

Brunswick School Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 8, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Maine Street Station

16 Station Avenue

Room 217

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

School Board Members Absent: Janet Connors

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent;
Gregory Bartlett, Assistant
Superintendent; James Oikle, Business
Manager; Paul Austin, Director of
Student Services; Jean Skorapa,
Curriculum Director/Interim Principal,
Jordan Acres School; Christine Patton,
Administrative Secretary

Guests: Phillip Dionne, Richard Ellis

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustment to the Agenda

The Superintendent said that Item 123, a. Policy BDE BOARD COMMITTEES would be considered for a first read; and Policy FILES: JHFD STUDENT AUTOMOBILE USE and JHFD-E STUDENT DRIVER REQUEST/REGISTRATION FORM would be omitted for a first read.

Old Business

Student Liaison - Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Grant presented a proposal by which two students would be selected by the school department as student liaisons to the Brunswick School Board, selected annually, and not to serve more than two years. Students would be seated with the Board and participate at the discretion of the Chair. At the discretion of the Chair, students may vote, but the vote would not be legally binding. Students may attend

committees; attend public meetings only and not executive sessions, negotiations or personnel issues. He made this a motion, seconded by Ms Joyce, to approve it as presented.

After discussion, Ms. Small moved, with a second by Mr. Watson, to amend the motion to an alternative proposal whereby the School Board forms a student selection sub-committee of two School Board members, two faculty members, and one administrator. The committee makes a recommendation of no more than two nominations. The Brunswick School Board votes for one candidate of choice. All students within the Brunswick School Department interested in applying for the one-year term will be required to submit an application, resume, cover letter, and references. The selection sub-committee may interview students and must follow equal protection guidelines. The student liaison selected by the Brunswick School Board will be seated in the public seating area next to the public microphone, and will give a Student Liaison Report placed on the agenda. The liaison, at the discretion of the Chair, may answer Board members' questions about student issues, but not be permitted to vote.

After more discussion, Mr. Grant called the question on the amendment. Ms. Joyce seconded. The vote was 7-1 (Watson opposed) to approve to move the question.

The vote on the amendment consisting of the second proposal was 3-4-1 (Latti, Perreault, Grant, Joyce opposed; Corey abstained). Amendment failed.

On the original motion, Ms. Joyce moved and Mr. Grant seconded to have an amendment that the student liaison process be reviewed each June. There was no objection to this amendment.

Mr. Corey moved, seconded by Mr. Jones, to change two student liaisons on the Board to one student on the Board. The vote was 5-3 (Grant, Joyce, Latti opposed) to pass this amendment to the original motion.

Mr. Corey moved, seconded by Mr. Jones, to an amendment to have a member of the Board participate in the student selection process and that person be the Chair or his/her designee. The vote on this amendment to approve was unanimous by the Board members present.

Mr. Watson moved, with a second by Mrs. Latti, to an amendment to send the student liaison selection process to the School Board Policy Committee. The vote was unanimous by the Board members present to approve this amendment.

Ms. Small moved, but there was no second, for an amendment to have the student liaison not be able to vote.

The vote was 7-1 (Small opposed) to approve the original motion as amended of having the Brunswick School Board adopt the process below to add a Student Liaison to the Brunswick School Board:

- This would be a two-year trial program, reviewed each year in June.
- One student would be selected by a process determined by the School Board.
- The student would be selected each year with the School Board Chair or designee to participate in the selection process, and could not serve more than two years.
- The student would be seated with the rest of the Board and participate at the discretion of the Chair.
- At the discretion of the Chair, the student may vote, but the vote is not legally binding or recorded.
- The student may attend committees as his/her schedule permits.
- The student would attend public meetings only and not executive sessions or negotiations, and would not be allowed to participate in personnel issues.

New Business

118. Consideration of the Minutes of August 11, 2010

MOTION: Small SECOND: Watson VOTE: 6-0-2 (Corey, Latti abstained)

TO: Dispense with the reading of the minutes of August 11, 2010, and approve them as amended.

119. Public Discussion

Mr. Phillip Dionne spoke about the value of longitudinal studies.

120. Communications

Mrs. Perreault said she had communication about the hot weather during the first week of school.

121. Superintendent's Report

- a. Building and Equipment Use: Girls Scouts of Maine - use of schools for information nights and Girl Scout meetings; Mid Coast Youth Hockey - use of a junior high room for MCYH Board Meetings; Region Ten Technical High School - use of Crooker Theater and high school cafeteria for senior awards night ceremony and dinner; MDOT Planning and Development - use of Hawthorne Conference Room for public meetings to discuss changes to town streets; Town of Brunswick Planning & Development - use of Hawthorne Conference Room for staff review and weekly meetings; Pathway Vineyard Church - use of junior high cafeteria for a financial course; Five Rivers Arts Alliance - use of junior high gym and stage for the Family Arts Festival in case of rain; Town of Brunswick - use of junior high gym for Town and State elections; Portland Symphony - use of Crooker Theater for Kinderkonzerts; Midcoast Symphony

Orchestra - use of Crooker Theater for a concert; Transcription Association, Inc. - use of high school cafeteria to take CPC exam; Miss Maine Scholarship Pageant 2011 - use of Crooker Theater, high school cafeteria, lobby and snack bar for 2011 State Competition

- b. Resignations: Diane Boyd, Food Service Manager, Brunswick High School
Lisa Buzzell, Food Service Worker II, Brunswick High School
Michael Haskell, Night Custodian, Brunswick Junior High School
Jacob Williams, Audio Visual Assistant, Brunswick High School

- c. Budget Update - Mr. Oikle

Mr. Oikle reported that preparations are complete for the auditors, and the new year is progressing smoothly due to less state and federal accounting changes.

