

Brunswick School Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, August 11, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Maine Street Station

16 Station Avenue

Room 217

School Board Members Present: Corinne Perreault, Chairman; James Grant, Vice Chairman; John Jones, Michele Joyce, Michelle Small, Byron Watson

School Board Members Absent: Janet Connors, James Matt Corey, Marybeth Latti

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; James Oikle, Business Manager; Scott McKernan, Director of Facilities; Christine Patton, Administrative Secretary

Guests: Lauren Ballback, The Times Record

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustment to the Agenda

The superintendent added two items to his report. Ms. Small added Item 117 to discuss the Department of Education's request for student social security numbers.

Old Business

None

New Business

108. Consideration of the Minutes of July 14, 2010

MOTION: Jones SECOND: Small VOTE:5-0-1 (Joyce abstained)

TO: Dispense with the reading of the minutes of July 14, 2010, and approve them as printed.

109. Public Discussion

None

110. Communications

Mr. Watson announced that he will seek re-election in November. Mrs. Perreault said she had a call regarding a student being on the school board.

111. Superintendent's Report

- a. Building and Equipment Use: Brunswick Recycling & Sustainability Committee - use of Hawthorne Meeting Room for meetings.
- b. Resignations: Kristin Fournier, Physical Education/Adaptive Physical Education Teacher, System-wide
William Colby, Head Custodian, Brunswick Junior High School
Scott McKernan, Facilities Director, System-wide
- c. Transfer: Christy Bomba, Foreign Language Teacher at Brunswick High School to Part-Time (.5) Spanish Teacher at Brunswick High School

d. Budget Update: Mr. Oikle

Mr. Oikle reported that the school department exceeded revenue projections by \$40,000. After expenditures there is \$2.1 million to begin the new school year. A July bank balance of \$7.7 million leaves \$4.2 million to apply to the next year's budget.

- e. Recognition: Rick Ryan, Maine Representative to School Bus Driver International Safety Competition

Mr. Perzanoski said that Rick Ryan represented the State of Maine in the School Bus Driver International Safety Competition.

f. Strategic Planning

Mr. Perzanoski sent materials to Board members illustrating other school districts' strategic plans. He recommended discussion at the September 22 workshop to determine how to move this forward.

g. Grant Award

Mr. Perzanoski announced that the school department received a grant of \$7,500 from the Galen Cole Family Foundation to support the Reading Recovery program.

h. Teacher Recognition

Mr. Perzanoski was pleased to report that Andrew McCullough is the 2010 recipient of the Maine Outstanding Biology Teacher Award for the National Association of Biology Teachers.

112. Board Chairman's Report

a. Discussion Regarding Makeup of School Board Committees

Mr. Perzanoski gave the Board his recommendations for formal board committees and the consolidation of others. He recommended that this topic be included in the September workshop to discuss, revise and give direction for future action.

113. Committee Reports

a. Policy Committee - Ms. Small

Ms. Small presented eight policies for a first read with the exception of FILE: EEBB-E3 PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION FOR STUDENT AUTOMOBILE USE AND RELEASE FORM. This item should have been a permission form for students to be transported in employee automobiles. Mr. Grant moved to combine and approve the policies for a second reading. Ms. Small seconded the motion.

Mr. Watson moved to amend the motion of policy BEDB-R Agenda by changing the sequence of agenda item L Old Business. Ms. Small seconded the amended motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the amended motion.

The vote on the original motion was unanimous to combine and approve the following policies for a second reading as amended:

1. Revised Policy FILE: BEA SCHOOL BOARD USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION
2. Revised Policy FILE: BEDB AGENDA
3. Revised Policy FILE: BEDB-R AGENDA FORMAT
4. Proposed Policy FILE: EEBB EMPLOYEE USE OF PRIVATE VEHICLES TO TRANSPORT STUDENTS
5. Revised Policy FILE: EEBB-R USE OF PRIVATE VEHICLES TO TRANSPORT STUDENTS: ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE
6. Proposed Policy FILE: EEBB-E1 EMPLOYEE REQUEST TO USE PERSONAL VEHICLE FOR SCHOOL BUSINESS

7. Revised Policy FILE: EEBB-E2 PERSONAL VEHICLE CHECKLIST

114. Consideration of Superintendent's Nomination of Teachers for 2010-2011 School Year

Mr. Perzanoski stated that the teachers listed under the rehire of retired personnel sidebar of the current teachers' agreement are placed on step 11 of the appropriate salary scale.

MOTION: Watson SECOND: Joyce VOTE: 5-0-1 (Small abstained)

TO: Elect the following teachers for the 2010-11 school year:

Gwendolyn Christman, Technology Teacher, Elementary Schools

Sol Kennally, Foreign Language Teacher, Brunswick High School

Erin J. Lowell, Choral Music Teacher, Brunswick High School

Susan Perkins, Physical Science Teacher, Brunswick High School

Millie Rhodes, Mathematics Teacher, Brunswick High School

Michael Scarpone, Instrumental Music, Brunswick High School

Merrill Bean, Physical Education Teacher, Brunswick Junior High School, under the rehire of retired personnel sidebar of the current Agreement between the Brunswick School Board and the Brunswick Education Association.

Craig Beaulieu, Social Studies Teacher, Brunswick High School, under the rehire of retired personnel sidebar of the current Agreement between the Brunswick School Board and the Brunswick Education Association.

Charles Gordon, Social Studies Teacher, Brunswick High School, under the rehire of retired personnel sidebar of the current Agreement between the Brunswick School Board and the Brunswick Education Association.

James O'Donnell, English Teacher, Brunswick High School, under the rehire of retired personnel sidebar of the current Agreement between the Brunswick School Board and the Brunswick Education Association.

Elizabeth Van Orden, English Teacher, Brunswick High School, under the rehire of retired personnel sidebar of the current Agreement between the Brunswick School Board and the Brunswick Education Association.

115. Consideration of Student Liaison to the Brunswick School Board

Mr. Grant moved, with a second by Ms. Joyce, to approve having two students, selected by school administrators, on the Brunswick School Board for a two year pilot program reviewed each year by the Board. Students may participate in public discussion and not personnel matters, and any votes cast will not be legally binding.

After discussion, Mr. Watson moved to table this motion in order to discuss details in a workshop. Ms. Small seconded the motion to table. The vote was 4-2 (Grant, Joyce opposed) to table the item.

Mrs. Perreault set September 8, 2010, at 5:00 p.m., for a workshop on this item at the Hawthorne Conference Room. The regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at Maine Street Station.

116. Future Agenda Items

Ms. Small requested a workshop to discuss the Board's mission statement.

117. Department of Education's Request for Student Social Security Numbers

Ms. Small said that the Lewiston school board passed a resolution against the Maine Department of Education's state law to collect student social security information. She urged the Board to consider doing the same. Mr. Perzanoski announced he is working on a letter to parents informing them of the State's request and that a copy of the letter will be placed on the school website.

Adjournment

Mrs. Perreault adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board