior high stage for vocal coaching sessions
- Portland Symphony Orchestra – use of Crooker Theater for a performance
- Arts Are Elementary – use of Stowe cafeteria for the Pie and Story Festival
- First Parish Church – use of Stowe cafeteria for a strategic planning session

c. Recognition

1. All New England Honors Band Festival
The Superintendent reported that eight high school students qualified to be selected for the All New England Honors Band.
2. District 3 Honors Band
Mr. Perzanoski was pleased to report that 25 students were chosen for the District 3 Honors Band.
3. District 3 Honors Choir
Mr. Perzanoski announced that 31 students were chosen for the District 3 Honors Choir.
4. BHS Girls XC Team KVAC Championship
Mr. Perzanoski said that the high school girls won the KVAC cross country championship. Junior high boys and girls cross country teams won team championships this fall.

d. Budget Update

No report

e. Soccer Field Dedication

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

Voted to approve naming the soccer field at Brunswick High School after Mr. Peter Gardner.

f. Strategic Planning Update

Mr. Perzanoski reported that six firms participated in a pre-bid conference call. Proposals are due November 14.

g. Score Board Donation at Stowe School

Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation for the Town of Brunswick, explained a donation of score boards for the Harriet Beecher Stowe School.

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

To approve the donation of score boards for the Harriet Beecher Stowe School as presented.

Board Chair's Report

a. Report from the Student Liaison – Julia Brown

Julia Brown reported on progress with the student liaison handbook. She said that the junior high is ready to begin reporting to the Board.

b. Election Results

Mrs. Perreault announced that James Grant and Michele Joyce were re-elected. William Thompson won the at-large seat held by Jack Jones.

c. October 26 Workshop Report

Mrs. Perreault said the Board discussed the teacher and superintendent evaluation processes.

d. MSMA Fall Conference and Delegate Assembly Report – Brenda Clough, Jim Grant

Mr. Grant reported on delegate assembly action, and Ms. Clough reported on workshops she attended.

e. November 30 Workshop Agenda

Mrs. Perreault said a November 30 workshop will be held at 6:00 p.m. at Brunswick Station. The agenda will include PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) and ability grouping. Ms. Small suggested having the policy committee take a look at the superintendent's evaluation process.

Committee Reports

a. Curriculum and Program Committee – Mr. Corey

Mr. Corey reported that the committee discussed using the new report cards. Mr. Bartlett presented two innovative grants for Board consideration.

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

To award two innovative grants as presented to:

- The Brunswick High School Sophomore Academy for \$500 for a Boston Museum of Science trip
- The Brunswick Junior High School Wellness Team for \$1000 for a vegetable garden

b. Student Services Committee – Ms. Joyce

Ms. Joyce reported that the committee had an update on dental services and an overview of the functional life skills program.

c. Personnel and Negotiations Committee – Mrs. Perreault

Mrs. Perreault reported that the committee is preparing to review a BEA proposal.

d. Budget and Finance Committee – Mr. Perzanoski

Mr. Perzanoski said that the committee discussed the budget process and a budget meeting schedule.

e. Facilities and Maintenance Committee – Mr. Ellis

Mr. Ellis said the committee discussed the master plan study and a beverage contract with Pepsi.

New Business

107. Consideration of Review of Policy BBBAB Student Liaison to the School Board

After discussion, the Board decided to add this item to the December meeting. Ms. Small said the Policy and Planning Committee would review Policy BBBAB at its next meeting.

108. Consideration of Discussion Regarding Homogeneous and Heterogeneous Grouping

The Board discussed this item at length and decided to continue discussion at the November 30th workshop.

Calendar/Announcements

Mr. Ellis announced the dates of the Stowe School Craft Fair and the Stowe Community Group meeting.

Future Agenda Items

None

109. Consideration of Executive Session to Discuss Teacher Negotiations

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

TO: Enter executive session for an update on teacher contract negotiations pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(D).

The Board entered executive session at 8:09 p.m.

The Board reconvened in public session at 8:44 p.m.

There was no action on item 109.

Adjournment

Mrs. Perreault adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board