

Brunswick School Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Brunswick Station

16 Station Avenue

Room 217

Board Members Present: James Grant, Chair; Corinne Perreault, Vice Chair; Brenda Clough; James Matthew Corey; Richard Ellis; Michele Joyce; Michelle Small; Isabella Jorgensen, Student Liaison

Board Members Absent: Janet Connors, William Thompson

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Gregory Bartlett, Assistant Superintendent; James Oikle, Business Manager; Scott Smith, Food Service Director; Arthur Abelmann, Principal, Brunswick High School; Steve Ciembroniewicz, Principal, Coffin School; Robert Goddard, Teacher, Brunswick High School; Christine Patton, Administrative Secretary

Guests: Joy Prescott, Dick Moll, Toby McGrath, Pete Kilpatrick, Kate Callajan, Sarah Singer, members of the press, Brunswick police officer, many others

Call to Order

Mrs. Perreault called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked the Superintendent for a roll call.

Adjustments to the Agenda

None

Consent Agenda Action

Items marked * are on the Consent Agenda.

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

The Consent Agenda was passed unanimously by the Board members present.

*124. Minutes of November 14, 2012
Minutes of November 26, 2012 Special Meeting

*125. Second Read Policies:

- a. Revised Policy FILE: JK Student Discipline
- b. Proposed Policy FILE: JKD Suspension of Students
- c. Proposed Policy FILE: JKE Expulsion of Students
- d. Proposed Policy FILE: JKE-R Expulsion Guidelines
- e. Proposed Policy FILE: JLF Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect
- f. Proposed Policy FILE: KDB Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Access

Old Business

None

Communications/Correspondence

Mr. Corey said he had received correspondence from Water Street residents with concerns about a bus garage being located in their neighborhood.

Public Participation

Mr. Moll, Mr. McGrath, and Mr. Kilpatrick spoke as members of the Water Street Neighborhood Association about concerns with placing a bus garage at the site of the old Times Record building on Industry Road. Ms. Callajan and Ms. Singer, representing Brunswick Community United, offered to assist with Phase II of the Facilities Master Plan that deals with renovations of Coffin and the junior high schools. Ms. Prescott made several suggestions, including a dedicated website to communicate facilities work to the community.

Mr. Grant entered the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

a. Report from Student Government – Satchel Toole

Satchel Toole, grade 11, reported on activities of the high school student government that included cell phone rules changes, plans for the annual winter carnival, and organizing a school dance.

b. Annual Yearly Progress Report – Mr. Bartlett

Mr. Bartlett reported on annual yearly progress for the 2011-2012 school year. He said that although Coffin and Stowe Schools appeared to make A.Y.P., they probably will not when the next NECAP scores come out due to the high proficiency rates. He mentioned that the junior high school's scores were good but they failed to make A.Y.P. due poor daily attendance by one subgroup. The high school's whole school SAT scores are good; however, A.Y.P. continues to not be met due to the high proficiency rates required and low scores by some subgroups. He stated that the high school's graduation rate went up to 89.4% and the dropout rate dropped to 2.02%.

c. Building and Equipment Use:

- New England Regional Theater Company – use of Crooker Theater for a production of "Christmas Carol"
- Drummond Woodsum Law – use of Hawthorne Conference Room for e-mail seminar

d. Resignation

Mr. Perzanoski announced the retirement of Catherine Fifield, Kindergarten Teacher.

e. Sub It News

The Superintendent reported that the all funds previously sent to the Sub It company have been returned.

f. Recognition

- Letter from Town Clerk

A letter of gratitude was received from Town Clerk, Fran Smith, thanking the school department for use of the junior high gym on election day.

- Letter from Maine Principals' Association

Principal Walter Wallace received a letter of appreciation from the Maine Principals' Association thanking him for his presentation on bullying.

