

ORIGINAL

Brunswick Central Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

MEETING

Date: March 22, 2012
Place: Brittonkill Meeting Room
Presiding: Matthew Wade, President

ASSEMBLAGE

Members Present: K. Christiansen, P. Daley, C. Fox, A. Grab, J. Lindemann, R. Matthews, M. Wade and K. Zagursky

Members Absent: C. Gilbert

Also Present: Louis McIntosh, 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 PM and began the meeting with a salute to the flag.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

1 - Mr. Matthews 2 - Mr. Christiansen
The Board of Education hereby approves the following Minutes, with changes from Mrs. Zagursky and Mr. Grab:

- March 8, 2012 Meeting

8 Yes Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT Mr. McIntosh and Ms. Derway provided the board with a budget progress update which included the following:

- Budget overview
- Review revenues and expenditures
- Budget review including positions being eliminated or not filled due to attrition
- Mrs. Zagursky asked that the superintendent meet with the Booster Club to see if they would be able to cover some of the costs of the athletic program so that positions could be saved. He agreed.
- Mr. Wade asked the superintendent for clarification on funding for Career Tech Education (CTE) classes. Mr. McIntosh explained that if CTE classes are offered by the district's BOCES, then they become part of the curriculum and therefore the district must accommodate all who apply and qualify. Enrollment can not be arbitrarily capped.

PUBLIC COMMENT The following people addressed the board on the subject noted:

- Eric Olson - using the district's unappropriated fund balance as a "rainy day fund" to keep positions
- Danielle Stackrow (student) - district should look at the teachers and how they teach, not how long they have been there.
- Wendy Tarricone - encouraged the board to take another look at sports in order to balance out where the cuts are made. She also mentioned co-curricular offerings.

- Mike Fortun (Pittstown) - he would like the community to direct increased anger towards the state. He's really mad and will work at getting others mad. He also stated that he feels the board is being overly cautious with a 2.5% tax levy.
- Bob Fitzgerald - only "doom & gloom" is being presented, not hearing any positive things that could be done. He encouraged the board to "think outside the box". He also stated that his son would be devastated if sports were cut but long-term he would get a good education if we kept the teachers.
- Brenda Robichaud (Booster Club) - She thought the turnout for this meeting was "pathetic" and that she would try to find positive ways to generate funds and get people involved.
- Judy Weinman - wants a budget where all positions are restored and everything else is cut. Mr. Wade told her that would not be mathematically possible.
- Marge Mikitarian (Plumadore Drive) - how are the survey results being used to determine which areas are being cut?
- Bob Fitzgerald asked for a more detailed budget. He asked for a breakdown of cost for various items. Mrs. Derway explained that most items are purchased on state contract and are therefore at the lowest price possible. Mr. Wade said that administration has a strong handle on managing the budget.
- Gretchen Morton stated that her daughter had to pay for cutlery and napkins at lunch. She had not been made aware of this. Mrs. Derway said that it had been in place for a while. The cafeteria program is self-supporting and can not give away items.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Mrs. Zagursky stated that she attended a Curriculum & Assessment Council meeting earlier in the day in place of Mr. Gilbert who is out of town. She was very impressed with the group calling it a "vibrant center of learning and education"

POLICY

Revision to Current Policies

1 - Mrs. Fox 2 - Mr. Mathews

The Board of Education approves, upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, approves revisions to the following policies:

- #0100 Equal Opportunity & Nondiscrimination (inc. new regs)
- #0110 Sexual Harassment (inc. regs)
- #0115 Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention (inc. regs & new exhibit)
- #5100 Attendance
- #5300 Code of Conduct (the following sections only)
 - 5300.10 Definitions
 - 5300.15 Student Rights & Responsibilities
 - 5300.20 Essential Partners
 - 5300.30 Prohibited Student Conduct
 - 5300.70 Public Conduct on School Property
 - 5300.75 Dissemination & Review

8 Yes Motion Carried

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Student Placements

**Special Education
Recommendations**

1 - Mrs. Fox 2 - Mrs. Zagursky

The Board of Education accepts the following recommendations of the Committee and Sub-Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education dated 03/02/2012, 02/08/2012, 02/10/2012, 03/05/2012 and 03/12/2012:

764	747	158	729	752	766	767	765	479	756	528
442	645	150	361	643						

8 Yes Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Personnel

**Childcare Worker
Resignation
Kathleen Deuel**

1 - Mrs. Fox 2 - Mrs. Zagursky

The Board of Education accepts the resignation of Kathleen Deuel from her position as Childcare Worker with the Brunswick Central School District effective March 19, 2012.

