

## **Brunswick School Board**

### **MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 11, 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; Richard Ellis; John Jack Jones; Michelle Small; Julia Brown, Student Liaison

Board Members Absent: Janet Connors, James Matthew Corey, 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; Jonathan Rigglesman, Teacher, Brunswick High School; [Suzi Ring, Teacher, Brunswick Junior High School](#)

Guests: Beth Brogan, The Times Record; Ben Gagnon, Brunswick High School student; others

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Adjustment to the Agenda**

Mr. Grant asked to remove item 49 from the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Small asked to remove item 60 from the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Clough asked to remove items 53 and 54 from the Consent Agenda.

### **Consent Agenda Action**

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

TO: Approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

47. Minutes of April 13, 2011

48. Minutes of May 4, 2011 Special Meeting

The following items are from the Policy Committee:

50. Second Reading of Proposed Policy FILE: IJJ SELECTION AND ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

51. Second Reading of Proposed Policy FILE: IJJ-R SELECTION AND ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

52. Second Reading of Proposed Policy FILE: IJJ-E TEXTBOOK/CORE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL RECOMMENDATIONS REVIEW FORM
55. First Reading of Proposed Policy FILE: IJNDC-E1 PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT TO PUBLISH STUDENT INFORMATION/PHOTOS/STUDENT WORK ON THE BRUNSWICK SCHOOL DEPARTMENT WEB PRESENCE AND IN NEWSPAPERS (GRADES K-5)
56. First Reading of Proposed Policy FILE: IJNDC-E2 PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT TO PUBLISH STUDENT INFORMATION/PHOTOS/STUDENT WORK ON THE BRUNSWICK SCHOOL DEPARTMENT WEB PRESENCE AND IN NEWSPAPERS (GRADES 6-8)
57. First Reading of Proposed Policy FILE: IJNDC-E3 PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT TO PUBLISH STUDENT INFORMATION/PHOTOS/STUDENT WORK ON THE BRUNSWICK SCHOOL DEPARTMENT WEB PRESENCE AND IN NEWSPAPERS (GRADES 9-12)
58. The Superintendent's Nomination of Probationary and Continuing Contract Teachers for the 2011-2012 School Year

Elect the following probationary teachers for the 2011-2012 school year (2<sup>nd</sup> year contract):

Gwendolyn Christman, Technology, Elementary Schools  
 Shane Hutchings, Physical Education/Adaptive Physical Education, K-12  
 Erin Lowell, Choral Music, Brunswick High School  
 Susan Perkins, Physical Science, Brunswick High School  
 Michael Scarpone, Instrumental Music, Brunswick High School

Elect the following continuing contract teachers for the 2011-2012 school year (3<sup>rd</sup> year contract):

Conan McNamara, Alternative Education, Brunswick Junior High School  
 Maria Minor Newcomb, Health, Brunswick Junior High School  
 Charles O'Rourke, Social Worker, System-wide  
 Christine Sullivan, Part-time Behavior Strategist/Specialist, Brunswick High School

59. The Budget Ballot Question as It Appears on the June 7, 2011 Municipal Referendum
61. The Physics Curriculum
62. The Honor Physics Curriculum

Items 49, 53, 54 and 60 were then considered:

49. Second Reading of Proposed Policy FILE: ID SCHOOL DAY

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

TO: Approve the second reading of proposed Policy FILE: ID SCHOOL DAY by amending the title to read: FILE: ID EARLY RELEASE.

53. First Reading of Proposed Policy FILE: IJND WEB PRESENCE POLICY and
54. First Reading of Proposed Policy FILE: IJND-R WEB PRESENCE GUIDELINES

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

TO: Combine and approve the first readings of proposed policy FILE: IJND WEB PRESENCE POLICY and proposed policy FILE: IJND-R WEB PRESENCE GUIDELINES for second readings, and have the Policy and Planning Committee address concerns made by the Board.

60. The K-8 Science Curriculum

Ms. Small discussed her concerns with the proposed K-8 science curriculum.

Motion: Clough      Second: Grant      Vote: 5-1 (Small opposed.)

TO: Approve the K- 8 Science Curriculum as presented.

**Old Business**

None

**Communications/Correspondence**

Mr. Ellis received correspondence about the proposed budget. He announced an open house at Longfellow School.

Mr. Jones praised student and staff efforts at a recent band concert.

Mr. Grant announced the Memorial Day parade will take place May 30.

**Public Participation**

None

**Superintendent's Report**

a. Student Government Report

Ben Gagnon reported on:

- the formation of a garden club
- the formation of the Bruce Cook Scholarship
- the election of class officers for 2011-12

b. Special Presentation – Rick Wilson

Mr. Wilson presented the Brunswick High School Service Award to Julia Brown.

c. Community Collaborative – John Riggleman

Mr. Riggleman presented a proposal for a community collaborative to coordinate services for at-risk students.

