

APPROVED

**Brunswick Central Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes**

ORIGINAL

MEETING

Date: January 8, 2015
Place: Brittonkill Meeting Room
Presiding: Matthew Wade, President

ASSEMBLAGE

Members Present: R. Fitzgerald, M. Fortun, D. Galipeau, A. Grab, M. McCarthy, J. Roddy, M. Wade and L. Wertz

Members Absent: K. Murphy

Also Present: Dr. Angelina Maloney, Superintendent, Lyn Derway, Assistant Superintendent of Business/District Clerk, Maria Lewis, Board Secretary and Jacob Spencer, Student Liaison

**CALL TO ORDER
FLAG SALUTE**

President Wade called the public meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and began the meeting with a salute to the flag.

PRESENTATIONS

Rich Pogue presented the Scholar Athlete Awards for the fall season. The Boys' and Girls' Soccer teams and the Volleyball team received this recognition. All-Star Athletes were also recognized.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

1 – Mr. Fortun 2 – Mr. Roddy
The Board of Education hereby approves the following Minutes:

- December 15, 2014 Special Meeting
- December 17, 2014 Special Meeting (revised)

8 Yes Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT

- 2015 – 2016 Budget Discussion – Lyn Derway reviewed the 2015-16 budget calendar along with the tax levy limit and budget comparison document
- Update from building principals
- The Superintendent thanked the staff for their help dealing with all the weather related issues

BOARD DISCUSSION/REPORTS

- Jacob Spencer provided the board with an update
- Committee/Liaison updates

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ms. Pamela Finch asked who was in charge of the district on December 10th when the weather was very bad. Mr. Wade asked that she put her questions/concerns in writing to the attention of the Superintendent.

SPECIAL ACTIONS

Curriculum Request

English 12 Course 1 – Ms. Wertz 2 – Mr. Roddy

The Board of Education approves, upon the recommendation of the Curriculum & Assessment Council, a request from Helen Parsons and Teresa Martone to develop a new course titled English 12 to be implemented for the 2015-16 school year.

8 Yes Motion Carried

Field Testing Resolution

1 – Mr. Fortun 2 – Ms. McCarthy

The Board of Education approves, upon the recommendation of the Brittonkill Curriculum and Assessment Council, the following:

WHEREAS, the New York State Education Department has brought before the New York Board of Regents a proposal to amend Sections 100.2, 100.3 and 100.4 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education relating to school participation in NYS Field Tests, to take effect on February 25, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the Commissioner’s Regulations would make explicit the requirement that public schools participate in stand-alone field tests on a mandatory basis; and

WHEREAS, NYS standardized tests currently have approximately 25% field test questions already embedded in the NINE hours of testing each year for grades three through eight and stand-alone field tests are undertaken by schools on a voluntary basis; and

WHEREAS, students are already tested at unprecedented levels due to recent changes to the state's APPR process, requiring growing amounts of time, money, and energy on high-stakes standardized testing, in which student performance on standardized tests is used to make major decisions affecting individual students, educators and schools; and

WHEREAS, Pearson Education Company has a five year, \$32 million contract with New York State to provide testing and should be responsible for incurring the costs associated with fulfilling its end of the contract; and

WHEREAS, Pearson Education Company is currently using students as free labor to reduce these costs and school children should not bear the burden of research and development for test publishers which are private, for-profit corporations; and

WHEREAS, the School Board is strongly opposed to stand alone field testing because it will not improve education, it cuts into the precious instructional time of students and staff, it does not contribute to critical, reflective and creative thinking or to developing students as 21st century learners, and it does not inform instruction; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 NYSSBA adopted a resolution in opposition to stand-alone field testing calling upon "members of our State Legislature and the State Education Department to seek legislation and regulatory practices that will take immediate action to eliminate mandated stand-alone field testing practices in New York State;"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Brittonkill School Board states its commitment as an advocate for students and calls upon the Commissioner of Education, the Board of Regents, the New York State Legislature and the Governor to reject the amendments to Sections 100.2, 100.3 and 100.4 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education relating to school participation in NYS Field Tests, to take effect on February 25, 2015

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Brittonkill Board of Education calls on the Commissioner of Education, the Board of Regents, the New York State Legislature and the Governor to eliminate stand-alone field testing, on the whole as it largely benefits commercial enterprise, rather than the educational enterprise, negatively impacts students, and wastes instructional time.

