

**Brunswick School Board**  
**MINUTES**  
Wednesday, December 9, 2015  
7:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers  
Town Hall  
85 Union Street

School Board Members Present: William Thompson, Chair; Joy Prescott, Vice Chair (arrived at 7:08pm); Brenda Clough (arrived at 7:10pm); Janet Connors; Richard Ellis; Teresa Gillis; Molly Gramins, student liaison; James Grant; Corinne Perreault

School Board Members Absent: Sarah Singer

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent; Jim Oikle, Business Manager; Steve Ciembroniewicz, Coffin Principal; Jean Skorapa, HBS Principal; Walter Wallace, BJHS Principal; Lisa Cushman, BJHS Assistant Principal; Shanna Crofton, BHS Principal; Nancy Burnette, BHS Teacher; Sandy Dolan, BHS Teacher; Bill Clarke, BHS Teacher; Brian Choate, BHS Teacher; Susan Alexander, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Becky Wilkoff; Gretchen Feiss; Dana Bateman; James Ford; Rick Hogan; Vlad Douhovnikoff; Brunswick Police Officer, Terry Goan; other members of the community and press.

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Attendance/Roll Call**

**Adjustment to the Agenda**

**Consent Agenda Action**

Items on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection.

**\*88. Consideration of the Minutes:**

Approval of the Minutes of November 12, 2015

Approval of the Minutes of November 18, 2015 Special Meeting

**\*89. Policy and Planning Committee**

Consideration of Approval of the Following First Read Policy:

a. Revised Policy FILE: KHB Paid Advertising

**Old Business**

**90. Discussion and Possible Action on Referendum Vote for Facilities Master Plan Project**

**A. Community Forum**

The Facilities Committee met and would like to bring two items to the Board for discussion and future direction: 1. To possibly arrange a public forum to discuss options with the community; and 2. when to hold the referendum.

Motion: To hold a public forum to consider three options: 1. The original repair bond presented; 2. A new school at the Jordan Acres site that will accommodate any K-5 configuration and repair at BJHS; or 3. A renovation and addition at the Coffin School that will accommodate any K-5 configuration and repair at BJHS.

Motion: Ellis Second: Grant Discussion followed.

Move the question: Grant Second: Connors Vote: 3-4 (Prescott, Ellis, Gillis, Thompson opposed)

Amended Motion: To hold a public forum to consider four choices: 1. To replace Coffin School with a school at the Jordan Acres site, agnostic of configuration, and to repair BJHS; 2. To renovate and add to Coffin School, agnostic of configuration, and to repair BJHS; 3. To repair Coffin School and BJHS; or 4. Do nothing.

Motion: Ellis Second: Grant Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present

The public forum will be scheduled in January 2016, preferably on a Saturday, and a facilitator will be present at the public forum.

### **Communications/Correspondence**

Letter was read from a parent requesting an extended school year for disabled children.

Emails were received regarding configuration and an email was received regarding solar panels tied into science classes at the high school.

### **Public Participation**

Richard Fisco commented on the previous discussion regarding choices and configuration and expressed concern with cost of the above choices.

### **Superintendent's Report**

- a. Building and Equipment Use:
  - Aspire Program - use of HBS
  - Brunswick Parks and Recreation – use of schools
  - Girl Scouts of America – use of schools
  - Big Brothers Big Sisters – use of HBS
  - Midcoast Youth Theater - use of Crooker Theater
- b. Donations:
  - 50 sets of beautiful handmade mittens and hats to Coffin School - CMP Annual Mitten Drive

The Superintendent thanked CMP Mitten Drive for their donation.
- c. Recognition:
  - Christina Gagne from HBS has been awarded a \$1610 grant from Berlin City to support the purchase of iPads
  - Congratulations to Mrs. Sciacca at Coffin School on her recently funded Donors Choose project.
  - Congratulations to Josh Levy. The MPA named him as Elementary Assistant Principal of the year.

d. Superintendent's Advisory Committee Report

The Superintendent's Advisory Committee was formed to research the understanding of our current programs and to investigate future innovative opportunities for students. It is made up of staff members and community members who have been meeting for the past 15 months and developed the *Program Innovation and Expansion Survey*. Members summarized this survey and the results from the 673 responses. These results will go out to teachers and staff, administrators, and committee members for review and feedback.

e. STEM Update

Sandy Dolan, Brian Choate, and Bill Clarke gave an update on the STEM club at Brunswick High School called Brain STEM. The club was developed as a place where students can explore technology and robotics. They also brought examples of things the students have been working on.

f. School Climate Survey Update

We are scheduled in March to have students, parents, and staff take the Climate Survey from the National School Climate Center.

g. Budget Update – Mr. Oikle

This year is going well and we are working on next year's budget.

### Selection of a Representative for the Dropout Prevention Committee

Sarah Singer previously volunteered. After no objection, Sarah Singer will serve as the Board representative on the Dropout Prevention Committee.

### Board Chair's Report

a. School Board Liaison Report – Molly Gramins

The BHS Student Government met to discuss more fund raising ideas. The freshmen are making staff t-shirts this year. The Action Team has been doing many acts of kindness throughout the community.

### Committee Reports

a. Curriculum & Program Development Committee – Ms. Perreault

The Curriculum Committee met on November 18 and Mrs. Perreault went over their discussion including the review of the K-5 music curriculum and a newly developed curriculum audit. The committee will meet again on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

91. Consideration for approval of the K-5 Music Curriculum

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

Voted to Approve.

b. Wellness Committee – Ms. Prescott

The committee met on December 1. They have a new 5210 contact from Midcoast and grant money available to the district. The committee looked at wellness policies from other areas and one of their goals for the coming year is to review our wellness policy. The committee also looked at wellness goals.

c. Policy & Planning Committee – Ms. Prescott

The committee met on December 2 and looked at Policy KHC: Distribution/Posting of Promotional Materials and also reviewed KHB: Paid Advertising, which was voted on earlier. They also looked at Policy IJJ: Selection and Adoption of Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials, and decided no changes were needed at this time. They also briefly looked at KA: Classroom Observation, and parent volunteerism.

d. Strategic Planning Committee – Ms. Prescott

The committee has concluded all of the initially scheduled sessions with Good Group Decisions. The work group will be meeting this Friday to review and discuss the next step.

e. Facilities and Maintenance Committee – Mr. Ellis

The committee met on November 17 and discussed options that were discussed earlier.

**New Business**

92. Consideration of the Superintendent's Nomination of Teachers for 2015-2016 School Year

Vote to elect the following teachers for the 2015-16 school year:

Tracy Carrier, Social Worker, HBS  
Nicole Guite, 0.5 Physical Therapist

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

Voted to Approve.

93. Region 10 Cooperative Agreement Revision

Currently there are three superintendents from the three districts that take turns as the designated superintendent for Maine Region 10 Technical High School. This revision will allow the Region 10 Board to have their own superintendent director and will allow the three district superintendents to remain as advisory.

Motion: Grant      Second: Connors      Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present

Voted to Approve.

**Calendar/Announcements**

BHS band concert and choral concert are happening this week. BJHS band concert and 5<sup>th</sup> grade music show were held and were wonderful.

**Future Agenda Items**

Possibility to poll voters to see what interest there may be.  
Swearing-in ceremony on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment**

By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

  
Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary