

MINUTES
Wednesday, March 11, 2015
Goals Workshop 6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. meeting
Executive Session following
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

Board Members Present: William Thompson, Chair; Joy Prescott, Vice Chair; Brenda Clough; Janet Connors; Richard Ellis; Jim Grant; Christopher McCarthy; Corinne Perreault; Sarah Singer

Board Members Absent: Molly Gramins

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Greg Bartlett, Assistant Superintendent; Paul Austin, Director of Student Services; Sue Woodhams, Director of Technology Integration; Shanna Crofton, BHS Principal; BHS Social Studies teachers Pam Wagner, Peter Blake, Sarah Campbell, and Luke Potter; Sue Alexander, Secretary; and others.

Guests: Buckley and Tad Hugo; other parents, students, community members; members of the press and TV 3; and Brunswick Police Department officer, Terry Goan.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance/Roll Call

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked the Superintendent for a roll call.

Adjustment to the Agenda

None

Consent Agenda Action

Item on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection.

***10. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of February 11, 2015**

Old Business

None

Communications/Correspondence

Ms. Perreault clarified a statement she made at the last meeting regarding community members' involvement.

Board members stated they received emails regarding the configuration survey and also graduation.

Public Participation

Tad Hugo, student and member of the Unified Sports in Basketball Program, wanted to let the Board know that he thought this was a great program. His father, Buckley Hugo, thanked Christine Sullivan and Chris Baribeau for running the program and thanked everyone for their support.

Dan Harris, spoke to the Board regarding building maintenance and restructuring instead of razing buildings and building new.

Superintendent's Report

a. Building and Equipment:
additional users:

- Atlantic Regional Federal Credit Union – use of Crooker Theater
- Merrymeeting Community Rowers – use of high school
- MAC Plus One Basketball – use of high school gym

b. Recognition:

Mr. Perzanoski expressed his thanks and congratulations for the following:

- Unified Basketball Program
- Lynn D'Agostino, awarded the Harry Faust Leadership Award
- Topsham Grange #37 donated personal dictionaries for all third graders

Ms. Prescott expressed praise for sportsmanship recognition.

c. Resignation for the purpose of retirement:

- Cheryl Crockett, Grade 1/2 multi-age teacher, Coffin School, effective end of school year

d. National Conference of the Social Studies – BHS Social Studies Teachers

Pam Wagner, Sarah Campbell, Peter Blake, and Luke Potter, members of the BHS Social Studies Department, made a presentation on their learning experiences from attending the National Council for Social Studies Conference in Boston last November.

e. Proficiency Based Learning – P. Austin

Mr. Austin made a presentation on the “process, progress, and policy” of Proficiency Based Learning. He went over the Proficiency Standards; he explained what the committee has done up to date; and explained Policy IKF to support Proficiency Based Learning is ready for first read and action. He also explained that the current policy and current standards for graduation will remain in effect for the classes of 2015 through the class of 2020. Questions and discussion followed the presentation.

11. Consideration of the First Read of Revised Policy FILE: IKF Graduation Requirements

Motion: McCarthy Second: Perreault Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present

Instead of the policy going back to the Policy Committee for final changes, The Board Chairman recommended the full board make the final changes, possibly at a future special meeting devoted to this policy.

f. Upcoming State Assessment

Mr. Perzanoski went over the letter explaining state assessment which went home to parents and has been posted on the website. Discussion regarding the testing and the opt-out process followed.

g. 2016 Budget

Mr. Perzanoski made a budget presentation to the Board. He went over budget goals and objectives, an overview of personnel and benefits, current known revenue, and the 2016 budget calendar. He and Mr. Ellis explained changes in budget figures and students counts over past years.

Board Chair's Report

- a. Student Liaison Report – Molly Gramins
(Molly is absent, no report at this time.)

Committee Reports

- a. Student Services Committee – B. Clough

The Committee met on Feb 17. They heard from Joan Mitchell, BHS school nurse, who provided updated and revised procedures for the district's concussion management protocol. This protocol is used largely for the sports programs, however, the committee suggested it should be looked at for all activities, K-12. The Committee also heard a special education update: enrollment is going down, RTI programs working well, BHS transitioning to a new achievement test, and an update on the restraint and seclusion protocol.

- b. Curriculum & Program Development Committee – C. Perreault

The Committee met on March 2 and heard a report on a successful pilot program which they have been using with students at Coffin School called the second STEP program. STEP stands for State the problem, Think about the problem, Explore solutions, Pick a solution. The Committee gave approval to continue the program.

Sandy Dolan asked the Committee for permission to split into two separate classes, an Honors Geometry and Honors Algebra II class that had been combined, and they would use the same curriculum. The Committee was supportive of that.

- c. Policy & Planning Committee – J. Prescott

The Committee met on March 5. Mr. Austin gave the Committee an update on Policy FILE: IMGA Service Animals in Schools and reviewed Policy FILE: IKF Graduation Requirements.

- d. Strategic Planning Ad hoc Committee – J. Prescott

Ms. Prescott gave an overview of the Strategic Planning Outline: Phase One - obtain as many perspectives as possible; Phase two - defining the direction; Phase Three - defining the plan; and Phase Four - measuring progress.

The work group of the Policy & Planning Committee will be inviting community members to join to help.

The Ad hoc Committee would like an external person to work with them that has experience with strategic planning and could provide an unbiased perspective. The work group and the Policy & Planning Committee would like to put together an RfP for an outside person to work with them as a facilitator or researcher. This would be a paid contractual position.

12. Ad hoc Committee be given permission to develop an RfP and the Policy & Planning Committee would review and submit on behalf of the School Board.

Motion: Prescott Second: McCarthy Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present

- e. Personnel & Negotiations Committee – C. McCarthy

Negotiations are progressing and they are making headway.

- f. MSBA – J. Grant

At their meeting they had continued discussion of the roles of MSMA and MSBA and how they relate to local school boards; as well as discussions on innovative school zones and how that might help us compete against charter schools. On May 27 at 11:30a.m. they will be holding a

Day at the State House and invite school board members and community members to show solidarity behind public schools. Sign-up will begin at 10:30 a.m.

NSBA will be having their annual conference in Nashville this year. Next year the NSBA conference will be held in Boston on April 9-11, 2016 and it is open to any school board member. The full conference will cost \$900 or \$350 per day for drop-in sessions.

The committee also reviewed some Legislative bills that are being presented and also looked at preliminary budget numbers.

New Business

13. Consideration of the Superintendent's Nomination of a Physical Therapist for 2014-15 School Year

Vote to elect the following Physical Therapist for the 2014-15 school year:

Jaimie Choiniere, Physical Therapist, District-Wide

Motion: Perreault Second: Grant Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present
Nomination of above teacher was approved.

Calendar/Announcements

BHS Players will be putting on Legally Blonde on March 19-21 and BJHS is doing Adventures of a Comic Book Artist on March 27-28.

Future Agenda Items

Mr. Grant requested that in the future we have action items under New Business.

Executive Session

14. Consideration of Executive Session


Vote to enter executive session to discuss duties of officials/appointees/employees pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6) (A)

Motion: Perreault Second: Singer Vote: unanimous by Board members present

The Board entered executive session at 9:36 p.m. The Board will not re-entered public session.

Adjournment

Without objection Mr. Thompson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.


Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board