

APPROVED

Brunswick Central Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes

MEETING

Date: April 11, 2013
Place: Brittonkill Meeting Room
Presiding: Matthew Wade, President

ORIGINAL

ASSEMBLAGE

Members Present: K. Christiansen, R. Fitzgerald, M. Fortun, C. Gilbert, A. Grab, J. Lindemann, J. Roddy, M. Wade 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

President Wade called the public meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and began the meeting with a salute to the flag.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

1 – Mr. Grab 2 – Ms. Lindemann
The Board of Education entered into Executive Session at 6:04 p.m. 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 history of a particular person;
X	Matters leading to the appointment of a particular person (Superintendent Search);
	The proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property;
	Other [specify]

9 Yes Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

1 – Mr. Roddy 2 – Ms. Lindemann
The Board of Education exited Executive Session at 6:59 p.m. and returned to Public Session.

9 Yes Motion Carried

BOARD PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Pogue introduced Lauren O'Brien; the 2013 recipient of the YMCAs annual Outstanding Student Award. This program recognizes those High School Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors who exhibit qualities of leadership, citizenship and volunteerism in the community. ONE student wins the overall award for Rensselaer County. Miss O'Brien was presented with a *Brittonkill's Best* certificate in recognition of this achievement. Seniors Sean Griffin and James Mariano and sophomore Michaela O'Keefe were also honored with Outstanding Student Awards by the Capital District YMCA.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

1 - Mr. Christiansen 2 - Ms. Lindemann

The Board of Education hereby approves the following Minutes:

- March 21, 2013 Regular Meeting
- March 27, 2013 Special Meeting
- April 1, 2013 Special Meeting

9 Yes Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT

- Mr. McIntosh informed the board that the current 9th grade Honors Seminar students will be available in the secondary library for an hour before the April 23, 2013 board meeting to showcase the results of their research project. Each student will display their paper and an original work of art and be available to discuss their project and the class with any interested Board members, community members, etc. Tim Jacques, Aimee Bishop and Michelle Furlong will be there as well.
- Ms. Derway and Mr. McIntosh led a presentation and discussion on the 2013 - 2014 proposed budget including a review of state aid estimates and revenue estimates.

BOARD DISCUSSION

- Mr. McIntosh, Mr. Roddy and Mr. Fitzgerald attended the Questar III Annual Meeting on April 10th. They praised the culinary students that prepared the food and Mrs. Kolakowski and the Choralaires that provided the entertainment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. and Mrs. Venditti and their son Eddie expressed their support for Ms. Gosh, Eddie's teacher. They asked the board to reconsider their decision to cut a Special Education position because she is such an asset to the district.
- Robert Gibson expressed his support for whatever the board decides to go with for a tax levy but worries that a tax levy close to a 5% increase is too high for many district residents.
- Deb Holbrook and Karen Bulson asked the board to reinstate Mrs. Bulson's position as Health Office Aide.
- Mrs. Kolakowski told the board how she felt the music program suffered because of the cut last year. She also asked the board to reinstate money in the budget for two extra-curricular positions for next year's musical.
- Margaret Stein, Chris Siegenthaler and Kathy Wright expressed their support for the music program.
- Kate Bartow told the board that one Odyssey of the Mind team is advancing to the World finals and that a large measure of their success could be credited to the music program. She also asked the board to keep in mind distance learning when planning the next budget.

PROGRAM

**Textbook Approval
Literature**

1 - Mr. Christiansen 2 - Mr. Gilbert

The Board of Education approves, upon the recommendation of the Curriculum & Assessment Council, the textbook collection "Prentice-Hall Literature, Common Core Standard" edition for use by grades 6 through 10 beginning with the 2013-2014 school year.

