

MEETING

Date: January 3, 2013
Place: Brittonkill Meeting Room
Presiding: Matthew Wade, President

ASSEMBLAGE

Members Present: K. Christiansen, R. Fitzgerald, M. Fortun, C. Gilbert, A. Grab, J. Lindeman, J. Roddy, M. Wade (*arrived at 6:06 PM*) and J. Wienman

Members Absent:

Also Present: Louis McIntosh, Superintendent, Lyn Derway, Assistant Superintendent of Business/District Clerk, Mary Roach, School Attorney and Maria Lewis, Board Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER
FLAG SALUTE**

Vice President Christiansen called the public meeting to order at 5:59 PM and began the meeting with a salute to the flag.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

1 – Mr. Gilbert 2 – Mr. Roddy
The Board of Education entered into Executive Session at 5:59 PM in accordance with the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 5111, Article 7 and Subdivisions E&F of the Laws of 1977 and Formal Opinion of Council No.239, Paragraph B to discuss the following checked item(s):

	Current litigation;
	Collective negotiations under the Taylor Law;
	The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation;
	Matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation;
	The proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property;
X	Other [specify] BTA Grievance Hearing

9 Yes Motion Carried

President Wade arrived at 6:06 PM and Mr. Christiansen turned the meeting over to him.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

1 – Mr. Christiansen 2 – Mr. Fortun
The Board of Education exited Executive Session at 7:02 PM and entered Public Session.

9 Yes Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- Mr. Richard Pogue, Secondary School Principal, Mr. McIntosh and Mr. Wade recognized the following Scholar Athletes for the fall sports season:

Girls' Soccer

Maria Clemente
Rebecca DeRubertis
Rachael Doody
Courtney Dreher
Halle King
Carlee Lockrow
Taylor Lockrow
Nicole Matthews
Anna Mehner
Alexandra Milazzo
Anne Paone
Arianna Schneider
Danielle Stackrow
Breanna Wiesnet

Boys' Soccer

Hunter Briccetti
Aidan Glynn
Daniel Hart
William Heatley
Zachary Horton
Christopher Lawrence
Daniel Malsch
Brady McMurtry
Dylan Morgan
Matthew Murray
Daniel Nealon
Collin Wilson

Volleyball

Sarah Becker
Alyssa Bonesteel
Jenna Keefer
Diana Lang
Julia Olson
Brittany Teal
Michelle Urkevich
Molly Warrington

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1 - Mr. Christiansen 2 - Ms. Lindemann

The Board of Education hereby approves the following Minutes:

- December 6, 2012 Regular Meeting

9 Yes Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT

- Mr. McIntosh and Ms. Derway presided over a 2013 - 2014 Budget Discussion which included the following:

- Budget projections for the 2013 - 2014 school year using a range of tax increases from 2.0% to 4.89%
- Tax levy calculations
- Update on reserve accounts

Mr. McIntosh asked the board to bring the following to the next meeting:

- Suggestions for areas to be cut
- Tax levy to bring to the tax payers
- Ideas on how to use the district reserve funds

- Mr. McIntosh asked the board if they were comfortable with the budget survey as prepared by Jason McCord and all were.
- Mr. McIntosh reminded the board about the Advocacy Event scheduled for January 31, 2013. Ms. Wienman and Mr. Fortun are attending on behalf of the board. Mr. McIntosh said that he is organizing other people to attend.

BOARD DISCUSSION

- Mr. Wade reminded the board of the upcoming special meeting on January 15, 2013 for the purpose of continuing the search for a new superintendent.
- Mr. McIntosh recognized Ms. Wienman for receiving a *Board Achievement Award* from New York State School Board Association for participating in leadership development training.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mark Spitzer suggested a four-day work/school week as a cost saving measure. He also outlined other positive aspects of the idea. Discussion ensued and Mr. Spitzer was encouraged to contact NYSSUT to begin the process of removing the roadblocks to his idea (State Ed requirements, NYS Retirement requirements, etc.)
- Karen Lederman updated the board as to changes in the security procedures at the elementary school as a result of the Sandy Hook tragedy. She said they that the changes, while slightly onerous, were very well received by parents.
- Lisa Buckley asked if more detail could be provided on the budget survey that will be going out such as areas for possible cuts.
- Eric Olson shared details from a sample NYS Common Core test for grade 3. He asked that the board keep the APPR demands in their minds even with all the budget issues going on.
- Kate Bartow asked if there was any progress with distance learning. Mr. Pogue informed her that he will be going to Maple Hill School on January 10, 2013 to see how they do it.

BOARD ACTION

Brittonkill Educational Foundation Board Representative Annual Appointment

1 - Mr. Christiansen 2 - Mr. Roddy

The Board of Education approves the appointment of Mr. Fortun as Board Representative to the Brittonkill Educational Foundation for the remainder of the 2012 - 2013 school year.

