

Brunswick School Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Maine Street Station

16 Station Avenue

Room 217

The meeting scheduled for January 12, 2011, was cancelled due to a snowstorm.

School Board Members Present: Corinne Perreault, Chairman;
James Grant, Vice Chairman;
Brenda Clough, Janet Connors,
Richard Ellis, John Jones,
Michele Joyce, Michelle Small

School Board Members Absent: James Matthew Corey

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent;
Gregory Bartlett, Assistant
Superintendent; James Oikle, Business
Manager; Paul Austin, Director of
Student Services; Jean Skorapa,
Curriculum Coordinator; Craig Worth,
Director of Transportation and Grounds;
Bruce Cook, Principal, Brunswick High
School; Joan Mitchell, Nurse, Brunswick
High School; Christine Patton,
Administrative Secretary

Guests: Josh Frances, Town of Brunswick
Homeland Security Committee; Marc
Hagan, Brunswick Police Department;
Mark Fisher, Bowdoin College; Ken
Brilliant, Brunswick Fire Chief; Julia
Brown, Brunswick High School student;
Rebecca Farnham, Midcoast Health;
Georgianne Knowers, Bowdoin student

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustments to the Agenda

None

Consent Agenda Action

7. Consideration of Extension of Administrator Contracts

MOTION: Grant SECOND: Connors VOTE: Unanimous of the Board
Members Present

TO: Extend the contract of Gregory Bartlett, Assistant Superintendent, through June 30, 2013.

TO: Extend the contract of Walter Wallace, Principal of Brunswick Junior High School, through June 30, 2013.

TO: Extend the contract of Gregory Scott, Principal of Coffin School, through June 30, 2013.

TO: Extend the contract of John Paige, Curriculum Coordinator, through June 30, 2013.

TO: Extend the contract of Jean Skorapa, Principal, Harriet Beecher Stowe School, through June 30, 2013.

TO: Extend the teaching contract of Susan Woodhams, Director of Technology Integration, through June 30, 2013.

TO: Extend the contract of Donna Borowick, Assistant Principal, Brunswick High School, through June 30, 2013.

TO: Extend the contract of Eugene Keene, Athletic Director, through June 30, 2013.

TO: Extend the contract of Lisa Cushman, Assistant Principal, Brunswick Junior High School, through June 30, 2013.

8&9. Consideration of Appointments to the Affirmative Action Committee Consideration of the Minutes of December 8, 2010 Consideration of the Minutes of January 3, 2011

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

TO: Combine and approve Items 8 and 9:

8. Representatives to the Affirmative Action Committee for the remainder of 2-year terms expiring at the end of the 2011-2012 school year:
Craig Worth - Grounds and Transportation
Scott J. Smith - Food Service

9. Minutes of December 8, 2010

Dispense with the reading of the minutes of December 8, 2010, and approve them as printed.

Minutes of January 3, 2011

Dispense with the reading of the minutes of January 3, 2011, and approve them as printed.

Old Business

10. Communications/Correspondence

Ms. Joyce announced she has a new e-mail address.
Mr. Jones said he had a communication regarding display of flags.
Mrs. Perreault had a communication regarding start times of schools for fall.

11. Public Participation

a. Town of Brunswick Homeland Security Committee Presentation

Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Cook, and Mr. Frances presented plans to execute a disaster drill to test high school evacuation and response training to a school shooter scenario during school hours. The committee said it would report back to the Board after the drill.

