

Brunswick School Board
MINUTES
Wednesday, May 8, 2019
Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.
with the
Regular Meeting
Immediately following
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

School Board Members Present: James Grant, Chair; Teresa Gillis; Celina Harrison; Mandy Merrill; Joy Prescott (arrived 7:10pm.); Sarah Singer; Elizabeth Sokoloff; Benjamin Tucker, Vice Chair; Maddie Wayne and Tyler Patterson, BHS Student Liaisons

School Board Members Absent: William Thompson

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Greg Bartlett, Interim Assistant Superintendent; Kelly Wentworth, Business Manager; Mandy Lewis, BJHS Assistant Principal; Brian Pressley and Mike Scarpone, BHS Teachers; Sue Alexander, Administrative Secretary

Guests: community members; and members of the press.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Mr. Grant called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a roll call.

Executive Session

33. Consideration of Executive Session

Vote to enter executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6) (A) for the purpose of personnel matters.

Motion to enter executive session.

Motion: Tucker Second: Singer Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present
Approved to enter executive session.

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

The Board reconvened in public session at 7:05 p.m.

Adjustment to the Agenda

None

Consent Agenda Action

Items on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection.

***34. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of April 10, 2019**

***35. Approval of the Superintendent's Nomination of Probationary and Continuing Contract Teachers for the 2019-2020 School Year**

Elect the following probationary teachers for 2019-2020 (2nd year contract):
Krystal Bray, Special Education, HBS

Benjamin Clark, Social Studies, BHS
 Jody Clark, RTI Math, HBS
 Diane Cook, Counselor/RTI B, BHS
 Emily Darby, ELL Program Coordinator, districtwide
 April Doane, Special Education, Coffin
 Lacy Dugas, Grade 5, HBS
 Scott Fournier, Special Education, REAL
 Joseph Furrow, Special Education, BJHS
 Suzanne Gardiner, School Psychologist, BJHS
 Suzanne Hamilton, Reading Support Strategist, HBS
 Kristen Hanley-Foley, Talent Development, BJHS
 Charity Kaiser, Kindergarten, Coffin
 Kate Kovach, Grade 5, HBS
 Michelle Lane, Special Education, Coffin
 David Lowe, Math, BHS
 Jessica Marion, 0.5 Biology, BHS
 Heather Martin, Librarian, HBS
 Kyla McCann, Kindergarten, Coffin
 Matthew McGreevy, Instructional Strategist, HBS
 Karin Paquin, Science, BJHS
 Summer Paradis, School Psychologist, BHS
 Heather Pratt-Lowe, Language Arts, BJHS
 Jayme Seheult, Language Arts, BJHS
 Stacey Vannah, Health, BHS
 Kate Woodward, Grade 4, HBS

Elect the following probationary teachers for 2019-2020 (3rd year contract):

Donna Bates, Title I at St. John's
 Debbie Bartley-Wing, 0.5 Business, BHS
 Katherine Baughman, Physical Therapist, districtwide
 Michael Davis, Special Education, REAL
 Christine DeRan, Resource, BJHS
 Michael Halmo, 0.5 Counselor, BHS
 Patrick Hurley, Resource, BHS
 Michele Joyce, Grade 4, HBS
 Tracy Kinney, Talent Development, HBS
 Marie Larson, Special Education, BHS
 Erika Leighton, Grade 4, HBS
 Kathryn Marro, Resource, Coffin
 Jacie Morrison, Social Worker, Coffin
 Sarah Nichols, Special Education, REAL
 Kaitlyn Ostrov, Science, BHS
 Darcee Pantaz, Speech Pathologist, BHS
 Carol Reynolds, Math, BJHS
 Rachel Riley, Grade 3, HBS
 Aimee Sanfasin, Special Education, BJHS
 Robert VanMilligan, 0.5 Chemistry, BHS
 Bradley Williams, Visual Art, BHS
 Annie Young, Reading, Coffin

