

Brunswick School Board
MINUTES
Wednesday, February 10, 2016
*** 6:30 p.m. Executive Session ***
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

School Board Members Present: William Thompson, Chair; Joy Prescott, Vice Chair (arrived at 6:33pm); Brenda Clough (arrived at 6:34pm); Janet Connors; Richard Ellis; Teresa Gillis; Corinne Perreault; Sarah Singer (arrived at 7:05 pm)

School Board Members Absent: Jim Grant; Molly Gramins, student liaison

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent; Jim Oikle, Business Manager; Paul Caron, Director of Facilities and Transportation; Steve Ciembroniewicz, Coffin Principal; Jean Skorapa, HBS Principal; Josh Levy, HBS Assistant Principal; Lori Watson, Coffin, Cub Camp lead teacher; Kathy Buttner, HBS Math Support; Susan Alexander, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Lyndon Keck, PDT Architects; Julie Henze, Town Finance Director; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Terry Goan, Brunswick Police; members of the community and press.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a roll call.

Executive Session

9. Consideration of Executive Session and Possible Action

Vote to enter executive session for the purpose of negotiations pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (D).

Motion: Connors Second: Perreault Vote: Unanimous by Board members present

Approved to enter executive session per 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (D) for negotiations.

The Board entered executive session at 6:32 p.m.

The Board reconvened in public session at 7:03 p.m.

Adjustment to the Agenda

Remove Region 10 Technical High School Committee Report.

Remove Student Liaison Report.

Remove Facilities & Maintenance Committee Report.

Consent Agenda Action

Items on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection.

***10. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of January 13, 2016**

Consideration of Approval of the Workshop Minutes of January 27, 2016

***11. Consideration of Extension of Administrator Contracts**

Vote to extend the contracts of the following administrators through June 30, 2018:

Steve Ciembroniewicz, Principal, Coffin Elementary School

Shanna Crofton, Principal, Brunswick High School

Josh Levy, Assistant Principal, Harriet Beecher Stowe School

John Paige, Curriculum Coordinator, Brunswick School Department

Cheryl White, Administrative Consultant, Brunswick School Department

***12. Consideration of Approval of the Following First Read Policy:**

- a. Policy FILE: JLCDA Medical Marijuana in Schools

First Read for Revised Policy FILE: KHB Paid Advertising was approved December 9, 2015.

Old Business

13. Acceptance of School Revolving Renovation Fund Eligibility Certificates

Mr. Perzanoski notified the Board that on January 29th we received the eligibility certificates from the State Revolving Renovation Fund to be able to complete health, safety and compliance repairs to Coffin Elementary for \$517,664 and to BJHS for \$1,000,000. He explained the terms of the loan. Jim Oikle reported on the financing application that will be sent to the Maine Bond Bank for the loan and also on the project deadlines. Lyndon Keck reminded the Board that these repairs would only fix the most critical problems. He then spoke to the board about the bid process.

Motion: Ellis Seconded: Connors Vote: Unanimous of Board members present

Accepted School Revolving Renovation Fund Eligibility Certificates for these projects. This will now go to the Town Council for approval.

Communications/Correspondence

Many emails and notes were received in support of the multi-faith calendar; in support of the medical marijuana policy; and also in support of the HBS math program.

Public Participation

Natasha Goldman, spoke in support of the new multi-faith calendar.

Dan Ankeles, spoke in support of the new multi-faith calendar.

Michelle Small, read a piece written by Rev. Richard L. Bennett of Bridgton that was published in the Portland Press Herald on Martin Luther King Day regarding political crassness.

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, thanked the Board for considering the closing of school on Election Day.

Seth Levy, spoke in support of the new multi-faith calendar.

Superintendent's Report

- a. Building and Equipment:

Aspire Program - use of HBS

BAYFL -- use of BJHS

Big Brothers Big Sisters -- use of HBS

Brunswick Parks and Recreation -- use of schools

Cal Ripken softball pitching clinic -- use of Coffin School

Girl Scouts of America – use of schools
 MAC Plus One Basketball - use of BHS
 Merrymeeting Adult Education - use of BHS
 Merrymeeting Community Rowers – use of BHS
 New England Regional Theater Company - use of BJHS
 PSO Kinderkonzert – use of Crooker Theater
 Sage Swingers Square and Round Dance Club - use of BJHS

b. Donations:

- Monetary donation to BJHS Music Department from John Jones
- Large bag of scrapbooks to HBS from Ken and Judy Gorby

