

Brunswick School Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Maine Street Station

16 Station Avenue

Room 217

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

School Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent;
Gregory Bartlett, Assistant
Superintendent; James Oikle, Business
Manager; Paul Austin, Director of
Student Services; Jean Skorapa,
Curriculum Coordinator; Paul Caron,
Facilities Director; John Paige,
Principal, Coffin School;
Craig Beaulieu, Teacher, Brunswick High
School; Christine Patton,
Administrative Secretary

Guests: Ben Gagnon, Brunswick High School
student; Brunswick Police Officer;
others

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustments to the Agenda

Addition to Superintendent's Report: Updates on roof repairs at Jordan
Acres School and the fuel spill at Brunswick Junior High.

Consent Agenda Action

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

20. Consideration of the Minutes of February 9, 2011

TO: Dispense with the reading of the minutes of February 9, 2011, and approve them as printed.

Old Business

None

Communications/Correspondence

Mrs. Connors thanked the drama club for tickets to "Crazy For You".

Mr. Corey commended Jordan Acres staff on a smooth evacuation of students after roof problems.

Ms. Small said she was contacted by a parent opposed to the emergency drill simulation at Brunswick High School.

Mrs. Perreault asked board members for ideas to pass on to Maine School Management regarding certain state regulations and mandates.

Ms. Small reported on proposed changes by the state to ease the child labor law hour restrictions. Mrs. Connors moved, with a second by Ms. Small, to send a letter to the wage and labor board opposed to the proposal. After discussion, Mr. Grant moved, with a second by Mr. Corey, to table this item in order to learn more about the issue. The vote was 7-2 (Connors, Small opposed) to table this item.

Public Participation

None

Superintendent's Report

a. Report from Brunswick High School Student Government

Ben Gagnon reported on winter carnival activities, student government donations, and anti-bullying efforts. He requested Board approval to conduct a survey on bullying.

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

TO: Approve a request from the Brunswick High School student government to conduct a survey based on the Your Voices Project study as presented, subject to review by the Superintendent.

b. Update from Facilities Director

Paul Caron gave the Board an update on repairs to the Jordan Acres School roof that had snow damage. He also reported on efforts to

clean the fuel spill under the portable classrooms at Brunswick Junior High School.

- c. Building and Equipment Use: Coastal Summer Challenge - use of high school stadium and playing fields for soccer tournament; Plus One AAU Basketball Team - use of junior high gym for basketball practice; Rich Berry Clinic - use of high school library for meeting; Jump Start - use of high school gym for Jump Start event; Women's High School Lacrosse Officials - use of high school cafeteria for umpires meeting; Bowdoin International Music Festival - use of Crooker Theater for summer concerts; All Military Association - use of high school gym, sound system, and chairs for annual craft fair in November; Advanced Square Dancers - use of Jordan Acres gym for teaching dance calls; Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust - use of Crooker Theater for Crystal Spring Farmer's Market vendor orientation

- d. Personnel: Patrick Feehan, Head Day Custodian, Brunswick Junior High School

Mr. Perzanoski expressed condolences on the death of Patrick Feehan, Head Day Custodian at Brunswick Junior High School.

- e. Report on NECAP Testing Results - Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Paige, Mr. Austin

Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Paige and Mr. Austin reported on results of the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) testing. 2010 data shows that the majority of Brunswick students in grade 3-8 met or exceeded State standards in reading and math.

- f. Budget Update - Mr. Oikle

Mr. Oikle reported that last year's budget is finished and filed away. He is watching current year expenditures closely due to repairs at Jordan Acres and the junior high. Other expenses are within normal limits. He said revenues are coming in as expected from state subsidies, federal funds, impact aid, and tuition, but not Medicaid.

Board Chair's Report

- a. Budget Workshops in March

Mrs. Perreault announced budget workshops will be held on March 16 and March 30.

- b. Regular Workshop March 23

Mrs. Perreault announced a regular workshop will be held on March 23, 2011, to discuss a mission statement, strategic planning and staggered school start times.

Committee Reports

a. Policy and Planning Committee - Ms. Small

In regards to Policy FILE: JRA-R STUDENT EDUCATION RECORDS AND INFORMATION: ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE, Ms. Small informed the Board that the Resource Officer's work contract limits access to student files.