Elect the following continuing contract teachers for 2019-2020 (4th year contract):

Sonya Armer, Resource, BHS
 Pamela Brewer, Reading Interventionist, HBS
 Susan Burns Chong, Social Worker, REAL

Kelsey Condon, Kindergarten, Coffin
 Caitlin D'Amour, Social Worker, BJHS
 Sarah DeLamarter, Grade 3, HBS
 Rebecca DeMars, Resource, BJHS
 Kevin Fisher, Special Education, HBS
 Ted Gill, Special Education, REAL
 Jacob Goldstone, Math, BHS
 Marcia Jones, Grade 1, Coffin
 Mary Kunhardt, Social Worker, BHS
 Michael Misner, Social Studies, BHS
 Shelley Prohett, Resource, BJHS
 Christine Schmidt, Special Education Consultant, BJHS
 William (Bear) Shea, Social Worker, REAL
 Jennifer Strout, Nurse, BHS
 Elizabeth Wilson, Grade 4, HBS

Old Business

Report on BHS Music Department trip to Festival Disney

Students and Ashley and Mike thanked the Board and gave a brief presentation of their April trip to Festival Disney International Music Festival held in Florida. They also displayed six of the thirteen trophies awarded to them at the festival.

Consideration of Discussion and Possible Action on Any Revisions to the 2020 Operating Budget

Mr. Tucker, chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, reported that based on the target that the Town Council set at their meeting, the committee would like to recommend to the Town Council a reduction of \$258,634 from the proposed 2020 budget.

36. Motion to revise our 2020 budget by reducing it by \$258,634.

Motion: Tucker

Second: Harrison

Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present

Communications/Correspondence

The Board members received a thank you from a teacher.

Town Councilor Dan Ankeles stopped by the Budget & Finance Committee meeting to thank them for the budget presentation that was made to them.

Public Participation

None

Superintendent's Report

a. Building and Equipment:

Aspire Program - use of HBS
 Brunswick Parks and Recreation – use of schools
 Merrymeeting Adult Education - use of BHS
 Girl Scouts of America – use of schools
 Town of Brunswick – use of schools
 Brunswick Youth Lacrosse – use of Crimmins Field
 Brunswick Area Youth Football League – use of HBS
 Seeds of Independence – use of BJHS Cafeteria
 Midcoast Youth Theater – use of Crooker Theater
 Brunswick Area Family YMCA – use of BHS Cafeteria
 Portland Symphony Orchestra – use of Crooker Theater

People Plus – use of Crooker Theater
 Mt. Ararat High School – use of BHS Fields
 Independence Association – use of BJHS
 SAGE Swingers Square and Round Dance Club – use of BJHS gym
 Gujarati Community – use of HBS Gym

b. New Staff

- Sandy Brown, Food Service, BJHS
- Charlotte Stevens, Administrative Secretary, Coffin
- Karen Daigle, Ed Tech III, BJHS
- Chris Ezzell, Night Custodian, BJHS

We welcome them.

c. Transfers

- Mark Harpell, from bus driver to Head Custodian, HBS
- Congratulations.

d. Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement at end of 2018-19 school year:

- Brenda Shea, Grade 1 Teacher, 26 years of service
- Julia Swan, Grade 8 Teacher, 13 years of service
- Karen Knowles, Ed Tech, Coffin, 3 years of service (retired Grade 1 teacher)

Thank them all for their contributions.

e. Resignations:

- Jennifer Allain-Winchester, Instructional Strategist, Coffin
- Roger Aschbrenner, Technology Education Teacher, BHS

f. Update on BJHS Principal Search

The committee for the principal search met this afternoon and reviewed twenty applicants. The committee will start interviews next week and hope to bring a final candidate forward at the June meeting.

g. Budget Report – K. Wentworth

The Business Manager reviewed the expenditures for April. Schools continue to finalize their orders for the final spring semester. No surprises in budget currently. We will be able to pay back the money borrowed from the town for busses instead of waiting until next year.