MOTION: Grant SECOND: Small VOTE: 5-3 (Clough, Jones,
Perreault opposed)

TO: Support the emergency drill simulation by the Town of Brunswick Homeland Security Committee as presented including an opt-out option for parents.

b. Public Participation

None

12. Superintendent's Report

a. Youth Advocacy Program (YAP) Presentation

Rebecca Farnham and Julia Brown of the Youth Advocacy Program made a presentation about a community outreach project that involves showing the film "April's Heart", followed by a panel discussion.

b. Building and Equipment Use: People Plus - use of Longfellow library for workshops; Bath Iron Works - use of Crooker Theater and high school cafeteria for Manufacturing All Hands Communication Offsite; Joe Powers - use of chairs for wedding; Bath Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses - use of Crooker Theater for religious service; Brunswick Rotary Club - use of

Crooker Theater for annual fundraising concert; Dorena's Dance - use of Crooker Theater for a dance recital; Alma Lea's Dance Studio - use of Crooker Theater for dance recitals and rehearsal; Brunswick Maniacs - use of junior high gym for basketball practice

- c. Resignations: William Barrett, Custodian, Coffin School
Constance Kniffin, Kindergarten Teacher, Coffin School
Julia O'Brien-Merrill, English As a Second Language Teacher, System-wide

- d. New Personnel: Director of Transportation and Grounds
Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Perzanoski announced that Craig Worth is the new Director of Transportation and Grounds, and Kassandra Duffy is the new Administrative Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent.

- e. Budget Update - Mr. Oikle

Mr. Oikle reported that recent audit results were favorable. The current budget is being closely watched for over expenditures in several areas. Minor budget adjustments will ensure a favorable year end conclusion. The 2012 budget will be developed in the upcoming budget workshops.

- f. Book Award

Mr. Perzanoski announced that Ms. Amy Russell, English Teacher at Brunswick High School, was awarded a donation of classroom books from Donorschoose.org.

- g. Fidelity Award for Jordan Acres - Mr. Bartlett

Mr. Bartlett announced that Jordan Acres School was awarded the Paula Helen Stanley Fidelity Award for being an inviting school for 10 consecutive years. They received a banner and a plaque as recognition.

- h. Surplus Vehicles

Mr. Worth informed the Board that there is a surplus bus to offer for sale by bid.

- i. Preschool Committee Report - Mr. Austin

Mr. Austin reviewed a pre-kindergarten proposal prepared by the pre-kindergarten committee. He said the program will be discussed further at budget workshops.

- j. Draft 2011-12 Calendars

Mr. Perzanoski presented two drafts of a proposed 2011-12 school year calendar. He said he will ask for feedback from staff, MR10 Technical High School, SAD 75 and RSU 5.

13. Board Chair's Report

- a. Budget Workshops on Feb. 16, March 2, March 16, March 23

Mrs. Perreault announced dates for upcoming budget workshops.

- b. Appointment of two Board Members to BHS Principal Search Committee

Mrs. Perreault appointed Michelle Small and herself to the high school principal search committee.

14. Committee Reports

- a. Policy Committee - Ms. Small

- 1, 2. Second Readings of: Revised Policy FILE: BDE, and
Proposed Policy FILE: BDE-R

MOTION: Small SECOND: Connors VOTE: 6-1 (Clough opposed)

TO: Combine and approve items 1 and 2:

1. Revised Policy FILE: BDE BOARD COMMITTEES as presented.
2. Proposed Policy FILE: BDE-R STANDING COMMITTEE OPERATING PROCEDURES as presented.

3. First Reading of Revised Policy FILE: JCA ASSIGNING STUDENTS TO SCHOOLS

MOTION: Grant SECOND: Connors VOTE: Unanimous of the Board
Members Present

TO: Approve revised Policy FILE: JCA ASSIGNING STUDENTS TO SCHOOLS for a second reading as presented.

- 4, 5, 6. First Readings of: Proposed Policy FILE: JRA, Proposed Policy FILE: JRA-R, Proposed Policy FILE: JRA-E

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

TO: Combine and approve Items 4, 5, 6:

4. Proposed Policy FILE: JRA STUDENT EDUCATION RECORDS AND INFORMATION for a second reading as presented;
5. Proposed Policy FILE: JRA-R STUDENT EDUCATION RECORDS AND INFORMATION: ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE for a second reading as presented;

6. Proposed Policy FILE: JRA-E ANNUAL NOTICE OF STUDENT EDUCATION RECORDS AND INFORMATION RIGHTS for a second reading as presented.

