

Brunswick School Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Brunswick Station

16 Station Avenue

Room 217

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

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Gregory Bartlett, Assistant Superintendent; Paul Austin, Student Services Director; James Oikle, Business Manager; Scott Smith, Food Service Director

Guests: William Thompson, Kathy Koerber, Anna Boll, Evie Katz, Brunswick Police Department Officer; Darren Fishell, The Times Record; others

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustment to the Agenda

Mr. Bartlett requested that executive session Items 115 and 116 be omitted.

Mr. Ellis asked that a report from the Facilities and Maintenance Committee and Cable TV Committee be added to the committee reports.

Consent Agenda Action

Ms. Clough asked that the Minutes of November 9, 2011, be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

Motion: Grant Second: Ellis Vote: 8-0-1 (Connors abstained)

Approved the following consent agenda item:

*111. 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)

Old Business

None

Communications/Correspondence

Ms. Small read a note about comments she made at the November workshop.

Ms. Clough said she heard from a constituent about having a vice principal at the Stowe School.

Public Participation

None

110. Minutes of November 9, 2011

Motion: Joyce Second: Grant Vote: 8-0-1 (Connors abstained)

Approved the minutes of November 9, 2011, as written.

Superintendent's Report

a. Budget Update – Mr. Oikle

Mr. Oikle announced that town and school officials will hear a presentation on the audit results soon. He explained the operating surplus status, tuition payments, and the monthly report.

b. National Poetry Month April 2012 – Kathy Koerber, Anna Boll, Evie Katz

Kathy Koerber, Anna Bolls and Evie Katz described plans to celebrate National Poetry Month.

c. Building and Equipment Use:

- Bill's Bunch Square Dancers – use of Coffin School cafeteria for square dancing
- Destination Imagination – use of junior high room 301 for a meeting

d. Resignation

- Claire Martin, Grade 2 Teacher, Stowe School

e. Transfers

- Kelli Libby, Reading/Math Support Teacher to Grade 2 Teacher, Stowe School
- Victoria Farsaci, Grade 1 Teacher at Coffin School to Reading/Math Support Teacher at Stowe School

f. Recognition

- Rotary Club Recognition of Seniors

Mr. Bartlett said that Benjamin Strickland and Sarah Thibeault were recognized by the Brunswick Rotary Club for their commitment to service.

- School Nutrition Program Review

The Brunswick School Nutrition Program received favorable review results under the Federal Additional Review requirements.

- Special Services Performance Report

Mr. Bartlett announced that the Department of Education Office of Special Services commended the LEA and the staff for a high level of performance.

- Riverview-Brunswick 21st Century Community Learning Center

The Riverview-Brunswick CCLC received the 2011 Maine After-school Networks Exemplary Program award.

- United States Senate Youth Program

Senator Susan Collins announced that Julia Brown has been selected to participate in the 50th Annual United States Senate Youth Program in Washington, D.C.

- g. Office Closure for the Holidays

Mr. Bartlett announced that school district offices would be closed on Dec. 26, 27 and January 2.

Board Chair's Report

- a. Student Liaison Report – Julia Brown

Ms. Brown reported that she has completed two new pages for the student liaison handbook.

- b. November 30 Workshop Report

Mrs. Perreault reported that the Board discussed skills grouping and a behavior intervention system.

- c. Inauguration Tuesday, January 3, 2012

The Chair announced that the swearing-in ceremony of newly elected town and school officials will take place on Tuesday, January 3 at 7:00 p.m.

- d. Special Presentation

Mrs. Perreault presented a plaque to outgoing Board member Jack Jones in appreciation for his years of service on the Board.

Committee Reports

- a. Student Services Committee – Ms. Joyce

Ms. Joyce reported that the committee went over the budget process and outlined priorities.

- b. Personnel and Negotiations Committee – Mr. Grant

Mr. Grant reported that the committee met to continue discussion on negotiations.

- c. Facilities and Maintenance Committee – Mr. Ellis

Mr. Ellis announced that Harriman Inc. will be giving a facilities study report.

- d. Cable TV Committee (associated with the Political Action & Media Committee) – Mr. Ellis

Mr. Ellis reported that the Cable TV committee discussed educational programming.

New Business

112. Consideration of the Superintendent's Nomination of a Teacher for the 2011-2012 School Year

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

Voted to elect the following teacher for the 2011-12 school year:

- Libby Hunt, Grade 1 Teacher, Coffin School

113. Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt the ICMA Retirement Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan

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

Voted to approve the resolution to adopt the ICMA Retirement Corporation Deferred Compensation plan as presented.

115. Consideration of Discussion Regarding Strategic Planning

Mr. Corey announced that only one proposal had been received in response to the RFP. He suggested interviewing the firm that applied. After discussion the Board voted to do the following:

Motion: Grant Second: Clough Vote: 7-2 (Connors, Small opposed)

Interview the firm that submitted a strategic plan proposal.

Calendar/Announcements

Mrs. Connors announced that there is no Region 10 Advisory Board meeting in December.

Mr. Corey asked for parent input on the new report cards.

Ms. Joyce announced a new musical production by the Mid Coast Youth Theater.

Mr. Jones urged attendance at the high school band and chorus concerts.

Future Agenda Items


Mrs. Connors asked for an update on bus routes and dismissal times, as well as the gifted and talented program at Brunswick Junior High.

Mr. Ellis suggested an update on the food service program.

Mr. Corey asked for a workshop to discuss magnet schools.

Adjournment

Mrs. Perreault adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.


 Gregory J. Bartlett, Acting Secretary
 Brunswick School Board