

**Brunswick School Board  
Student Services Committee Meeting  
Minutes – March 2, 2018 9:45 a.m.  
Office of Student Services Director**

**School Board Members in Attendance:**

Sarah Singer, Elizabeth Sokoloff, Mandy Merrill

**Brunswick School Department Representatives:**

Barbara Gunn-Director of Student Services

Steve Ciembroniewicz-Principal at Coffin School

Shanna Crofton-Principal at Brunswick High School

Joyce Foley, Christine Schmidt, Sarah Hillery, Rebecca McKarns-Instructional Strategists

- The meeting was called to order by Mandy Merrill at 9:50 a.m.
- Special Education Update
  - Report—Task Force to Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services
    - Barbara reviewed the 9 recommendations from this report and as well as information shared during the presentation to the education committee. She also provided information related to three documents the committee used in preparing this report. Sarah recommended the regional Directors responsible for special education meet with their education committee members to provide them with related information.
  - Pre-K Space at the new school
    - Steve provided the committee with building plans and an estimated cost report generated by Kelly Wentworth, Business Manager.
    - It was suggested that the Board solicit questions the community may have about Pre-K.
    - Steve will be developing a survey to use during Kindergarten Screening this spring.
  - Corrective Action Plan
    - Evidence of Action Plan completion is still be collected and is expected to be sent to the DOE in March.
  - Budget
    - Two days prior to this meeting there was a Board Workshop on the budget. No additional information was shared today.
- Brunswick REAL School
  - Martin Mackey was not able to attend today's meeting.
- BHS Academy---Shanna Crofton
  - Current Programming
    - The Academy has served grades 9 and 10 for four to five years. It was developed to be an experiential program for at-risk students and students

with disabilities. At this time, students must be part of the academy for four classes (45 minutes each) a day.

- Enrollment has dwindled. There tends to be about a 20% attrition rate between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade (Voc 10, Union School, 80 minute blocks).
- Teachers only teach one class outside of the Academy.
- Many classes only have three to four students.
- Pilot Programming for Next Year
  - The 9<sup>th</sup> grade will remain the same with more experiential activities.
  - The 10<sup>th</sup> grade will offer two 45 minute classes in each of the core sessions.
  - Teachers will team teach English/Social Studies and Math/Science. Students may take one or both of these. It will also be open to all students. (Right now, it is all or nothing.)
  - Low student numbers will still be allowed but they will be in the range of twelve to fourteen.
  - This provides the opportunity for teachers to teach more than one class outside of the Academy.
- Other
  - The next meeting will be May 4 at 9:45.
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The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Gunn  
Director of Student Services