

Brunswick School Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Municipal Meeting Room

Brunswick Station

16 Station Avenue

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

Board Members Absent: James Grant, Chair

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Gregory Bartlett, Assistant Superintendent; Paul Caron, Facilities Director; Rick Wilson, Teacher, Brunswick High School; Christine Patton, Administrative Secretary

Guests: J.T. Leonard, The Times Record; Dylan Martin, The Forecaster; Jennifer Godo, Mid Coast Health; Lyndon Keck, Allan Kuniholm, PDT Architects; Sarah Singer, Natasha Goldman, Brunswick Community United; Steve Perkins; Meg Austin, others

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Adjustment to the Agenda

Mr. Ellis asked to remove Budget & Finance from Committee Reports.

Mr. McCarthy asked to remove Board Self-Evaluation from Committee Reports.

Consent Agenda Action

Mr. Ellis asked to have Item 100, Consideration of the Physical Education Curriculum K-5 removed from the Consent Agenda.

The following items were approved by unanimous consent:

*97. Minutes

Minutes of September 11, 2013

Special Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2013

*98. Certification Support Team Members

SCHOOL	STAFF MEMBER	MENTOR	YEAR
Harriet Beecher Stowe:	Jessica Pelletier	Joyce Foley	1 st
	Christine Capobianco	Emily Moll	1 st
	Haley Matthias	Charlotte Mastropasqua	1 st
	Meghan Murray	Shelby Kavanaugh	2 nd

Coffin School:	Larena Carten	Kim Sampietro	1 st
	Samuel Bernier	S. Harvie and J. Foley	1 st
	Eugenie Knowles	Vicki Parsaci	1 st
	Kalie Dunn	Sharon Harvie	1 st
	Jessica Sapp	Cheryl Crockett	1 st
	Ashley Martin	Shelby Kavanaugh	2 nd
	Barbara Burgess	Brenda Shea	1 st
Brunswick High School:	Henry Taber	Robert Van Milligan	1 st
Brunswick Jr. High:	Marie Larsen	Kathy Dekker	1 st
	Pamela Porensky	Susanna Sharpe	1 st
	Alanna Roy	Sharon Callahan	2 nd

- *99. Superintendent's Nominations to the Affirmative Action Committee, Title IX, 504 Coordinator (2-year terms that expire at the end of the 2014-2015 school year):

Jim Oikle, Title IX Officer, Co-Chair
 Jean Skorapa, Principal, Co-Chair
 Paul Austin, 504 Coordinator
 Paul Caron, Building, Grounds and Transportation Representative
 Susan Perkins, Athletics and Co-Curricular Representative
 Scott Smith, Food Service Representative
 Mary Moore, Brunswick High School Representative
 Beth York, Brunswick Junior High School Representative
 Janet Rivard, Coffin School Representative
 Blair Dwyer, Stowe School Representative

Old Business

None

Communications/Correspondence

Mr. McCarthy read a letter from a student concerned with the amount of testing required for No Child Left Behind. He also received an e-mail about building a new school.

Ms. Prescott received correspondence concerning building a new school, a request for a late bus, choice of food at parties, and the China trip.

Public Participation

Sarah Singer expressed her concern with mobile units and spoke in favor of school renovations.
 Natasha Goldman spoke in favor of a teacher survey about school renovation.
 Steve Perkins urged Board members to put in a lot of study before putting younger grade students into one large school.

Superintendent's Report

- a. Results of Safe Routes to School Survey – Jennah Godo, Mid Coast Health

Ms. Godo reported on results of the National Center for Safe Routes to School parent survey conducted last spring. Approximately 30% of parents were not comfortable allowing students to walk/bike to school. Ms. Godo said this data would help them identify and work on making routes to school easier and safer.

- b. Bowdoin College's Common Good Day – Rick Wilson

Mr. Wilson reported on Common Good Day whereby Bowdoin College students volunteered on Sept. 28 to help non-profit organizations, including Brunswick High School.

c. Building and Equipment Use for September:

- MEA Benefits Trust – use of Hawthorne Conference Room for wellness training
- Bath Iron Works – use of high school cafeteria for team building activities
- Riverview Foundation – use of Stowe cafeteria for Aspire After School Program
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters – use of Stowe Admin. Conference Room for meetings
- Community For Coffin – use of Coffin gym, cafeteria, library and lobby for Harvest Festival
- Fox Run Homeowners Association – use of junior high classroom 401 for annual meeting

d. Resignations:

- Kyra Salancy – Grade 8 Science Teacher
- Tracee Trudell – Educational Technician III, Stowe School

e. Donations: Bubba's Hairstyling, Mr. and Mrs. Dana Smith

Mr. Perzanoski thanked Bubba's Hairstyling staff for its recent donation of school supplies for Brunswick Junior High School, and Mr. and Mrs. Dana Smith for their monetary donation to the junior high music program.

f. Budget Update

No report

g. Maine High School Assessment/SAT Test Results 2013 – Mr. Bartlett

Mr. Bartlett reported on grade 11 student testing done last spring. Overall scores are consistently slighter higher than state and national levels. Brunswick continues to have a higher than average number of National Merit Scholar semi-finalists.

h. Flu Shot Clinic Oct. 26

The Superintendent reminded everyone that there will be a free flu vaccination clinic on Oct. 26 from 8-2 at the Stowe School gym.

i. Update on Brunswick High School Principal Search

Three candidates are visiting BHS to meet staff, students, parents and community members. Input from the visits will determine who interviews with the Superintendent. It is hoped that there will be a candidate to present to the Board by November 1.

Mr. Perzanoski was pleased to introduce Ms. Sue Alexander as the new Administrative Secretary to the Superintendent.

Board Chair's Report

a. MSBA Fall Conference Oct. 24 & 25

Mr. Thompson is attending as the Board's delegate to the MSBA delegate assembly.

b. October 23 Workshop Agenda: Charter School

Ms. Joyce announced that a school board workshop will be held on Oct. 23 at 6:00 p.m. at Brunswick Station. The agenda topic will be charter schools.

Committee Reports

- a. Facilities & Maintenance Committee – Mr. Ellis, Lyndon Keck of PDT Architects

Mr. Ellis reported that the committee met on September 23 and discussed increases in student enrollment. Lyndon Keck presented a mock-up of a new school on the Jordan Acres property that would serve 660 students in Pre-K, K, 1, 2. If the project was to move forward, next steps would be traffic studies, consulting with town officials, getting public and teacher input, and setting a site design date.

- b. Wellness Committee – Mrs. Connors

Mrs. Connors gave the year-end report for the Wellness Committee. Accomplishments last year included the 5210 initiative, healthy nutrition using locally grown food, healthy fundraising choices, K-5 Physical Education curriculum and staff wellness. Goals for 2013-14 were set.

- c. Student Services Committee – Ms. Clough

Mrs. Clough reported that the committee met on Oct. 8 and heard a presentation by the nurses.

- d. Curriculum & Program Development – Mrs. Perreault

Mrs. Perreault said the committee met Sept. 19 and discussed K-5 physical education curriculum, 5210 program, Assessment Notebooks, and changing the 3-year curriculum review cycle to a 6-phase process. They approved a request for a new statistics textbook.

*100. Consideration of Physical Education Curriculum K-5

Motion: Connors Second: Thompson Vote: 7-0-1 (Ellis abstained)

To approve the Physical Education curriculum for grades K-5 as presented.

- e. Maine Region 10 Cooperative Board – Mr. Thompson

Mr. Thompson reported that the Board heard reports about enrollment updates, popularity of the English program, a MELMAC grant award, and programming for Grade 9 students.

- f. Ad Hoc Charter Schools Committee – Mr. McCarthy

Mr. McCarthy went over agenda topics to discuss at the Oct. 23 workshop.

- g. BHS Theater Stage Repair Ad Hoc Sub Committee – Ms. Joyce, Mrs. Connors, Mrs. Perreault

Ms. Joyce changed the name of this committee to the “Crooker Theater Ad Hoc Sub Committee”. They met with Paul Caron and Principal Donna Borowick on Sept. 18.

New Business

Mr. McCarthy announced that the Cable TV 3 Committee is proposing to broadcast live from Brunswick High School.

Calendar/Announcements

Mrs. Perreault announced an upcoming theater performance of “Murder at Crooked House” at Brunswick Junior High School.

Ms. Joyce reminded the Board of upcoming meetings for the remainder of October.

Ms. Jorgensen announced that the homecoming football game is this weekend.

Future Agenda Items

Ms. Joyce requested that Pre-Kindergarten be a topic.

Ms. Prescott asked about the culture climate survey.

Mr. Perzanoski asked Board members to let him know if they want to either change the November 28 workshop date to November 20 or cancel it altogether.

Mr. McCarthy said he would have a report on the Board Self-Assessment in November.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:32 p.m.


Paul K. Perzanoski Secretary
Brunswick School Board