

Brunswick School Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, August 14, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Municipal Meeting Room

Brunswick Station

16 Station Avenue

Board Members Present: James Grant, Chair; Michele Joyce, Vice Chair; Brenda Clough;
Janet Connors; Christopher McCarthy; Corinne Perreault;
Joy Prescott; William Thompson; Isabella Jorgensen, Student Liaison

Board Members Absent: Richard Ellis

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Gregory Bartlett, Assistant Superintendent;
James Oikle, Business Manager; Robert Goddard, Teacher, Brunswick High
School; Christine Patton, Administrative Secretary

Guests: Dylan Martin, The Forecaster; J.T. Leonard, The Times Record; Brunswick
Police Officer; others

Call to Order for Regular Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked the
Superintendent for a roll call.

Adjustment to the Agenda

Mr. Perzanoski added a teacher nomination to Item 87: Michael Thompson, Behavior Resource Teacher,
Brunswick Junior High School.

Consent Agenda Action

The following items were passed by unanimous consent of the Board members present:

***84. Minutes approved:**

Minutes of June 12, 2013 Regular Meeting
Minutes of June 26, 2013 Special Meeting on Facilities
Minutes of June 27, 2013 Special Meeting
Minutes of July 24, 2013 Special Meeting

***85. Approved First Read Policies**

- a. Proposed Policy FILE: DBJ Bidding/Purchasing Requirements
- b. Revised Policy FILE: IKF Graduation Requirements

Approved Second Read Policy

- a. Proposed Policy FILE: IMG Animals in Schools

***86. Teacher's Request for a Leave of Absence**

Approved a request from Sarah Norton for a 6-month leave of absence from the position of Grade 4 Teacher at Stowe School.

Old Business

None

Communications/Correspondence

Ms. Clough said that she had received several communications about the high school principal search.

Public Participation

None

Superintendent's Report

a. Report on China Student Visit – Bob Goddard

Mr. Goddard gave a presentation showcasing the “mini” camp of educational classes, tours, trips that 17 Chinese students participated in from July 21-24.

b. Building and Equipment Use:

- a. Merrymeeting Adult Education – use of BHS classrooms during the year for adult classes
- b. Town of Brunswick Staff Review – use of Hawthorne Conference Room for weekly meetings
- c. BHS Alumni Group – use of Hawthorne Conference Room for monthly meetings
- d. Arts Are Elementary – use of Crooker Theater for a theater program
- e. Girl Scout Troops – use of various schools for weekly meetings
- f. Brunswick Police Department – use of BHS Fitness Room for training
- g. Merrymeeting Resilience Group – use of Hawthorne Conference Room for bi-monthly meetings

c. Resignations:

- Berna Andrews, Guidance Counselor, Brunswick Junior High School
- Marilyn Berke-Powers, Guidance Counselor, Brunswick Junior High School
- Sarah Dubreuil, Educational Technician III, Brunswick Junior High School
- John Dumont, Math Teacher, Brunswick High School (retire/rehire)
- Justin Keleher, Behavior Resource Teacher, Brunswick Junior High School
- Marie Larson, Educational Technician III, Coffin School (to accept teaching position)
- Maria Newcomb, Reading Strategist, Brunswick Junior High School
- Lucille Painchaud, Psychological Examiner
- Janet Scala, Kindergarten Teacher
- Tracy Shaughnessy, Educational Technician III, Brunswick Junior High School

d. Recognition

Mr. Perzanoski announced that teachers Jennie Driscoll and Shari Tarleton were selected to be teacher leaders for Phase 3 of the Maine Arts Assessment Initiative.

e. Budget Update - Mr. Oikle

Mr. Oikle updated the Board on the surplus and stated that the budget year for 2013 is closed out. He explained that there is an issue with \$67,000 of construction funds being disputed by the state, but that it will be resolved in the near future. He said the school department's workmen's compensation insurance company has asked for Board action to commit to promoting staff health and safety. Mrs. Connors agreed to bring the topic to the Wellness Committee. Mr. Grant said that this statement can be included in the Consent Agenda for the September Board meeting.

f. **Update on Brunswick High School Principal Search**

Mr. Perzanoski explained the process to search for a new principal. Search committee members include the following:

- Board members: Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Perreault and Ms. Joyce
- High school teachers: Don Glover, Jeff Thompson, Pam Wagner, Jennie Driscoll, Bill Clarke;
- Citizens: Frank Strasburger, James Ford and Jessica Factor. He plans to add another citizen member.

g. **Opening of Schools**

Mr. Perzanoski went over the calendar for the opening of schools. The first pupil day is September 3.

h. **Hiring of Athletic Director and Part-Time (.5) Curriculum Coordinator**

Mr. Perzanoski said that at a special school board meeting on July 24, Jeffrey Ramich was approved as Athletic Director, and John Paige was approved as Part-Time (.5) Curriculum Coordinator.

Board Chair's Report

a. **Report of Presentation of Vietnam Veterans' Honorary High School Diplomas**

Mr. Grant announced that several area Vietnam veterans were given honorary high school diplomas from Brunswick High School at a special ceremony on August 10.

b. **MSBA Update**

Mr. Grant reported that the MSBA is focusing on school regionalization in order to share services.

c. **EPS Update**

Mr. Grant said that he has been asked to serve on a committee to obtain input and collect data on EPS II.

Committee Reports

a. **Policy and Planning Committee – Mr. Thompson**

Mr. Thompson said the committee reviewed Policy File FF Naming of Facilities to see if it includes naming track and fields. Committee members are doing further research.

b. **Cooperative Board Region 10 – Mr. Thompson**

Mr. Thompson reported that Mrs. Connors was elected Vice Chair.

c. **Charter School Ad Hoc Sub Committee –Mr. McCarthy**

No report.

d. **Board Self-Evaluation Committee – Mr. McCarthy**

No report.

New Business

87. Consideration of the Superintendent's Nomination of Teachers for 2013-2014 School Year

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

Voted to elect the following teachers for the 2013-14 school year:

Samuel Bernier, Grade 1
 Christine Capobianco, Grade 4
 Larena Carten, Reading, Coffin
 Kalie Dunn, Kindergarten
 Angela Jordan, Reading Strategist, Brunswick Junior High
 Eugenie Knowles, Reading Strategist, Coffin School
 Haley Matthias, Behavior Interventionist, Stowe School
 Pamela Porensky, Grade 7 Math (1-year)
 Jessica Sapp, Kindergarten
 Henry Taber, Technology Education (Industrial Arts), Brunswick High School
 Michael Thompson, Behavior Resource, Brunswick Junior High School
 Hilda Wiley, School Psychologist

Calendar/Announcements

Ms. Prescott reminded everyone about the school budget referendum on August 20.


Mr. Thompson said that a local frozen yogurt shop is having a fundraiser to benefit the Brunswick High School alumni.

Future Agenda Items

Ms. Joyce asked about repairs to the Crooker Theater stage area. Mr. Grant appointed Michele Joyce, Janet Connors, and Corinne Perreault to an ad hoc sub-committee to oversee this issue.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:42 p.m.


 Paul K. Perzanoski Secretary
 Brunswick School Board