

Brunswick School Board
MINUTES
Wednesday, September 9, 2015
7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

School Board Members Present: William Thompson, Chair; Joy Prescott, Vice Chair; Brenda Clough; Janet Connors; Richard Ellis; James Grant; Sarah Singer; Molly Gramins, student liaison

School Board Members Absent: Corinne Perreault

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent; Barbara Gunn, Director of Student Services; Paul Caron, Director of Facilities and Transportation

Guests: Brunswick Police Officer, Terry Goan; members of the community and press.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance/Roll Call

Adjustment to the Agenda

The superintendent asked to add the appointment of District 3 candidate to Old Business; and under the Superintendent's Report add a report of the state Board of Education visit at HBS

Consent Agenda Action

Item on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection.

*72. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes:
Minutes of August 12, 2015

Old Business

There was only one candidate for the open District 3 School Board seat.

73. Vote to elect Teresa Gillis as the next School Board member.

Motion: Connors Second: Ellis Vote: Unanimous of Board members present

Will have her sworn in at the next workshop meeting.

Communications/Correspondence

Ms. Singer reported that she received several emails regarding changes to the Gifted and Talented Program for grade 6 and future impact of changes at HBS.

Ms. Prescott received an email regarding the high school after school bus time, and also received an article regarding No Child Left Behind and IDEA, and also received information about a profile at Jackson Lab on Stephanie Dumont, a BHS science teacher.

Public Participation

Natasha Goldman commented on the 6th grade Gifted and Talented Program and how students were told the program would be dropped this year. Feels committee recommendation from parents were not taken into consideration.

Superintendent's Report

a. Building and Equipment Use:

- Aspire Program – use of HBS
- BAYFL – use of BHS football field
- Girl Scouts of America – use of schools
- Brunswick Parks and Recreation – use of schools
- Girls on the Run – use of HBS music room
- Merrymeeting Adult Education – use of BHS
- Fox Run Homeowners – use of BJHS

b. Donations

- Sand for Coffin School sandbox – Ray Labbe and Sons
- Paint for Coffin School nurse's office – Hancock Lumber
- School supplies for Andrea Feigner's class – Larry Miller
- School supplies – Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Connor
- School supplies/pencil kits – Brunswick Rotary

Mr. Perzanoski thanked them for their generosity. It is certainly appreciated.

c. Budget Update

Mr. Oikle not here tonight.

d. Enrollment Report

It was expected that this year's enrollment would go down, however, as of yesterday the totals are about the same as they were at the end of the last school year: At Coffin, K-163; 1st grade-181; 2nd grade multi-age-34, for a total of 378. At HBS, 2nd grade-141; 3rd grade-191; 4th grade-186; 5th grade-184, for a total of 702. At BJHS, 6th grade-184; 7th grade-150; 8th grade-165, for a total of 499. At BHS, 9th grade-199; 10th grade-186; 11th grade-184; 12th grade-193, for a total of 762. Total student enrollment for the district is 2341 which is about the same as we ended last year. There was discussion about Charter Schools and their impact on our enrollment.

e. Strategic Planning Update – Pender Makin

The Strategic Planning work group met last week and are planning to meet as a group on September 18th with the consultants, Good Group Decisions, to discuss the process and structure that they will be going through. The group will be reaching out to the community to get feedback and input into the development of a strategic plan.

f. Title I Update – Pender Makin

Title I is a federal grant to help meet the needs of students particularly those identified as needing supplemental instruction in math and literacy. Coffin is our Title I school and we have used some of the carryover funds to help bolster the literacy and math programming at Coffin: Coffin had a .5 math interventionist that we were able to increase to .8; We also developed a Saturday program, Cub Camp, giving those identified students an additional day for math and literacy immersion. There can be five 6-week sessions.

g. Teacher Induction Program – Pender Makin

In an effort to recruit, develop, support, and retain world-class educators for the Brunswick district, we have completely revamped the teacher induction program so it more resembles a course. Teachers will be working on Maine's standards for beginning teachers and will be able to earn certification contact hours at the same time. It will run for 2 years. Its purpose is to nurture new teachers and provide support, keeping them excited about teaching and not overwhelmed.

h. Update on revolving renovation application– Paul Caron

September 30 is the deadline and we are close to completing the application. Mr. Caron went over the list of renovations to Coffin and HBS that will be in this application. It will be brought to the Board at a special meeting on September 23rd. Mr. Caron explained the process.

i. Update of the State Board of Education visit at HBS

The State Board of Education had a workshop this morning at HBS and then the Superintendent was able to talk to them regarding some of the issues we are facing.

Board Chair's Report

a. Meetings

There is a change of date for the Board's joint meeting with the Town Council. It will be held on September 23rd at 6:30pm at Coffin School to possibly include a tour of the school. Mr. Thompson, the Town Council Chair, and Ms. Prescott are also hoping to set up an informal meeting within the next few days.

b. Student Liaison Report

Ms. Gramins reported that the senior class kick-started their graduation fundraising by helping to keep the grounds clean at the recent air show. With the help of Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Wagner the upperclassmen have put together a new mentoring program for freshmen. Three students at the high school have created an independent project, doing a clothing drive for underprivileged children at the Jr. High. They are requesting donations of gently used clothes.

Committee Reports

None

New Business

a. CIP Program, New Boiler, BHS – Paul Caron

They met with the Town Council last night to present the boiler project upgrade. It is scheduled for a hearing on September 21st. Mr. Caron explained the project and encouraged both Board members and the public to attend the hearing. A discussion followed.

74. Consideration of the Superintendent's Nomination of Teachers for 2015-2016 School Year

Vote to elect the following teachers for the 2015-16 school year:

Joy Gray, School Psychologist, BJHS

Kate Noonan, Resource, BJHS

Minh Canfield, .8 math and literacy teacher, (increased from .5), one year position

Motion: Connors

Second: Singer

Vote: Unanimous of Board members present

Calendar/Announcements

Curriculum Committee meeting on September 16th at noon
Policy Committee meeting on September 24th at 5:30 p.m.
Strategic Planning Committee meeting on September 18th at 1:00 p.m.
Technology Committee meeting on September 21st at 3:30 p.m.
Wellness Committee meeting on October 6th at 3:30 p.m.
Facilities Committee meeting possibly on September 15th, time TBD

Future Agenda Items

Update from superintendent on goals and changes of Gifted and Talented Program, and how it integrates with the Curriculum Committee.

Adjournment

By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.


Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary