

Brunswick School Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, February 8, 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; Michelle Small; William Thompson; Julia Brown, Student Liaison

Board Members Absent: Janet Connors, Michele Joyce

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; James Oikle, Business Manager; Scott Smith, Food Service Director; Christine Patton, Administrative Secretary

Guests: Nick Toole, student, Brunswick High School; Brunswick Police Officer; Dana Bateman; Rob Peabody; others

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustment to the Agenda

Added Item 14 to the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda Action

The following items were approved by unanimous consent:

12. Minutes of January 11, 2012

Minutes of January 25, 2012 Special Meeting

13. Extension of Administrator Contracts

Extended through June 30, 2014:

Paul Austin, Director of Student Services

Donna Borowick, Assistant Principal (currently Interim Principal), Brunswick High School

Timothy Gagnon, Interim Assistant Principal, Brunswick High School

Peter Gardner, Assistant Principal, Brunswick High School

14. Teacher Request for Leave of Absence

A request from Marilyn Berke-Powers, Guidance Counselor at Brunswick Junior High School and Stowe School, for an unpaid leave of absence effective February 8, 2012, for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year in accordance with Article 17 (I) of the current agreement with the Brunswick Education Association.

Old Business

None

Communications/Correspondence

Ms. Clough received correspondence about the budget and facilities, high school principal search, and traffic patterns at Stowe School.

Mrs. Perreault received communication about standards-based graduation requirements.

Ms. Small had a communication about the decrease in state aid.

Mr. Ellis and Mr. Corey received communication about special education and state funding.

Mr. Grant said he received a letter of support for the interim principal at Brunswick High school.

Public Participation

None

Superintendent's Report

a. Student Government Report

Nick Toole reported that the student government continued working on an anti-bullying project, the winter/spring carnival, and the student government constitution. He announced there would be a Grade 12 dodge ball fundraiser.

b. Food Service Update – Scott Smith

Mr. Smith updated the Board on the breakfast program, efforts to use locally-grown produce, menu planning and goals for the year.

c. Building and Equipment Use:

- Brunswick Parks & Recreation – use of Hawthorne Conference Room for a meeting about recreational trails and open space
- Midcoast Youth Theater – use of Crooker Theater for a performance
- Bath Area Family YMCA – use of junior high cafeteria for the Freedom Tour
- Academy of Medical Professions – use of high school cafeteria for CMAA certification exam
- Brunswick Democratic Town Committee – use of junior high gym for the Brunswick Democratic Caucus

d. Recognition

- US Presidential Scholars Program Candidate

Mr. Perzanoski announced that Benjamin Blaisdell, grade 12 student, was selected as a candidate for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.

- Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program Thank you

The Superintendent said that junior high students received a letter of thanks from the Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program for a recent food donation.

- Mary Moore, Guidance, Brunswick High School

Maine Region Ten Technical High School recognized Mrs. Moore for her service to Region Ten students.

e. Budget Update – Mr. Oikle

Mr. Oikle reported that a predicted shortfall in the special education budget has been resolved by using unexpended unemployment funds. The Budget and Finance Committee will meet to begin the 2012-2013 budget season.

f. Public Forum on Budget February 29

Mr. Perzanoski urged everyone to attend the budget public forum on February 29 at 6:00 p.m.

Board Chair's Report

a. Student Liaison Report

Julia Brown reported that she is working on a student survey about school climate, and is finishing interviews for the student liaison handbook.

b. February 1 Goals Workshop

Mr. Grant reported on results of a January 25 special board meeting whereby the Board voted to not use the Times Record building. At the February 1 workshop, he said the Board had a presentation by the school attorney and discussed 2012 goals.

Committee Reports

a. Student Services Committee – Ms. Clough

Ms. Clough reported that the committee discussed dropout and graduation rates, enrollment, and attendance data. They had an update on special education, and learned about a Merrymeeting collaborative to share staff development.

b. Policy and Planning Committee – Ms. Small

Ms. Small reported that she was chosen as Chair and that the committee would be looking at the evaluation of the superintendent.

c. Curriculum and Program Development Committee – Mr. Corey

Mr. Corey said that the committee elected Michele Joyce as chair, had an update on geo science and math curricula, and discussed report cards, grading periods, and textbooks.

d. Maine Region 10 Cooperative Board – Mr. Perzanoski

Mr. Perzanoski reported that the Board had an update on College Goal Sunday, and took action on evaluation instruments and capital project qualifications.

New Business

15. Consideration of School Board/Superintendent Goals for 2012

Ms. Small moved, with a second by Mr. Corey, to adopt the same goals as last year with the addition of goal V to review in June.

Mr. Corey moved to add an amendment to strike an item in goal I. There was no second.

Ms. Brown asked for the addition of “students” in goal 1, 1st bullet. Mrs. Perreault made this a motion and Mr. Ellis seconded. The vote was 6-1 (Small opposed) to make the addition.

It was a unanimous vote of the Board members present to approve the goals for 2012 as amended.

Calendar/Announcements

None

Future Agenda Items

Ms. Small suggested standards-based education.

Executive Sessions

16. Consideration of Executive Session

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

Voted to enter executive session to discuss selection of a firm to complete strategic planning pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6) (A).

The Board entered executive session 7:43 p.m.

The Board re-entered public session at 8:02 p.m.

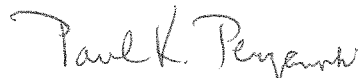
17. Consideration of Any Action as a Result of Item 16

Motion: Perreault Second: Corey Vote: 5-2 (Small, Thompson opposed)

Voted to authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a contract with Systems In Sync to proceed with strategic planning.

Adjournment

Mr. Grant adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.



Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board