8 Yes Motion Carried

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Student Placement Recommendations

BY CONSENT

1 – Mr. Galipeau

2 – Mr. Grab

Committee on Special Education

The Board of Education accepts the following recommendations of the Committee on Special Education dated 12/15/2014, 12/17/2014, 12/18/2014 and 12/19/2014

835 879 753 479 747

Section 504 Committee

The Board of Education accepts the following recommendation of the Section 504 Committee dated 12/18/2014:

747

END OF CONSENT

8 Yes Motions Carried

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

Personnel

BY CONSENT

1 – Mr. Grab

2 – Ms. McCarthy

**Custodian
Leave of Absence
William Mutch**

The Board of Education approves, in accordance with Article 12.5 of the current CSEA contract, a leave of absence for William Mutch from his position as Custodian with the Brunswick Central School District from September 18, 2014 through March 12, 2015. Any extensions to this leave of absence will require additional medical documentation on or before the expiration of said leave.

Substitutes

The Board of Education approves the appointment of the following individual(s) as Substitute(s) in the area(s) indicated with the Brunswick Central School District, contingent upon Part 87 of the Commissioner of Education Regulations on fingerprint clearance requirements, effective January 9, 2015 (unless otherwise noted).

Name	Position
Barbara Estabrooks	School Monitor & Office Aide @ \$9 per hour

**Accompanist
Annual Appointment
Kathryn Siegenthaler**

The Board of Education approves the appointment of Kathryn Siegenthaler to the position of Middle School Accompanist for the 2015 spring MS Musical. Remuneration shall be per the current BTA contract.

END OF CONSENT

8 Yes Motions Carried

**School Bus Driver
Retirement**

1 – Ms. Wertz 2 – Mr. Grab

Christine Daigneault The Board of Education accepts with regret and sincere appreciation for 21 years of dedicated service to the Brunswick Central School District, the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, of Christine Daigneault from her position as School Bus Driver effective December 30, 2014.

8 Yes Motion Carried

**Fund Surplus Resolution
 Agreement & Release**

1 – Mr. Grab 2 – Ms. McCarthy

WHEREAS, Questar III is being required to refund to component districts certain monies paid by component districts into a Questar III “Other Post Employment Benefit Fund”; and

WHEREAS, Questar III has determined that the Brunswick Central School District is entitled to be refunded a total amount of \$276,636.41; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined it is fiscally prudent to receive such refund spread out over a five year period (2016-2021);

NOW WHEREFOR, be it resolved, as follows:

1. To accept such repayment in the total amount of \$276,636.41 spread out over a five year period (2016-2021); and
2. To accept the terms for such repayment set forth in the “Fund Surplus Resolution Agreement and Release” as submitted to the District by Questar III; and
3. To authorize the Board President to execute, on behalf of the District, the “Fund Surplus Resolution Agreement and Release”

8 Yes Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT Eric Olson thanked the board for their vote opposing mandatory field testing.

**EXECUTIVE
 SESSION**

1 – Mr. Fortun 2 – Mr. Galipeau

The Board of Education entered into Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. in accordance with the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 5111, Article 7 and Subdivision E&F of the Laws of 1977 and Formal Opinion of Council No.239, Paragraph B to discuss the following checked item(s):

	Proposed, pending or current litigation;
X	Collective negotiations under the Taylor Law;
	The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation;
X	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
	Other

8 Yes Motion Carried

MOTION TO 1 – Mr. Fortun 2 – Mr. Galipeau
ADJOURN The Board of Education adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

8 Yes Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

ANGELINA MALONEY, SUPERINTENDENT Angelina Maloney

LYN DERWAY, DISTRICT CLERK Lyn Derway

MARIA LEWIS, BOARD SECRETARY Maria E. Lewis