- Artwork from Brunswick Junior High School Student

Mr. Perzanoski announced that a 7th grader's artwork has been selected to be published in the governor's wife's book.

g. Budget Report – Mr. Oikle

Mr. Oikle announced that the finance office is prepping for budget work. He commented on the surplus and explained its use during times of curtailments in state subsidies.

h. Office Closure for the Holidays

Mr. Perzanoski announced that school district offices would be closed on Dec. 24, 25 and January 1.

Board Chair's Report

a. Community Social

Mr. Grant proposed the idea of informal quarterly get-togethers to meet with the public prior to regular Board meetings.

b. Special Meeting December 19 on Phase II of the Facilities Study, 4-6 p.m.

Mr. Grant said a special meeting will be held at Brunswick Station on December 19 for an update on the facilities study.

c. Inauguration Monday, January 7, 2013

The Chair announced that the swearing-in ceremony of newly elected town and school officials will take place on Monday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m.

d. Special Presentation

Mr. Grant presented plaques to outgoing Board members James Matthew Corey and Michelle Small in appreciation for their years of service on the Board.

e. Board Lapel Pin

Board members indicated agreement with Mr. Grant's suggestion of procuring lapel pins.

Committee Reports

a. Student Services Committee 12/5/12 – Ms. Clough

Ms. Clough stated that the committee heard a report about an increase in special education students, and had overviews of the Gifted and Talented and Alternative Education programs.

b. Curriculum & Program Development 11/16/12 – Ms. Joyce

Ms. Joyce said the committee discussed Math in Focus at the junior high level, and checked on compliance with the civics course requirement.

c. Policy Committee 12/3/12 – Ms. Small

As a result of parent requests for classroom observations and a school memo sent to parents on this topic, Ms. Small said the committee developed classroom observation policies.

d. Personnel and Negotiations Committee 11/19/12 – Mrs. Perreault

Mrs. Perreault said the committee met to look at proposals for negotiating with the bus drivers, custodians and educational technicians.

e. Budget & Finance Committee 11/26/12 – Mr. Ellis

Mr. Ellis reported that the committee discussed the State subsidy, town evaluations, and the budget surplus. They considered the Superintendent's 3-year goal of hiring a new grade 2 teacher, increasing Gifted and Talented resources and staff, procuring a new data entry program, and hiring a grade level teacher to follow classes. The committee looked at a proposed budget workshop schedule, and encouraged public feedback.

New Business

126. Consideration of Approval of the Following First Read Policies

Ms. Small explained that the following first read policies were approved unanimously by the Policy and Planning Committee to bring before the Board.

The first read policies below were approved by unanimous consent by the Board members present.

- a. Proposed Policy FILE: KA Classroom Observation Policy
- b. Proposed Policy FILE: KA-R Administrative Procedures for Formal Classroom Observation
- c. Proposed Policy FILE: KA-1 Parent/Provider Request for Classroom Observation

127. Consideration of Intercultural Consulting Services Sister School Partnership Proposal

Mr. Perzanoski presented a proposal to pair Brunswick schools with a sister school in China.

Motion: Corey

Second: Ellis

Vote: Unanimous of the Board Members Present

Approved to authorize the Superintendent to further investigate the Intercultural Consulting Services Sister School Partnership program as presented, and get feedback from faculty and students as to whether there is interest in participating.

Calendar/Announcements

Mr. Corey expressed appreciation to fellow Board members and thanked them for their work.

Future Agenda Items

None

Executive Sessions128. Consideration of Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Issue

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

Voted to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(A).

The Board entered the executive session at 8:33 p.m.

The Board reconvened in public session at 8:50 p.m.

129. Consideration of Any Action as a Result of Item 128.

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

Approved to authorize the Superintendent to hire a fulltime Director of Food Services for the 2013-14 school year.

130. Consideration of Executive Session to Discuss the Evaluation of the Superintendent

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

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


The Board entered the executive session at 8:54 p.m.

The Board reconvened in public session at 9:45 p.m.

There was no action on Item 130.

Adjournment

Without objection Mr. Grant declared the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.


Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board