

Brunswick School Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 9, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Brunswick Station

16 Station Avenue

Room 217

Board Members Present: James Grant, Chair; Michele Joyce, Vice Chair; Brenda Clough; Janet Connors; Richard Ellis; Christopher McCarthy; Joy Prescott; William Thompson; Isabella Jorgensen, Student Liaison

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Gregory Bartlett, Assistant Superintendent; James Oikle, Business Manager; Robert Goddard, Teacher, Brunswick High School; Christine Patton, Administrative Secretary

Guests: Thomas Santaguida, Director, Dirigo Investigations and Security, LLC; Members of the press; Joe Merrill; Melodie Huston, Brunswick police officer; many others

Call to Order

Mr. Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked the Superintendent for a roll call.

Adjustments to the Agenda

Committee Reports were deleted.

Mr. Grant reviewed operating rules and procedures for school board meetings.

Consent Agenda Action

Items marked * were on the Consent Agenda.

Mrs. Perreault asked to remove the second read KA policies from Item 6 on the Consent Agenda.

The following items on the Consent Agenda were passed by unanimous consent:

***5. Minutes of December 12, 2012**

Minutes of December 19, 2012 Special Meeting

***6. First Read Policies**

- a. Revised Policy FILE: JICK Bullying
- b. Revised Policy FILE: JICK – R Bullying Administrative Procedure
- c. Revised Policy FILE: JICK E-1 Bullying Report Form
- d. Revised Policy FILE: JICK E-2 Bullying Investigation Form
- e. Revised Policy FILE: JICK E-3 Documentation of Disciplinary & Remedial Actions Taken

- f. Revised Policy FILE: JICK E-4 Bullying Reporting, Investigation and Intervention/Resolution Process

Old Business

None

Communications/Correspondence

Mrs. Perreault passed on information about a two-day training session on positive youth development.

Mr. McCarthy entered the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Public Participation

Joe Merrill, a resident of Stone Street, spoke about his concerns with placing a bus garage at the site of the old Times Record building on Industry Road.

Melodie Huston spoke about her concerns with the proposed KA classroom observation policies.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Perzanoski reported on the following:

a. Building and Equipment Use:

- Maine Steiners Concert – use of Crooker Theater for a concert
- Girl Scout Cookie Rally – use of Stowe gym for a rally
- Fashions For Graduation – use of Crooker Theater for a scholarship fashion show
- Hot Air Balloon Testing – use of junior high cafeteria for a hot air balloon activity

b. Resignations

The following resignations for the purposes of retirement were announced:

- Cynthia Stevens, Administrative Secretary, Brunswick Junior High School
- Louis Thibeault, Bus Driver

c. Recognition

- Brunswick Rotary Club

Mr. Bartlett thanked the Rotary for providing generous gifts to homeless students and others in need during the holiday season.

d. Budget Update – Mr. Oikle

Mr. Oikle reported on the curtailment of education funds proposed by the State. He reported that \$16,299 was received in impact aid from 2009. Current year operations are progressing smoothly, and a public forum will be held on January 23.

e. Administrator Evaluations Reminder

Mr. Perzanoski reminded Board members that evaluations of administrators whose contracts are due for extensions will be available for their perusal in February.

f. Draft 2013-2014 School Calendar

A draft of 2013-2014 school calendar was presented. Feedback is due from the staff by February 1. The Board will consider adoption at a later date.

Board Chair's Report

a. Student Liaison Report – Isabella Jorgensen

Ms. Jorgensen reported that high school students are focused on mid year exams, and promoting communication with the community by publishing articles in the Times Record newspaper. Student government, cheerleaders and the alumni are sponsoring a dance on February 15.

b. 2013 Board Committee Assignments

Mr. Grant announced Board committee assignments for 2013.

c. January 16 Goals Workshop at Region 10

Mr. Grant announced that the goals workshop will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a dinner provided by Food Trades students. Agenda items include discussion of board committees, review of plans and setting goals for 2013.

d. Public Forum on Budget on January 23 at Brunswick Station

Mr. Grant announced that public input is requested on the proposed 2013-2014 school budget on January 23 at 6:00 p.m. at Brunswick Station.

e. Lapel Pins for School Board Members

Lapel pins are under consideration.

Committee Reports

None

New Business

7. Consideration of a Request by the Superintendent for a Professional Leave Day

The Superintendent requested that the Board consider approving a Professional Day in order for him to attend a program at Central Connecticut State University on April 1, 2013. This request is made in reference to Item 12 of the current Superintendent's contract dated June 28, 2012.

By unanimous consent the Board approved a Professional Day for the Superintendent on April 1, 2013.

8. Consideration of Security and Emergency Plan for Learning Land Nursery School

Mr. Santaguida presented a draft security and emergency plan for Learning Land Nursery School that included use of the Hawthorne School basement as a staging area for parents.

By unanimous consent the Board approved the emergency plan for Learning Land Nursery School as presented.

Removed from the Consent Agenda:

***6. Consideration of the Following Second Read Policies**

- a. Proposed Policy FILE: KA Classroom Observation Policy
- b. Proposed Policy FILE: KA-R Administrative Procedures for Formal Classroom Observation
- c. Proposed Policy FILE: KA-E-1 Parent/Provider Request for Classroom Observation

Mrs. Connors moved, with a second by Mr. McCarthy, to approve the second reading of proposed policies KA, KA-R, KA-E-1.

Mrs. Perreault moved to table, with a second by Mr. Ellis, in order to have the Policy & Planning Committee check on the policy's compliance and alignment with Title I. The vote to table was approved by a vote of 8-1 (Grant opposed).

Calendar/Announcements

None

Future Agenda Items

Mr. Thompson asked about having an update on the AmeriCorps program.

Adjournment

Without objection Mr. Grant declared the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board