- d. Introduction of New Facilities Director

Mr. Perzanoski announced to the Board that Mr. Paul Caron has been hired to be the new Facilities Director. He will start work on September 20, 2010.

- e. Opening of School

Mr. Perzanoski reported on a smooth start to the new school year in spite of the hot weather. Mr. Bartlett reported the latest enrollment numbers. Mrs. Latti said she received a request to have a full day of orientation for Grade 6 students.

Mr. Perzanoski reported that the only Freshman sport not funded this year was Freshman Field Hockey due to lack of participants.

122. Board Chairman's Report

- a. Delegate for MSBA Annual Delegate Assembly

Mrs. Perreault asked Board members to let the central office know by October 1 if they are interested in attending the MSBA Assembly.

- b. September 22 Workshop

Mrs. Perreault announced that a September 22 Workshop will be held at Maine Street Station at 6:00 p.m. to discuss strategic planning, redistricting, and the makeup of School Board committees.

123. Committee Reports

a. Policy Committee - Ms. Small

Ms. Small presented three policies for a second read and approval. Mr. Grant moved, with a second from Mr. Corey, to combine and approve the policies as presented.

Mrs. Latti made a motion, with a second by Ms. Small, to amend policy BEDB AGENDA in the last sentence of the first paragraph. The vote was 6-2 (Grant, Watson opposed) to approve the amendment.

The vote was unanimous of the Board members present to approve Revised Policy FILE: BEA SCHOOL BOARD USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION, Revised Policy FILE: BEDB AGENDA, Revised Policy FILE: BEDB-R AGENDA FORMAT as amended.

Ms. Small presented six policies for a first read and approval to move on to a second read. Mr. Grant moved, with a second by Mr. Watson, to combine and approve the policies for a second read as presented.

Mr. Grant moved and Mr. Watson seconded to make an amendment to section C of Policy FILE: BEDH. The vote was 4-4 (Corey, Joyce, Latti, Small opposed). Amendment failed.

Ms. Joyce moved and Mr. Corey seconded to another amendment to section C of Policy FILE: BEDH. The vote was 6-2 (Latti, Grant opposed) to approve the amendment.

The vote was unanimous of the Board members present to approve the following policies for a second read as amended:

Revised Policy FILE: BDE BOARD COMMITTEES
 Proposed Policy FILE: BDG LEGAL SERVICES
 Revised Policy FILE: BEDD RULES OF PROCEDURE
 Proposed Policy FILE: BEDH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS
 Proposed Policy FILE: JKG PHYSICAL RESTRAINT
 Proposed Policy FILE: JKGA-R TIME OUT ROOMS AND THERAPEUTIC RESTRAINT ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

Ms. Small said that the Policy Committee recommended that the following policies be rescinded:

MOTION: Grant SECOND: Corey VOTE: Unanimous of the Board
 Members present

TO: Combine and approve rescinding existing Policy FILE: BGC POLICY REVISION AND REVIEW and existing Policy FILE: BID BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES as presented.

b. Curriculum Committee - Ms. Joyce

Ms. Joyce reported the committee reviewed an algebra textbook and discussed the Life Management Curriculum.

c. Elementary School Building Committee - Mr. Perzanoski

Mr. Perzanoski said the committee had a tour of the building site, heard updates about the tennis courts and Crimmins Field, and heard a report from the Clerk of the Works. Change orders and tree plantings by Scouts were approved.

d. People Plus Committee - Mrs. Latti

Mrs. Latti announced information about the People Plus Open House.

124. Consideration of Superintendent's Nomination of a Teacher for 2010-2011 School Year

MOTION: Joyce SECOND: Jones VOTE: 7-0-1 (Small abstained)

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

Shane Hutchings, Physical Education/Adaptive Physical
Education Teacher, K-12, System-Wide

125. Consideration of Appointments to the Affirmative Action Committee

MOTION: Watson SECOND: Latti VOTE: Unanimous of the Board
Members Present

TO: Appoint the following representatives to the Affirmative Action Committee for 2-year terms expiring at the end of the 2011-2012 school year:

Jim Oikle - Title IX Officer, Co-Chair
Jean Skorapa - Curriculum Coordinator/Principal,
Co-Chair
Paul Austin - 504 Coordinator
Dave Brunette - Grounds and Transportation
Maurice St. Pierre - Food Service
Gene Keene - Athletics and Co-Curricular
Mary Moore - Brunswick High School
Joanne McMahon - Brunswick Junior High School
Linda Morris - Coffin School
Wende Sairio - Longfellow School
Nancy White - Coffin School
Blair Dwyer - Jordan Acres School

126. Consideration of Approval of Life Management (Consumer and Life Studies) Curriculum

After a motion by Ms. Joyce with a second by Mr. Jones, the motion was tabled in order for the curriculum committee to make adjustments suggested by the Board.

127. Consideration of Approval of a Resolution Regarding the Department of Education's Requirement to Request Student Social Security Numbers

MOTION: Small SECOND: Grant VOTE: Unanimous of the Board
Members Present

TO: Approve a resolution opposed to the Maine Department of Education's requirement to request student social security numbers as amended.

128. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Grant suggested the Board look into the subject of fees.

Adjournment

Mrs. Perreault adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board