9 Yes Motion Carried

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Student Placements

Section 504 Committee

1 - Mr. Roddy 2 - Mr. Gilbert

The Board of Education accepts the following recommendations of the Section 504 Committee dated 10/16/2012, 10/25/2012, 10/29/2012 and 10/31/2012:

652 3015 791 797

9 Yes Motion Carried

**Committee and Sub Committee on Special Education
and Committee on Preschool**

Special Education 1 - Ms. Wienman 2 - Mr. Fortun

The Board of Education accepts the following recommendations of the Committee and Subcommittee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated 11/29/2012, 12/04/2012, 12/08/2012, 12/12/2012, 12/13/2012 and 12/20/2012:

588 736 775 054 614 740 3002 392

9 Yes Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Business/Finance

Financial Reports 1 - Mr. Grab 2 - Ms. Wienman

The Board of Education accepts and approves the following financial reports:

- Internal Claims Auditor Report - November 2012
- District Treasurer's Report - November 2012
- Revenue Budget Status Report - November 2012
- Budget Transfer Report - November 2012
- Appropriation Status Report - November 2012
- Extra Classroom Activity Report - November 2012

9 Yes Motion Carried

**Contract for Cooperative
Educational Services**

1 - Mr. Christiansen 2 - Mr. Grab

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Brittonkill Central School District of New York State (the "School District") desires to enter into a contract with the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties ("Questar III"), entitled the "Contract for Cooperative Educational Services", a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services, Questar III will, on behalf of the School District, facilitate the provision of lease/purchase financing for the capital equipment described in Schedule A of the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services (the "Capital Equipment");

WHEREAS, the School District believes that the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services will facilitate the provision of technology improvement under the model schools program;

WHEREAS, the School District believes that the Cooperative Bidding Program provides a cost effective means of facilitating the Contract for Educational Services and that it is in the best interests of the School District to execute and deliver the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent, or such other individuals as the Board of Education may appoint, be, and hereby is authorized to execute and deliver such documents and papers in the name of the School District as he or she deems necessary, advisable or appropriate to carry into effect the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services.

9 Yes Motion Carried

Donations

1 - Ms. Wienman 2 - Mr. Christiansen

The Board of Education accepts, with appreciation, the following donation(s):

- \$ 65.00 from Jeffrey and Brenda Vredenburg to pay for transportation for the Elementary Select Choir to perform at The Egg on December 14, 2012

9 Yes Motion Carried

Disposal of Obsolete Equipment

1 - Mr. Christiansen 2 - Ms. Lindemann

The Board of Education approves the disposal of the following obsolete item(s) subject to attempts to donate them to a worthy organization:

Type	Manufacturer	ID #	Reason for discard
Fax Machine	Ricoh DSM 516pf AC017/AC104	000248	Replaced by copier/scanner/fax

9 Yes Motion Carried

**Non-Resident Student
 2012-13 Tuition Rates**

1 - Ms. Wienman 2 - Ms. Lindemann

The Board of Education sets the following non-resident tuition rates for the 2012 - 2013 school year:

Grade Levels	Annual Rate
Grades K-6	\$4,143
Grades 7 - 12	\$7,769

9 Yes Motion Carried

Note: Mr. Fitzgerald asked that the district advertise the fact that they are now allowing non-residents students to attend on a tuition paying basis. He also suggested a press release be prepared.

**BTA Grievance
 Denial**

1 - Ms. Wienman 2 - Mr. fortun

The Board of Education agrees, after careful consideration, to deny BTA Grievance No. 1-DS-12/13 dated October 11, 2012.

8 Yes
 1 Abstain (Mr. Christiansen)
 Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

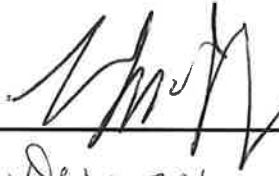
- Karen Lederman praised the Elementary Select Choir for both their performance and behavior when they performed at The Egg on December 14, 2012.
- Rich Pogue asked for the board for their informal approval for the National Honor Society to travel to Washington DC at the end of the month. They have money on hold with the bus company which they will lose if they don't use it. He said that he would have all the proper paperwork ready for the next board meeting. The board gave him the go-ahead.
- Lisa Buckley suggested the Town of Brunswick quarterly newsletter may be a good place to advertise the new non-resident student tuition policy.

MOTION TO 1 – Ms. Wienman 2 – Ms. Lindemann
ADJOURN The Board of Education adjourned at 8:21 PM.

9 Yes Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS MCINTOSH, SUPERINTENDENT



LYN DERWAY, DISTRICT CLERK



MARIA LEWIS, BOARD SECRETARY