8 Yes Motion Carried

**Coaching Appointments
Spring Sports**

1 - Mr. Grab 2 - Mr. Christiansen

The Board of Education approves, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of the following individuals as Coach with the Brunswick Central School District, contingent upon Part 87 of the Commissioner of Education Regulations on fingerprinting clearance requirements. (Volunteers will be subject to a criminal background check.) Salary, if a paid position, per the current BTA contract.

Name	Position
Salvatore Montanino	Varsity Baseball Volunteer Assistant
Jayne Bates	Modified Track Coach

8 Yes Motion Carried

Business/Finance

Financial Reports

1 - Mrs. Zagursky 2 - Mrs. Fox

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts and approves the following financial report(s):

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

8 Yes Motion Carried

**Efficiency Grant
Program Participation**

1 - Mr. Christiansen 2 - Mrs. Fox

WHEREAS, the Brunswick Central School District has agreed to participate in the Rensselaer City School District Local Government Efficiency Grant Application (the "Rensselaer LGEG") for purposes of studying opportunities to reduce school district spending by expanding and sharing school Internal Control Audit Services; and

WHEREAS, the Rensselaer LGEG has applied for funding to carry out this Audit initiative through the NYS Department of State Local Government Efficiency Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Department of State requires the board of education to approve and state the district's interest and willingness to participate in the Efficiency Grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Brunswick Central School District acknowledges that the total amount of the funding request shall not exceed \$280,000 for a project period of up to three (3) years and the Brunswick Central School District acknowledges the commitment of a 10% local share.

WHEREAS, the Rensselaer LGEG's participating districts will seek such approval of their respective boards of education;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Brunswick Central School District states its interest and willingness to participate in the Efficiency Grant program and directs that such reports and information be submitted to NYS Department of State as necessary to participate in the Efficiency Grant program and enhance the efforts of the Rensselaer LGEG application.

8 Yes Motion Carried

Cooperation Agreement Amendment

NYCLASS 1 -Mr. Christiansen 2 - Mrs. Fox

Whereas, the Brunswick Central School District, is currently a participant of the NYCLASS program;

Whereas, the Brunswick Central School District, has been notified of an amendment to the Cooperation Agreement governing NYCLASS which reflects that the Village of Potsdam will become the new Lead Participant and provides for changes to the Investment Advisor from time to time as determined by the Governing Board of NYCLASS;

Whereas, the Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve an Amendment to the Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System Municipal Cooperation Agreement, in which certain terms are modified to reflect the change in the Lead Participant and Investment Advisor for the program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Brunswick Central School District does hereby authorize the Superintendent to execute the amendment.

8 Yes Motion Carried

Donations

1 -Mr. Christiansen 2 - Mrs. Zagursky

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

- \$414.10 from Box Tops for Education for Tamarac Middle School
- Six (6) Christie Digital Projectors (Model #LX45) with two spare bulbs from Ken Rolston

8 Yes Motion Carried

Obsolete Equipment

Disposal of 1 -Mrs. Zagursky 2 - Mr. Matthews

The Board of Education approves the sale/disposal of the following obsolete item:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Model #</u>
Overhead projector	Buhl	521001D040104278

8 Yes Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT Eric Olson thought the meeting turnout was "pathetic" as well and suggested using the auditorium as a means of getting a larger crowd at board meetings.

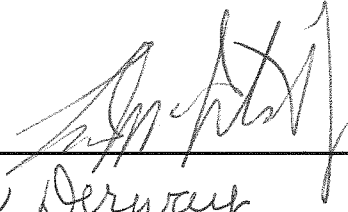
**MOTION TO
ADJOURN**

1 – Mrs. Fox 2 – Mr. Matthews
The Board of Education adjourned at 9:07 PM.

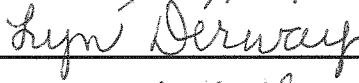
8 Yes Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS C. MCINTOSH, SUPERINTENDENT



LYN DERWAY, DISTRICT CLERK



MARIA LEWIS, BOARD SECRETARY

