

APPROVED

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

ORIGINAL

MEETING

Date: January 9, 2014
Place: Brittonkill Meeting Room
Presiding: Matthew Wade, President

ASSEMBLAGE

Members Present: M. Fortun, A. Grab, J. Lindemann, M. McCarthy, J. Roddy, L. Wertz, M. Wade and J. Wienman

Members Absent: R. Fitzgerald

Also Present: Angelina Bergin, Superintendent, Lyn Derway, Assistant Superintendent of Business/District Clerk and Maria Lewis, Board Secretary

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 TO
THE BOARD**

School Media Specialists, Michelle Furlong and Janice Toomajian, provided the board with an overview of their media program including a PowerPoint titled "The Book and Beyond".

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

1 – Ms. Wienman 2 – Mr. Fortun

The Board of Education hereby approves the following Minutes:

- December 12, 2013 Regular Meeting

**8 Yes
Motion Carried**

SUPERINTENDENT

- Ms. Bergin thanked the Science Review Team and the Media Specialists for their presentations that evening. She also thanked the O&M Department for their hard work over the Christmas break.
- Karen Lederman and Rich Pogue updated the board on activities in their respective buildings. Mr. Pogue also provided revised Cohort data.
- Ms. Bergin reminded the board that Dr. James Baldwin will be at the next board meeting on January 23, 2014.
- Ms. Bergin informed the board that she will have a newsletter featuring current top stories posted in gathering places within the district in order to reach as many residents as possible especially those without access to the internet.
- Ms. Derway provided the board with a revised three-year budget projection and an overview of 2013-14 reserve allocations.
- Ms. Bergin congratulated Mr. Wade on being elected as NYSSBA's Area 7 Director.

BOARD DISCUSSION/REPORTS

- Mr. Wade asked the board for their input on several ideas he had garnered from attending other district's school board meetings. He said he would like to add a section at the beginning of the agenda titled "Board Reports/Accolades" which would allow for board members to give an update on their recent activities. He also would like to add a "Board Comment" section at the end of the agenda to allow the board to respond to any comments raised in Public Comment. The board agreed with both suggestions. He then suggested videotaping the meetings. He felt that it would provide transparency as well as offer real world experience for the media classes. Ms. Bergin said she would talk to Mr. Spitzer about this. Mr. Wade then suggested that there be a student representative on the board. The rest of the board liked the idea and Mr. Wade said he would talk with the school attorney regarding the legal requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Taylor Sweet, a current senior and Rosemary Matala, an alumni, both spoke in support of the AP Environmental Science elective.
- Crystal Horton, a student, spoke in support of Tech Valley High School.
- Gerry Ramundo, a student, asked the board to consider adding the TV Journalism class back into the course offering.
- Kate Bartow thanked Dr. Bergin and Mr. Wade for representing the district so well.

POLICY

Discussion of Policy

Review Process

A question was raised at the December 12, 2013 board meeting regarding which policies require annual approval. The Board of Education is required to review the policies listed below on an annual basis. They are included on the organizational agenda in July.

- Parental Involvement (#1900)
- Investments (#6240)
- Purchasing (#6700)
- Code of Conduct (#5300)

The Board also needs to review building-level student attendance data as required under Commissioner's Regulations section 104.1. If the data shows a decline in attendance rates, the Board shall review its policy on Attendance (#5100).

Second Reading and

Adoption of Policy

1 – Ms. Wertz 2 – Ms. Wienman

The Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the following policies:

- #5153 - Student Assignment to Schools and Classes
- #9420.1 - Building Principal and Classroom Teacher Evaluation

8 Yes

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Student Placement Recommendations

**Section 504
 Committee**

1 – Mr. Fortun 2 – Mr. Roddy
 The Board of Education accepts the following recommendations of the Section 504 Committee dated 09/18/2013, 12/04/2013, 12/05/2013 and 12/06/2013:

3013 797 002000021 431
8 Yes Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

Personnel

BY CONSENT
1 – Mr. Fortun 2- Ms. Wienman

**Appointment of
 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 10, 2014 (unless otherwise noted).

Name	Position
Cassandra Scott	School Monitor @ \$8 per hour
Maria Mastrandrea	Certified Substitute Teacher @ \$85 per day
Howard Chandler	Custodian @ \$10.50 per hour (effective December 19, 2013)

**Extra & Co-Curricular
 Appointments**

The Board of Education approves the following Extra and Co-Curricular appointments for the 2013-14 school year at a salary per the current BTA contract (unless otherwise noted):

Club	Advisor
MS Music Club	Kevin Barcomb, MS Jazz Ensemble Advisor
	Ann Kolakowski, MS Select Choir Co-Advisor
	Matthew Duclos, MS Select Choir Co-Advisor

END OF CONSENT
8 Yes Motions Carried

Business/Finance

BY CONSENT

1 – Ms. Lindemann 2 – Mr. Grab

Donations The Board of Education accepts, with appreciation, the following donations:

- Eight (8) Planar 19" LCD Monitors from Lawrence Tully (CT Male Associates)
- \$2000 from the PTSA for the following Arts in Education grants:
 - \$1000 for Red Grammar (Music & Character Education)
 - \$500 for the Mop & Bucket Company (Acting & Character Education)
 - \$500 for Textile Arts/Science
- \$500 from Alexis Murphy for the Alex G. Murphy, Jr. Memorial Fund

**Disposal of Obsolete
 Textbooks & Miscellaneous
 Items**

The Board of Education approves the disposal of the following obsolete textbooks and corresponding materials:

Title	Publisher	Quantity
Scholastic Literacy Place & Scholastic Phonics Materials	Scholastic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 516 textbooks • 353 workbooks • 101 manuals • 13 kits • 15 VHS tapes • 20 audio-cassette tapes • 8 audio-cassette boxes
Introducing Elementary ELA	Jarrett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 textbooks
Hooked on Phonics	Gateway Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 program boxes
Developing Writer's Assessment Grade 4	Celebration Press	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 boxes
Mastering Grade 4 NYS ELA Test	Jarrett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 copies
Spellography	Sopris West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 workbooks • 2 teacher manuals

END OF CONSENT

8 Yes Motions Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT None

**MOTION TO
ADJOURN**

1 – Mr. Roddy 2 – Mr. Grab
The Board of Education adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

8 Yes
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

ANGELINA BERGIN, SUPERINTENDENT *Angelina Bergin*
LYN DERWAY, DISTRICT CLERK *Lyn Derway*
MARIA LEWIS, BOARD SECRETARY *Maria E. Lewis*