

Brunswick School Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012
6:00 p.m. for Executive Session
Regular Meeting Followed
Brunswick Station
16 Station Avenue
Room 217

Board Members Present: James Grant, Chair; Brenda Clough; Janet Connors; Richard Ellis; Michele Joyce; Michelle Small; William Thompson; Julia Brown, Student Liaison

Board Members Absent: Corinne Perreault, Vice Chair; James Matthew Corey

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Gregory Bartlett, Assistant Superintendent; Paul Austin, Director of Student Services; James Oikle, Business Manager; Paul Caron, Facilities Director; Craig Worth, Transportation Director; Donna Borowick, Principal, Brunswick High School; Jeff Hipsher, Science Teacher, Brunswick High School; Michael Scarpone, Instrumental Music Teacher, Brunswick High School; Ashley Smith, Choral Music Teacher, Brunswick High School; Christine Patton, Administrative Secretary

Guests: Jeff Larimer, Harriman Inc.; Dana Bateman, parent; Nick Toole, Izzy Jorgensen, Chelsea McCormick, Colby Fike, students at Brunswick High School; others

Call to Order

Mr. Grant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked the Superintendent for a roll call.

Adjustments to the Agenda

None

Executive Session

35. Consideration of Executive Session Per 1 MRSA 405(6)(A) to Interview/Discuss the Superintendent's Nomination for the Position of Brunswick High School Principal

Motion: Thompson Second: Joyce Vote: Unanimous of the Board Members Present

Approved to enter executive session per 1 MRSA 405(6)(A) to interview and discuss the Superintendent's nomination for the position of Brunswick High School Principal.

The Board entered executive session at 6:03 p.m.

The Board reconvened in public session at 6:25 p.m.

36. Consideration of Any Appropriate Action as a Result of Item 35.

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

Voted to authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a two-year contract to hire Arthur Abelmann for the position of Principal of Brunswick High School effective July 1, 2012, pending appropriate certification.

Consent Agenda Action

Items marked * are on the Consent Agenda.

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

***37. Approved the Minutes of April 11, 2012**

Approved the Minutes of April 26, 2012 Special Meeting

***38. Approved the Second Reading of Revised Policy File: CBI-R Evaluation of Superintendent of Schools (Policy Committee)**

***39. Approved a Teacher Request for Leave of Absence**

The request is from Keith Hart, Social Studies Teacher, Brunswick High School for a leave of absence during the spring 2012 for family purposes.

***40. Approved the Superintendent's Nomination of Probationary and Continuing Contract Teachers for the 2012-2013 School Year**

Probationary teachers for the 2012-2013 school year (2nd year contract) are:

McKell Barnes, Math, Brunswick High School

Libby Hunt, Grade 1

Ashley Smith, Choral Music, Brunswick High School

Beth York, Grade 7 Math

Continuing contract teachers for the 2012-2013 school year (3rd year contract) are:

Gwendolyn Christman, Technology, Elementary Schools

Shane Hutchings, Physical Education/Adaptive Physical Education, K-12

Susan Perkins, Physical Science, Brunswick High School

Michael Scarpone, Instrumental Music, Brunswick High School

***41. Approved the Budget Ballot Question as It Appears on the June 12, 2012 Municipal Referendum**

***42. Approved the Superintendent's Nominations for Membership on the Professional Learning Community Support System (Certification Steering Committee)**

2-year terms that expire at the end of the 2014 school year:

BRUNSWICK HIGH SCHOOL:

Deborah Bartley-Wing, Margaret Dalrymple

BRUNSWICK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL:

Sharon Callahan

HARRIET BEECHER STOWE:

Emily Moll, Joyce Foley

Old Business

None

Communications/Correspondence

None

Public Participation

None

Superintendent's Report

a. Student Government Report

Nick Toole and Izzy Jorgensen from Student Government gave a report on the spring carnival, class officer elections, the Bruce Cook Scholarship and the senior prom.

b. BHS Music Department Report

Mr. Scarpone and Ms. Smith, with student help Chelsea McCormick and Colby Fike, gave a report and displayed awards for honors earned in recent instrumental music competitions and choral music festivals.

c. Update on Dentistry Services – Mr. Austin

Mr. Austin reported that more than 30 children have been screened by the hygienists this year and 26 of these children were referred to the dentist. All work has occurred on-site and with no disruption to the schools. He said he would like to expand the program.

d. Building and Equipment Use:

Mr. Perzanoski reported the following use of buildings:

- Cumberland County Republican Committee - use of Stowe gym for senate candidates debate
- American Cancer Society – use of high school track for Relay for Life
- Southern New Hampshire University – use of Crooker Theater for graduation
- Alma-Lea's Dance Studio – use of Crooker Theater for a dance recital
- New England Regional Theater Co. - use of Crooker Theater for a dance recital

e. Resignations:

The following resignations/retirements were announced:

- Larry Coffin, Custodian, Brunswick High School
- Kelly Garlick, Custodian, Coffin School
- Nancy Guest, Guidance Counselor, Brunswick Junior High
- Muriel Milne, Grade 1 Teacher

f. Recognition

- Region 10 Student of the Year

Mr. Perzanoski announced that Nathan Guindon of Brunswick High School was named Student of the Year at Region 10 Technical High School.

- Delegate to National Youth Senate

Ms. Brown gave a report about traveling to Washington, D. C. as part of the nation-wide U.S. Senate Youth Program.