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

TO: Approve to support Mr. Riggleman's community collaborative proposal as presented.

d. Building and Equipment Use:

- Coastal Great Dane Rescue & Other Rescues – use of high school gym and cafeteria for a November craft fair
- Rotary Club – use of high school equipment for a concert
- Brunswick Police Department – use of Crooker Theater for a crisis drill
- Mid Coast Council of Governments – use of Hawthorne conference room for energy efficiency workshop for residents
- Brunswick Trinidad Sister City Association – use of Crooker Theater for a film show
- Atlantic Regional Federal Credit Union – use of Crooker Theater for annual meeting
- AP Exams – use of Crooker Theater for AP pre-administration

e. Resignations:

- Michelle Keleher, Educational Technician III, Coffin School
- Scott Snedden, Principal, Jordan Acres School (retirement)
- Elizabeth Van Orden, English Teacher, Brunswick High School (retirement)

f. Recognition:

1. Lynn Yuodsnukis, Fossil Butte National Monument Teacher Ranger

Mr. Perzanoski congratulated Mrs. Yuodsnukis on her two-year appointment as a summer teacher ranger at Fossil Butte National Monument.

g. 5210 Wellness Committee Proposals

1. Outdoor Basketball/Street Hockey Court
2. After School Bicycle Riding Club

The Superintendent explained plans from the 5210 Wellness Committee for an outdoor basketball/street hockey court and after school bicycle riding club.

h. 2011 Regional Bus Safety Conference Results

Mr. Perzanoski announced results of the recent 2011 Regional Bus Safety Conference. In addition to three individual awards, the Brunswick team won the Eastern Team Trophy in the school bus skills competition.

i. Budget Update - Mr. Oikle

Mr. Oikle reported that three school insurance bids are being considered, and a final award should be made by June 1. He went over the June 7 referendum question, and announced that the 2011 audit would begin soon. Referencing impact aid, he gave out a count of military students over the years:

2005: 664  
 2006: 688  
 2007: 618  
 2008: 551  
 2009: 287  
 2010: 142

## Board Chair's Report

a. Report from the Student Liaison

Julia Brown reported she met with students at Jordan Acres and Coffin Schools, and spoke with high school students about their concerns with the proposed budget.

b. Report on May 9 Budget Presentation to the Town Council

Mr. Perzanoski reported that an informal straw vote showed a majority of councilors were in favor of the budget as presented.

c. May 25 Workshop

Mrs. Perreault announced that the May 25 workshop is cancelled.

### **Committee Reports**

a. Policy and Planning Committee – Ms. Small

No report.

b. Curriculum and Program Development

Ms. Clough reported the committee reviewed the science curriculum and approved an astrobiology textbook.

c. Elementary School Building Committee

Mr. Perzanoski reported that the committee took a tour of the new facility which is about 90% completed. He announced the committee will meet June 2, and he recommended another meeting at the end of June to prepare for a tentative takeover on July 1, 2011.

d. Student Services

Mr. Austin reported the committee discussed special education and related services.

e. Maine Region 10 Tech Cooperative Board

Mr. Grant reported that the budget was formalized. Student reports and plans for a May 19 awards night were discussed.

f. Budget and Finance

Mr. Perzanoski said the committee advised the Board on its recommendations for the proposed budget.

g. Personnel and Negotiations - Mrs. Perreault

Mrs. Perreault said the committee is continuing with ongoing negotiations.

### **New Business**

63. Consideration of Discussion of Possible Adjustments to the 2011-2012 Budget

There were no adjustments.

## **Calendar/Announcements**

Memorial Day Parade is May 30, and NASB closure is May 31.

## **Future Agenda Items**

Mr. Grant requested revisiting school start and end times, and hearing about the transition work to the new structure.

Mrs. Perreault said the Budget and Finance Committee will begin a review of the budget process.

### **64. Consideration of Executive Session to Discuss Teacher and Administrator Contract Negotiations**

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

TO: Enter executive session for an update on teacher contract negotiations pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(D).

The Board entered executive session at 8:43 p.m.

The Board reconvened in public session at 9:19 p.m.

### **65. Consideration of Any Appropriate Action as a Result of Item 64**

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

TO: Ratify the negotiated agreement with the Brunswick Education Association effective September 1, 2011, through August 31, 2012, as recommended by the Negotiations Committee.

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

TO: Ratify a revision to the Employment Compensation Plan of Central Office Professional Positions and Building Administrators to allow the choice of funds spent for life insurance to be applied to their annuity, and to offer participation in a retire/rehire sidebar agreement for the 2011-2012 school year.

## **Adjournment**

Mrs. Perreault adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

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Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary  
Brunswick School Board