

## **Brunswick School Board**

### **MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Maine Street Station

16 Station Avenue

Room 217

Board Members Present: Corinne Perreault, Chair; James Grant, Vice Chair; Brenda Clough; James Matthew Corey; Janet Connors; Richard Ellis; John Jack Jones; Michelle Small; Julia Brown, Student Liaison

Board Members Absent: Michele Joyce

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Gregory Bartlett, Assistant Superintendent; James Oikle, Business Manager; Jean Skorapa, Curriculum Coordinator; Paul Austin, Director of Student Services; Craig Worth, Director of Grounds and Transportation; Susan Woodhams, Director of Technology Integration; Scott Smith, Food Service Director; Joyce Foley, Mary Hudson, teachers

Guests: Beth Brogan, The Times Record; Ben Gagnon, Brunswick High School student; Giovanna Bechard and videographer, WGME News13; family members of Julia Brown; Brunswick Police Dept. Officer; others

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Adjustment to the Agenda**

None

### **Consent Agenda Action**

Motion: Grant                      Second: Connors                      Vote: Unanimous of the Board Members Present

TO: Approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

#### **28. Minutes of March 9, 2011**

The following policies from the Policy Committee:

1. Second Reading of Proposed Policy FILE: IGA CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION
2. Second Reading of Proposed Policy FILE: IGA-R CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION PROCESS
3. Second Reading of Proposed Policy FILE: ILA STUDENT ASSESSMENT

4. Second Reading of Proposed Policy FILE: IHBG HOME SCHOOLING
5. Second Reading of Revised Policy FILE: IHBGA HOME SCHOOLING-PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL PROGRAMS
6. Second Reading of Proposed Policy FILE: JHFD STUDENT AUTOMOBILE USE
7. Second Reading of Proposed Policy FILE: JHFD-E1 STUDENT DRIVER REQUEST/REGISTRATION FORM
8. Second Reading of Proposed Policy FILE: JHFD-E2 PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION FOR TRANSPORTATION BY PRIVATE VEHICLE, WAIVER, RELEASE AND AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS
9. First Reading of Proposed Policy FILE: ID SCHOOL DAY
10. First Reading of Proposed Policy FILE: IJJ SELECTION AND ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
11. First Reading of Proposed Policy FILE: IJJ-R SELECTION AND ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
12. First Reading of Proposed Policy FILE: IJJ-E TEXTBOOK/CORE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL RECOMMENDATIONS REVIEW FORM
13. Approve to Rescind Policy FILES:
  - KE: PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS
  - KE-R: PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS ABOUT CURRICULUM AND SCHOOL SERVICES
  - KE-E1: PUBLIC COMPLAINT OF CURRICULUM
  - KE-E2: PUBLIC COMPLAINT ABOUT SCHOOL SERVICES
  - KEC: CHALLENGED MATERIALS
  - KEC-R CHALLENGED MATERIALS
  - KEC-E CHALLENGED MATERIALS: COMPLAINT FORM
29. Computer Programming with Python Curriculum
30. Architectural Drawing Curriculum
31. Basic Drafting Technology Curriculum
32. Basic House Construction Curriculum
33. Basic Woodworking Technology Curriculum
34. Cabinet Making and Furniture Construction Curriculum
35. Engineering Technology 1 Curriculum
36. Engineering Technology 2 Curriculum
37. Mass Production Woodworking Curriculum

38. Senior Special Cabinet Making Curriculum

39. Technical Design Curriculum

40. Proposed 2011-2012 School Calendar (Ms. Small said she was opposed to Item 40.)

## **Old Business**

None

## **Communications/Correspondence**

Mrs. Perreault, Mr. Ellis and Mr. Corey received e-mails about the proposed budget.

Mrs. Perreault congratulated the Brunswick High School theater group on a successful production of "Crazy For You".

## **Public Participation**

None

## **Superintendent's Report**

a. Building and Equipment Use: Brunswick Parks & Recreation – use of Coffin School Portables for Mad Science Summer Camp; GEAR Parent Network in Collaboration with Riverview Foundation – use of junior high cafeteria for parent education workshops and parent support group meetings; Arts Are Elementary – use of Crooker Theater for concert; Maine Bike Rally – use of high school library classroom for meeting; New England VM Ware User Group – use of high school for summer user group conference; Bowdoin International Music Festival – use of Crooker Theater for summer concerts and rehearsals; Brunswick Youth Basketball Club – use of junior high gym for youth basketball skills and drills practice; Stonecoast MFA at USM – use of Crooker Theater for July commencement

b. Resignations:

Merrill Bean, Physical Educator Teacher, Brunswick Junior High School

Melissa Honeycutt, Education Technician III, Functional Skills, Brunswick High School

Marjorie Moser, Educational Technician III, Functional Skills, Brunswick High School

Millie Rhodes – Mathematics Teacher, Brunswick High School

c. Grants Awarded

1. NASA Grant

Mr. Perzanoski was pleased to announce that the school department is part of the consortium that received a NASA grant to foster interest in astrobiology.

2. Coffin School Garden Grant

Coffin School has received a \$500 gardening grant to start a small vegetable and flower garden.

d. Surplus Vehicle Sale

Mr. Perzanoski announced that Bath Bus Service had the highest bid for bus #26 at \$2,001.

e. Maine National History Day

The Superintendent reported on four junior high students who participated in the Maine History Day competition at the University of Maine in Augusta.

f. Breakfast Program

Scott Smith presented a proposed, self-funded, pilot breakfast program for Coffin and Jordan Acres Schools to begin in mid May. Next year all schools would offer breakfast.