7. First Reading of Revised Policy FILE: EE TRANSPORTATION

MOTION: Grant SECOND: Connors VOTE: Unanimous of the
Board Members
Present

TO: Approve revised Policy FILE: EE TRANSPORTATION for a second reading as presented.

b. Elementary School Building Committee - Mrs. Connors

Mrs. Connors said the building committee met on February 3 to deal with fixing the windows at the new Harriet Beecher Stowe School.

c. Curriculum Committee - Ms. Joyce

Ms. Joyce reported that the committee had a presentation about proposed high school courses. A new biology book was approved, and K-5 trimester grading systems were discussed. Spanish and Homeric Greek curriculums were prepared for board consideration.

d. Cooperative Board Maine Region 10 - Mrs. Connors

Mrs. Connors reported that the Region 10 school had a favorable audit report. The Board discussed a preliminary 2011-12 budget, and the possibility of developing a full-day schedule.

e. SAD 75/Brunswick Task Force - Mr. Perzanoski

Mr. Perzanoski reported that the task force discussed survey results, summer courses, a 5-year graduation plan, teleconferencing classes, a student on the task force, survey for teachers, magnet school programs, and sharing a theater director.

f. Student Liaison to the Board Selection Committee - Mr. Jones

Mr. Jones reported that the committee has met and is encouraging students to apply.

New Business

15. Consideration of Brunswick School Board/Superintendent Goals for 2011

Ms. Small moved, with a second by Mrs. Connors, to approve four goals as drafted from the Jan. 26, 2011, goals workshop.

Changes to the draft goals were presented and discussed at length. Mr. Ellis moved, with a second by Mr. Grant, to approve amendments to the draft version. The vote was 6-2 (Small, Connors opposed) to accept the amendments.

In separate actions, further amendments to the first goal and third goal were moved by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Ms. Clough, failed by votes of 2-6 (Small, Perreault, Grant, Connors, Joyce, Jones opposed).

Further amendments to the second goal and fourth goal were moved by Mr. Ellis, with a second by Mr. Grant, and passed with votes of 5-3 (Small, Perreault, Connors opposed).

The vote on the original motion was 7-1 (Connors opposed) to approve the Brunswick School Board/Superintendent goals as amended:

I. Focus on improving academic achievement for all students.

- Support administration and staff initiatives to improve academic performance using data driven decision-making to strengthen curriculum and instruction.
- Promote a physically and emotionally safe learning environment in all schools.
- Work with administration and staff to ensure a successful transition to two K-2 elementary schools and one 3-5 elementary school.

II. Provide oversight of the school district's fiscal management.

- Develop and pass a school budget that makes effective and thoughtful use of resources allocated to the school district.
- Successfully renegotiate the teachers' contract.
- Develop a strategy to address population fluctuations and potential revenue loss.

III. Support effective short and long-term planning.

- Work with the Brunswick community to develop a long-term strategic plan for the School Department.
- Review, revise and finalize the Capital Improvement Plan.
- Develop plans for the renovation of Coffin and Jordan Acres Elementary Schools and Brunswick Junior High School.

IV. Foster community engagement and communication.

- Build effective relationships with parents, community stakeholders, the media and local and state legislators to encourage their awareness, active participation and support of educational programs and activities in the Brunswick schools.

16 & 17. Consideration of Approval of Spanish Curriculum
Consideration of Approval of The Homeric Greek Curriculum

MOTION: Connors SECOND: Joyce VOTE: Unanimous of the Board
Members Present

TO: Combine and Approve Items 16 and 17:

16. The Spanish curriculum as presented.

17. The Homeric Greek curriculum as presented.

18. Calendar/Announcements

Mrs. Perreault announced the high school production of "Crazy For You" in March.

19. Future Agenda Items

None

Adjournment

Mrs. Perreault adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board