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

TO: Combine and approve the following 13 policies as presented:

1. Approve revised Policy FILE: JCA ASSIGNING STUDENTS TO SCHOOLS as presented.
2. Approve proposed Policy FILE: JRA STUDENT EDUCATION RECORDS AND INFORMATION as presented.
3. Approve proposed Policy FILE: JRA-R STUDENT EDUCATION RECORDS AND INFORMATION: ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE as presented.
4. Approve proposed Policy FILE: JRA-E ANNUAL NOTICE OF STUDENT EDUCATION RECORDS AND INFORMATION RIGHTS as presented.
5. Approve revised Policy FILE: EE TRANSPORTATION as presented.
6. Approve proposed Policy FILE: IGA CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION for a second reading as presented.
7. Approve proposed Policy FILE: IGA-R CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION PROCESS for a second reading as presented.
8. Approve proposed Policy FILE: ILA STUDENT ASSESSMENT for a second reading as presented.
9. Approve proposed Policy FILE: IHBG HOME SCHOOLING for a second reading as presented.
10. Approve revised Policy FILE: IHBGA HOME SCHOOLING-PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL PROGRAMS for a second reading as presented.
11. Approve proposed Policy FILE: JHFD STUDENT AUTOMOBILE USE for a second reading as presented.

12. Approve proposed Policy FILE: JHFD-E1 STUDENT DRIVER REQUEST/REGISTRATION FORM for a second reading as presented.

13. Approve proposed Policy FILE: JHFD-E2 PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION FOR TRANSPORTATION BY PRIVATE VEHICLE, WAIVER, RELEASE AND AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS for a second reading as presented.

b. Elementary School Building Committee - Mrs. Connors

Mrs. Connors reported that the school is 89% completed. Window problems will be addressed in warmer weather.

c. Curriculum and Program Development - Ms. Clough/Mr. Corey

Mr. Corey reported that the committee discussed the use of a digital curriculum at the high school.

Ms. Clough said that English teacher, Amy Russell, would like to ask for the Board's permission to solicit local businesses for donations to buy books for students to annotate and keep.

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

TO: Approve a proposal by English teacher, Amy Russell, to proceed with a reading program whereby she can solicit local businesses for donations to purchase books for students in her English classes with guidance from the school business office for proper accounting methods and purchasing procedures.

d. Merrymeeting Adult Education Advisory - Mr. Perzanoski

Mr. Perzanoski reported that the advisory board discussed goals, winter enrollments, new programs, and a budget for 2012.

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

Mr. Jones announced that the selection committee chose Julia Brown as the student liaison. Mr. Grant agreed to be the Board mentor.

New Business

21. Consideration and Any Appropriate Action on a Request to Change the 2010-2011 School Calendar

MOTION: Grant SECOND: Connors VOTE: 2-7 (Clough, Corey, Ellis, Jones, Joyce, Perreault, Small opposed)

Motion failed to approve a request from the Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Brunswick to change the 2010-2011 school calendar by making May 31, 2011, a half day of school so that students might attend the closing ceremony of the Naval Air Station.

22. Consideration of Closing Longfellow School and Authorization for the Superintendent to File a School Closing Report with the Commissioner of Education

The Board approved returning the Longfellow School building and property to the Town of Brunswick at a special meeting held on April 16, 2008.

MOTION: Connors SECOND: Jones VOTE: 8-1 (Joyce opposed)

TO: Pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes Title 20-A Sections 4102.1 and 4103.3, the Brunswick School Board (a) finds that the Longfellow School is being replaced by another school building as part of a school construction project that has been approved by the state board or the commissioner; (b) authorizes the Superintendent to file with the Commissioner of Education a school closing report with respect to the Longfellow School, that closing to be effective June 30, 2011; and (c) authorizes the transfer of the Longfellow School after its closing to the Town of Brunswick, the Board finding that the Longfellow School does not have any anticipated use as a school building after June 30, 2011.

By way of further explanation and guidance to the Superintendent with respect to the filing of the required school closing report, the Board contemplates that the Longfellow School grades K-5 students will be reassigned to the Coffin, Jordan Acres and H.B. Stowe elementary schools.

23-27. Consideration of Items 23-27

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

TO: Approve combining and approving Items 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 as presented:

- 23. Parenting 1: Child Development Curriculum
- 24. Parenting 2: Child Development Curriculum
- 25. Computer Applications Curriculum
- 26. Dynamics of the Stock Market Curriculum
- 27. Graphic Design Curriculum

Calendar/Announcements

Ms. Clough made her new e-mail address available.

Future Agenda Items

None

Adjournment

Mrs. Perreault adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.



Paul K. Perzanowski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board