Motion: Ellis                      Second: Connors                      Vote: Unanimous of the Board Members Present

To: Approve a request by the Food Service Director to offer breakfast at Coffin and Jordan Acres Schools for the remainder of 2010-11 school year, and implement a breakfast program at all schools beginning 2011-2012.

g. Summer School Course Enrichment

Mr. Perzanoski explained that a group of high school teachers are interested in trying a proposed pilot summer school enrichment program to be located at Brunswick High School, be self-sustaining, and open to the community. Interested high school teachers submitted ideas for courses.

Motion: Grant                      Second: Connors                      Vote: Unanimous of the Board Members Present

To: Support the development of a summer course enrichment program as presented.

h. Budget Update - Mr. Oikle

Mr. Oikle reported that the current fiscal year finances are in good order, and the year should end in the black. He said that a group is looking into applying for a grant for a garden at Harriet Beecher Stowe School.

The following budget meeting dates were announced:

- May 4 – Review and vote on the school budget
- May 9 – Presentation of the school budget to the Town Council
- May 16 – Public forum on the town budget
- May 26 – Vote on the budget by the Town Council

i. Report of the Homeland Security Emergency Simulation Drill at Brunswick High School – Mr. Bartlett

Mr. Bartlett reported on the active shooter and evacuation drill held on April 13, and despite a few oversights, the operation went smoothly.

## **Board Chair's Report**

a. April 27 Public Budget Forum at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Perreault announced that a public forum on the proposed school budget will be held on April 27 at 7:00 p.m.

b. May 4 Special Meeting Topic

Mrs. Perreault said there will be a vote on the school budget on May 4 at 6:00 p.m.

c. Introduction and Report from the Student Liaison

Julia Brown thanked the Board for voting to have a student liaison. She said she will represent all students in grade K-12, and from time to time she will give a school report. A representative from the high school student government will continue to give reports also.

## **Committee Reports**

a. Policy and Planning Committee – Ms. Small

Ms. Small explained an amendment to policy IJJ.

b. Curriculum and Program Development – Mr. Corey

Mr. Corey reported the committee discussed new report cards and the use of rubrics for assessment. There are plans to review the K-8 science and physics curriculum.

c. Maine Region 10 Tech Cooperative Board – Mrs. Connors

Mrs. Connors reported that the Board discussed retirement incentives, budget details, enrollment numbers, full-day schedules, a student interest survey, and the National Technical Honor Society.

d. Student Services – Mr. Perzanoski

Mr. Perzanoski said that the committee discussed the pre-school program now on hold. Future items for discussion are transportation and sports.

e. Political Action and Media – Mr. Grant

Mr. Grant said a committee member was appointed to the Cable TV Committee, and the committee heard a proposal from high school teacher John Riggleman about a community collaboration project. Mr. Grant passed out a draft resolution for Board perusal outlining opposition to the governor's Maine State Retirement System proposal.

Mr. Grant moved, with a second by Ms. Small, to approve the resolution as presented.

Ms. Small moved, with a second by Mrs. Connors, to amend the resolution by removing the retirement age section. The vote was unanimous of the Board members present to approve the amendment.

The final vote was 6-1-1 (Grant opposed; Corey abstained) to approve the resolution as amended.

f. Facilities and Maintenance – Mr. Ellis

Mr. Ellis said the committee took a site walk at the former Times Record building on Industry Road.

g. Budget and Finance – Mrs. Connors

Mrs. Connors said the committee had an orientation about the budget process from Mr. Oikle and Mr. Perzanoski.

h. Personnel and Negotiations – Mrs. Perreault

Mrs. Perreault said the committee will begin teacher negotiations.

## **New Business**

41. Consideration of Approval of the 3-Year Technology Plan for 2011-2014

Motion: Connors

Second: Clough

Vote: 7-1 (Small opposed)

TO: Approve the 3-year Technology Plan for 2011-2014 as presented.

42. Discussion of Budget Proposals

The Superintendent announced that high school bussing will be re-instated in the proposed budget. He outlined several cuts to help achieve this. He said he hopes to hear about new health insurance rates very soon.

43. Consideration of Changing School Start and End Times

Mr. Worth made a presentation on two proposals of start and end times for schools in the fall.

Mr. Corey moved, with a second by Mr. Grant, to approve modified scenario #2.

Mr. Grant moved, with a second by Mr. Ellis, to amend the Coffin School start time from 9:10 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The vote was 6-2 (Corey, Perreault opposed). The amendment passed.

The final vote was unanimous of the Board members present to approve the school start and end times for the 2011-2012 school year as follows:

<b>School</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Dismiss</b>
BHS	7:40 AM	2:10 PM
BJHS	7:50 AM	2:30 PM
HBS	9:00 AM	3:20 PM
Coffin	9:00 AM	3:30 PM

## **Calendar/Announcements**

May 5 Elementary School Building Committee will meet at the Hawthorne conference room due to unavailability of Maine Street Station, preceded by a tour of the new school.

**Future Agenda Items**

Ms. Clough asked about the status of strategic planning.

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Perreault adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary  
Brunswick School Board