- Donation of Autism Resources to the Stowe School Library

Mr. Perzanoski thanked school volunteer, Ginger Taylor, for donating resources about autism.

- Mid Coast Regional Bus Skills Driving Competition

The Superintendent recognized the bus drivers that recently won the Eastern Team Trophy in the School Bus Skills Competition for the fourth year in a row.

- Resignation of Soccer Coach Peter Gardner

Mr. Perzanoski informed the Board of the resignation of long-time winning soccer coach Peter Gardner saying the school department appreciates his efforts in developing the successful program.

- g. Budget Update – Mr. Oikle

Mr. Oikle reported that the closing of fiscal year 2012 is anticipated to end with a positive balance. Auditors come in May to begin audit work and finish in October. Federal programs are being reviewed and the process of closing out the construction budget for the Stowe school has started. Work began on the 2014 budget.

- h. Facilities Study Report – Jeff Larimer, Harriman Inc.

Mr. Larimer gave a final report of the facilities study master plan that began in the fall of 2011. The primary goal was to provide an assessment of existing facilities, and provide guidance for future renovations, additions, reconfigurations, and maintenance. He presented three options for the Board to consider at its May 23 special meeting.

Board Chair's Report

- a. Student Liaison Report – Julia Brown

Ms. Brown announced that this would be her last meeting as the student liaison. She announced her future plans for college in the fall.

- b. Report of April 25 Budget Workshop and April 26 Special Meeting

Mr. Grant gave a report on the last budget workshop, and the special meeting to vote on the budget.

- c. Agenda for Workshop/Special Meeting on May 23:

Mr. Grant announced that the May 23 workshop/special meeting agenda topics would include:

- Capital Improvement Plan (from the Facilities Study)
- Budget revisions if needed
- New math curriculum

Committee Reports

- a. Student Services Committee – Ms. Clough

Ms. Clough reported that the committee had updates on collaboration, Mid Coast Hospital's efforts to fund a school-based health center, a Sweetser report about mental health needs, and special education achievement results.

- b. Policy & Planning Committee – Ms. Small

Ms. Small reported that the committee will review computer use policies, the student liaison policy, and the teacher requirement for a master's degree policy.

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

Mrs. Connors reported that the Board discussed the budget, enrollment numbers, Student of the Year and Citizen of the Year.

d. Curriculum & Program Development Committee – Ms. Joyce

Ms. Joyce said that the committee had an update on PSAT and SAT test scores. John Paige gave a report on the proposed Singapore math curriculum.

e. Budget & Finance Committee – Mr. Ellis

Mr. Ellis reported that the committee worked on the budget presentation for the Town.

f. State School Board Association – Mr. Grant/Ms. Brown

Ms. Brown reported that she attended a presentation that featured Educational Commissioner Stephen Bowen. Mr. Grant listed some items under legislative consideration.

New Business

43. Consideration of Approval to Eliminate Positions

Motion: Connors Second: Thompson Vote: 6-1 (Ellis opposed)

Approved, pursuant to 20-A M.R.S.A. Section 13210, to eliminate the positions of: 1.0 Elementary Art Teacher, 2.0 Science Teachers (one each at BJHS and BHS), 1.0 Physical Education Teacher at BHS, .5 Math Teacher at BHS, 1.0 English Teacher at BHS, 1.0 Social Studies Teacher at BHS, .5 Guidance Counselor, 1.0 Audio Visual Assistant, 1.0 Educational Technician, 1.0 Bus Driver, 1.0 Custodian, 1.0 Resource Assistant, 1.0 Administrative Secretary at the central office for the 2012-2013 school year because of changes in local conditions.

44. Consideration of Approval to Eliminate Contracts

Motion: Connors Second: Thompson Vote: 4-3 (Ellis, Joyce, Small opposed)

Approved pursuant to 20-A M.R.S.A. Section 13210, to terminate the teaching contract of James O'Donnell, English Teacher, as of August 31, 2012, as the result of the elimination of his position, and to instruct the Superintendent to provide him with at least 90 days prior written notice of the elimination of his position and the termination of his teaching contract as a result.

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

Approved pursuant to 20-A M.R.S.A. Section 13210, to terminate the teaching contract of Nancy Gray, Elementary Art Teacher, as of August 31, 2012, as the result of the elimination of her position, and to instruct the Superintendent to provide her with at least 90 days prior written notice of the elimination of her position and the termination of her teaching contract as a result.

45. Consideration of Increase in School Lunch Prices

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

Approved the following increases in school lunch prices as recommended by the Food Service Director:

- Junior High and High school from \$2.50 to \$2.75
- Elementary lunch prices from \$2.30 to \$2.35

46. Consideration of Any Revisions to the 2012-2013 Operating Budget (if necessary)

There were no revisions.

47. Consideration of Discussion and Possible Action on School Start and End Times

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

Approved revising the start and end times of Coffin School and Stowe School as recommended by the Transportation Director:

- Stowe School: 8:50 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.
- Coffin School: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Calendar/Announcements

The following announcements were made:

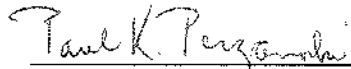
- Public forum on the combined budgets is May 17.
- Budget vote by the Town Council is set for May 31.
- Referendum on the School Budget is scheduled for June 12.

Future Agenda Items

Mr. Grant suggested the Board discuss 6:00 p.m. start time for School Board meetings.

Adjournment

By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.


 Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
 Brunswick School Board