Mr. Perzanoski thanked them for their donations to the schools.

c. Resignation for the purpose of retirement:

- George Joy, Custodian, Hawthorne School, 29 ½ years of service

George will be missed and Mr. Perzanoski wished him well.

d. Congratulations

- U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

Shane Lyons, student at BHS, has been selected as a US Presidential Scholars candidate.

e. School Climate Survey Update

Pender Makin reported that they have moved forward with the National School Climate Center and had a preliminary meeting at which a representative from each school was identified. A letter will be going home to parents to notify them and there will be a link where one can access the anonymous, 84 question survey.

f. Budget Report – Mr. Oikle

Mr. Oikle notified the Board that the ED279 Reports have been published by the state and our initial figure from the state is \$10,706,253.52. We do expect there will be some reduction for Medicaid Seed.

g. Cub Camp – S. Ciembroniewicz

Lori Watson, Cub Camp lead teacher, and Steve Ciembroniewicz gave a report to the Board on Cub Camp; a voluntary Saturday, six-session program to improve math and literacy skills for Coffin School students identified as below benchmarks through universal screenings. Cub Camp is part of Coffin's Response to Intervention and is funded through the Title I Grant.

h. HBS Math Support Program

Jean Skorapa and Kathy Buttner, Math Interventionist at HBS, gave a report to the Board on the math support program at HBS designed to increase student achievement in mathematics. Blocks of time were carved out of the schedule to allow 20 minute math intervention time for students identified through universal screening as falling below 40% on the national norm. The HBS Early Morning Math Club was also explained.

i. Draft 2016-2017 School Calendar

Mr. Perzanoski reported on our calendar and the new formatting which was based on the Boston public schools' calendar. He explained some changes and noted that the calendar will be on our website until March 4th for feedback from the public. He would like the Board to vote on the calendar at the March 9 meeting. There was much discussion among the Board members.

Board Chair's Report

Committee Reports

a. Curriculum and Program Development Committee – C. Perreault

The committee met on January 20 and looked at the High School Science Curriculum and also at the grade 9 History Curriculum. High School Visual Arts Department would like to change some classes from a year-long course to semester courses. Next meeting will be February 24 at 1pm. Would like to ask for approval of the Science and History Curricula.

14. Consideration of Science Curriculum, Grades 9-12

15. Consideration of History Curriculum, Grade 9

Motion: Perreault

Seconded: Gillis

Vote: Unanimous of Board members present

Approved to accept the Grades 9-12 Science and Grade 9 History Curricula.

b. Personnel and Negotiations Committee – W. Thompson

Mr. Thompson reported that the committee will be meeting with the Educational Technicians on February 17th and will begin negotiations with them. We will begin negotiations with teachers shortly.

c. Student Services Committee – B. Clough

The committee met on January 28 and had an update on the pre-k program. Consensus of the committee members was that they would like to see the pre-k program on the budget items. They also heard an updated report on the Alternative Education program at the Junior High and on the Academy at the High School and also on Union School. Scott Smith spoke to the committee on the Nutrition Program. The committee had asked for a visual presentation for all the support services and programs. They saw the first stage of this and eventually a presentation will be available online. They heard a student services update on professional training that has been taking place around district.

d. Policy and Planning Committee – W. Thompson and J. Prescott

The Policy Committee met a couple weeks ago and discussed two policies. One was the first read of the marijuana policy which came about because of a law change in Augusta. The committee also discussed the use of email policy at the Junior High as students will be receiving school-based email.

The Strategic Planning Committee has been meeting and Good Group Decisions is currently collating the information.

e. Wellness Committee – J. Prescott

The committee met on January 25 and schools gave their reports of all the great things they have been doing. If there are community members who are interested in joining the Wellness Committee, they are currently looking for additional members. The committee is also interested in updating the wellness policy. The next meeting will be March 14 to begin looking at the policy.

f. Dropout Prevention Committee – S. Singer

They met on January 25th and had a discussion as to how often they should meet; protective factors; our current drop-out rate; and strategies to reduce this. It was a good preliminary meeting.

New Business

16. Consideration of the Superintendent's Nomination of Social Worker for 2015-2016 School Year

Vote to elect the following Social Worker for the 2015-16 school year:

Mary Kunhardt, Social Worker, BHS/BJHS

Motion: Connors

Seconded: Clough

Vote: Unanimous of Board members present

Calendar/Announcements

None

Future Agenda Items

Next Facilities & Maintenance Committee meeting will be February 16 at 8:00 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Adjournment

By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.


Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary

