

Brunswick School Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Maine Street Station

16 Station Avenue

Room 217

The School Board met at 6:30 p.m. in executive session to discuss the evaluation of the Superintendent in accordance with 1 MRSA 405(6)(A). There was no action.

School Board Members Present: Corinne Perreault, Chairman;
James Grant, Vice Chairman;
Janet Connors, James Matthew Corey,
John Jones, Michele Joyce,
Marybeth Latti, Michelle Small,
Byron Watson

School Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent;
James Oikle, Business Manager;
Paul Austin, Director of Student
Services; Jean Skorapa, Curriculum
Director/Interim Principal, Jordan
Acres School; Eugene Keene, Athletic
Director; Craig Beaulieu, Robert
Goddard, Jeff Hipsher, Teachers,
Brunswick High School; Andrew Kosak,
Lou Sullivan, Blair Dwyer, Teachers,
Jordan Acres School; Rick Ryan, Bus
Driver; Christine Patton,
Administrative Secretary

Guests: Stephanie Grinnell, The Forecaster;
Ben Gagnon, Brunswick High School
student; Vladimir Douhovnikoff, Dana
Bateman, Richard Ellis, Brenda Clough,
Carrie Sullivan, others

Call to Order

Mrs. Perreault called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustments to the Agenda

In Item 159, change 2011-2012 to 2012-2013 school year in paragraph 2. Mr. Grant asked that Item 156 Consideration of the Minutes of November 10, 2010, be added to the Consent Agenda Action.

Consent Agenda Action

MOTION: Grant SECOND: Small VOTE: Unanimous of the Board

TO: Approve the following consent agenda items:

155. Consideration of Request for Leave of Absence

A request from Andrew Kosak, Talent Development Teacher K-5, for a six-month leave of absence effective January 1, 2012, until June 2012, in accordance with Article 17 (I) of the current agreement with the Brunswick Education Association.

156. Consideration of the Minutes of November 10, 2010

Dispense with the reading of the minutes of November 10, 2010, and approve them as printed.

Old Business

157. Communications/Correspondence

Ms. Joyce said she had received communication about proposed high school start times.

158. Public Participation

Dana Bateman discussed proposed start and end times for the high school.

Carrie Sullivan asked the Board to consider the addition of Meadowbrook Road to the proposed Coffin district.

Vladimir Douhovnikoff asked about redistricting Longfellow students.

159. Discussion and Consideration of Redistricting

Ms. Small moved and Mr. Grant seconded to approve Item 159 with the exception of the start and dismissal times of the schools.

Ms. Joyce moved, with a second by Mr. Jones, to amend the motion to add Meadowbrook Road to the list of streets in the Coffin School district. The vote was 2-7 (Watson, Small, Latti, Corey, Perreault, Grant, Connors opposed). The motion to amend failed.

The vote was unanimous of the Board to approve the East/West split using Mere Point Road and Maine Street as the district line for Coffin and Jordan Acres Elementary Schools starting July 1, 2011, for the incoming kindergarten class and classes thereafter.

Approve the kindergarten and first grade students currently at Jordan Acres and Coffin Schools being able to stay at their current school until the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

Approve the following streets as part of the Coffin district: South Street, Coffin Street, Longfellow Avenue, Grove Street Extension, Bowdoin Street, Berry Street, Whittier Street, Atwood Lane, and adjacent portions of Park Row and Maine Street that are walking distance to Coffin under School Board guidelines.

Mr. Jones moved and Mrs. Connors seconded to approve the start and dismissal times of the schools as follows:

	Start	Dismiss
Brunswick High School	7:35 a.m.	2:05 p.m.
Brunswick Junior High School	7:50 a.m.	2:20 p.m.
Coffin School	8:55 a.m.	3:10 p.m.
Jordan Acres	8:55 a.m.	3:10 p.m.
Harriet Beecher Stowe School	9:10 a.m.	3:25 p.m.

Mrs. Connors moved, with a second by Mr. Grant, to table this item. The vote was 8-1 (Jones opposed) to approve tabling this item.

160. Superintendent's Report

a. Report from Brunswick High School Student Government

Ben Gagnon gave an update on student government activities. He asked about the process to select the student liaison.

b. Fall & Winter Sports Participation, Sportsmanship Summit

Mr. Keene reported on percentages of students in athletics for the fall and winter sports seasons, and presented results of a KVAC Sportsmanship Summit survey.

c. Presentation on a New School Outside Basketball Court - Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Dwyer

Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Dwyer presented a proposal and asked for Board support to continue with development for an outdoor basketball court in memory of Kyle Dwyer at the new Harriet Beecher Stowe School.

MOTION: Connors SECOND: Watson VOTE: Unanimous of the Board

TO: Support the proposal to develop an outdoor basketball court at the Harriet Beecher Stowe School as presented.

d. FOCUS REPORT - District Preschool Committee - Mr. Austin

Mr. Austin presented a report from the preschool committee and summarized results of a community survey about preschool services.

- e. Building and Equipment Use: National Multiple Sclerosis Society - use of junior high gym and cafeteria for MS Walk Fundraising Event
- f. Resignations: Bruce Cook, Principal, Brunswick High School
Danna Fields, Administrative Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent
Mary Gerber, Grade 5 Teacher, Coffin School
Hazel Goodman, Grade 1 Teacher, Longfellow School
- g. Office Closure for the Holidays

The Superintendent announced that all district offices would be closed on Dec. 24, 27 and 31.

- h. Recognition - MSTA Lou Lambert Award to Diane Bowen

Mr. Perzanoski recognized Diane Bowen, Grade 8 Science Teacher, as the 2010 recipient of the MSTA Lou Lambert Award.

- i. Budget Update - Mr. Oikle

Mr. Oikle said he had a positive report from the auditors, and explained that schools are using new budget guides to prepare budgets for 2011-12. He announced that the Brunswick High School library received a donation for video equipment.

- j. New Board Member Orientation

Mr. Perzanoski said that he will schedule an orientation during December.

- k. Response from Town Regarding Building Renovation Funds

Mr. Perzanoski said that Town Manager Gary Brown acknowledged the letter from the Board to the Town Council requesting capital improvement plan funds for school building renovation studies.

161. Board Chair's Report

- a. Board Appointment to Student Liaison Committee

Mrs. Perreault appointed John Jones as the Board representative to the student liaison selection committee.

- b. January 3 Inauguration and Organizational Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Perreault announced that the swearing-in ceremony for new and re-elected board members is scheduled for January 3, 2011, with a brief organizational meeting to follow.

c. December 1 Workshop Report

No report

d. Special Presentation (Mrs. Latti, Mr. Watson)

Mrs. Perreault presented plaques to outgoing Board members Marybeth Latti and Byron Watson in appreciation for their years of service on the Board.

162. Committee Reports

a. Policy Committee - Ms. Small

Mr. Grant moved, seconded by Mrs. Connors, to combine and approve the following action on policies. The vote was unanimous to:

1. Approve existing Policy FILE: ACAD HAZING as presented.
2. Approve proposed Policy FILE: JKAA TIME OUT ROOMS AND THERAPEUTIC RESTRAINT as presented.
3. Approve proposed Policy FILE: JKAA-R TIME OUT ROOMS AND THERAPEUTIC RESTRAINT as presented.
4. Approve revised Policy FILE: BDE BOARD COMMITTEES for a second reading as presented.
5. Approve proposed Policy FILE: BDE-R STANDING COMMITTEE OPERATING PROCEDURES for a second reading as presented.
6. Approve rescinding existing Policy FILE: JICFA HAZING as presented.

b. Curriculum Committee - Ms. Joyce

Ms. Joyce reported that Principal John Paige presented an update on the CIPS plan for Coffin School, and Principal Walter Wallace reported on keyboarding programs at the junior high. The high school chemistry curriculum was prepared for a Board vote.

c. SAD 75/Brunswick Joint Task Force - Mr. Perzanoski

Mr. Perzanoski said the task force meeting was postponed due to weather and will meet the following Monday.

d. Cooperative Board MR 10 - Mrs. Connors, Mr. Grant

No report

New Business

163. Discussion and Consideration of Approval of Strategic Planning Proposals

MOTION: Small SECOND: Joyce VOTE: Unanimous of the Board

TO: Table selection of a firm to assist the school department with strategic planning in order to re-advertise and increase the number of interested firms.

164. Consideration of Approval of Chemistry Curriculum

Mr. Grant moved, with a second by Ms. Joyce, to combine and approve the following items 164, 165, 166. The vote was unanimous of the Board to:

164. Approve the Brunswick High School Chemistry Curriculum as presented.

165. Approve the Brunswick High School Chemistry Honors Curriculum as presented.

166. Approve the Brunswick High School Accounting Curriculum as presented.

167. Calendar/Announcements

None

168. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Corey requested that start and dismissal times for schools be discussed in a workshop.

Adjournment

Mrs. Perreault adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board