Board Chair's Report

a. Student Liaisons Report – M. Wayne & T. Patterson

The student liaisons gave a summary of each school's current activities.

Committee Reports

a. Policy & Planning Committee – J. Prescott

The committee met on April 24. They were joined by the BHS librarian, representing all the school librarians, who provided the committee with an update on their processes and procedures. They also heard a report on the transportation and facilities policies that staff had reviewed. The next meeting is scheduled for May 22nd.

b. Budget & Finance Committee – B. Tucker

The committee met this evening. The next meeting is scheduled for June 12th at 6pm.

c. Personnel & Negotiations Committee – J. Grant

The committee rescheduled their meeting to May 13th at 5:30pm.

d. Student Services Committee – M. Merrill

The committee met on April 24th. Mr. Ciembroniewicz gave them an update on the Pre-K Advisory Committee and gave them some information on the pilot program for next year. Ms. Crofton gave updates on RTI-A and RTI-B, and Ms. Gunn gave a brief Special Education update. The next meeting is scheduled for September 25th at 9:30am.

e. Elementary School Building Committee – S. Singer

1. Public Art Sub-Committee – S. Singer
2. Interior Design Sub-Committee – E. Sokoloff
3. Playground Sub-Committee – P. Perzanoski

Ms. Singer and Phil Dionne met on May 2 with PDT, Ms. Wentworth, Mr. Perzanoski, and the town Finance Director for the regular contractor requisition meeting. An update from Matt Pitzer, the Project Manager from PDT, gave an update on the project. Both the schedule and budget are on target. The next Building Committee meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 6:00pm in room 206 at Town Hall. Board members and Building Committee members will meet at 4:50 p.m. for a walk-through of the building.

The Public Art Sub-Committee met on April 29th. They discussed the process. Mr. Withli has been through public-art processes before, so will bring a sample RFP to the committee to help the committee draft their own to submit to the art community to hopefully start soliciting proposals for art for the building.

The Interior Design Sub-Committee met on April 29th. They finalized the design for the classroom rugs and wall color in cafeteria, and also finalized the type of finish on millwork as detailing throughout the school. They looked at options for colors displayed in the ceiling of the library as well as tectum panels on the walls of the gymnasium. They also started to discuss the type of furniture in classrooms. They saw videos on how furniture can work with 21st century educational values and teachers are going to visit schools who are currently using this type of furniture. The next meeting is scheduled for June 3rd at 5:00pm in the Hawthorne conference room.

The Playground Sub-Committee met with the consultant regarding going with a natural playground rather than a traditional playground. The leadership team is scheduled to meet tomorrow to go over the RFQ. The next meeting has not been scheduled at this time.

New Business

37. Approval of Interlocal Agreement for Shared Adult and Community Education Services

This is as a culmination of this year's pilot program with RSU 1 joining SAD 75 and Brunswick in the adult education program. It has worked very well, enabling greater offerings and greater flexibility for students. We need the Board to formally approve so we can move forward with this.

Motion: Tucker Second: Gillis Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present

38. Discussion and Possible Action on Brunswick Tobacco-Free Ordinance

Ms. Prescott and Ms. Sokoloff have met with Tom Farrell, Parks & Rec Department Director, representatives from the Police Department, Town Councilor Wilson, and other community members regarding tobacco-free bus stops. The town is currently working on a tobacco-free ordinance which covers public property and places around town, and are currently looking at certain bus stops when students are present. The bus stops in question are posted on the town website. The particular

language concerning bus stops was read for the public. The work group wanted input from the School Board.

Motion by Mr. Tucker that the School Board should send a letter in support of this ordinance to the Town Council.

Motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board members present.

Calendar/Announcements


None

Future Agenda Items

Current policy on spraying for ticks at our facilities.

Adjournment

By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.


Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board