9 Yes Motion Carried

ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

Election Machine Administrators Annual Budget Vote & Board Election May 21, 2013

1 - Mr. Roddy 2 - Ms. Wienman

The Board of Education approves the appointment of Kevin O'Malley and Joseph Mele to serve as Election Machine Administrators for the Board of Education's Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote scheduled for May 21, 2013. Remuneration shall be at the rate of \$150 each for all services provided relative to the election process.

9 Yes Motion Carried

Election Personnel Annual Budget Vote & Board Election May 21, 2013

1 -Mr. Christiansen 2 - Ms. Wienman

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Brunswick Central School District (Brittonkill), Rensselaer County, New York, has called an annual school district election of the qualified voters of said School District to be held on the 21st day of May, 2013; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the appointment of a permanent chairman and inspectors of election for said annual school district election; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Brunswick Central School District (Brittonkill), Rensselaer County, New York, as follows: Mary DeGiacco, a duly qualified voter of said School District is hereby appointed as the permanent chairperson of the annual school district election referred to in the preambles hereof.

The following named qualified voters of said School District are hereby appointed to act as inspectors of election at said annual school district election, so that there shall be at least two inspectors for each voting machine to be used thereat:

Sandra Chuhta, Angie Conway, Kristi Duncan, Sheila Folmsbee, Rose Kaschak, Timothy Lavine, Rosemary Matala, Marsha McGrath, Lynn Merrills, Frank Pryor and Velma Wilson.

Alternates: Barbara Bender, Helen Godfrey, Madeline Labarron, and Nicole Matthews

Mary DeGiacco is hereby designated as chief election inspector.

Each inspector of election appointed for said annual school district election, as herein provided, shall be entitled to compensation at an hourly rate of \$9.05 for time spent on the duties of his/her office. The Clerk of said School District is hereby authorized and directed to give written notice of appointment to the persons herein respectively appointed as permanent chairman, inspectors of election and assistant clerks for said annual school district election.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

9 Yes Motion Carried

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Student Placements

Committee on

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

The Board of Education accepts the following recommendation(s) of the Committee on Special Education dated 03/13/2013:

812

9 Yes Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Personnel

Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Angelina Bergin

1 - Mr. Christiansen 2 - Ms. Wienman

Pursuant to Education Law, Section 1711, the Board of Education appoints Dr. Angelina Bergin as Superintendent of Schools for a period of three (3) years effective July 1, 2013, contingent upon the successful negotiation and agreement as to the specific terms and conditions of her employment and further,

The Board of Education authorizes Board President Matthew Wade, to sign the agreed upon written contract fully specifying the terms and conditions of the Superintendent's employment by the District.

9 Yes Motion Carried

School Monitor & School Bus Attendant

Retirement

Patricia Bonesteel 1 - Mr. Fortun 2 - Ms. Wienman

The Board of Education accepts, with appreciation for 10 years of dedicated service to the Brunswick Central School District, the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, of Patricia Bonesteel from her positions as School Monitor and School Bus Attendant effective June 30, 2013.

9 Yes Motion Carried

Business/Finance

TABLED

2013-2014 Proposed Budget

1 - Mr. Christiansen 2 - Mr. Gilbert

The Board of Education tabled the resolution approving the proposed school district budget in the amount of \$21,029,018 for the 2013-14 school year, for presentation to the residents of the Brunswick Central School District at the Budget Hearing on May 9, 2013, and for vote of the qualified residents of said district on May 21, 2013.

9 Yes Motion Tabled

The board and administration engaged in discussion regarding the possibility of adding back several positions. This motion was tabled and the board went on to other business while Ms. Derway calculated the cost.

2013-2014 Property Tax Report Card

1 - Mr. Christiansen 2 - Ms. Wienman

The Board of Education approves the amended 2013-2014 Property Tax Report Card as follows:

	Budgeted 2012-13 (A)	Proposed Budget 2013-14 (B)	Percent Change (C)
Total Proposed Spending	20,432,126	21,174,018	3.63%
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, including Tax Levy to Support Library Debt ¹	11,069,540	11,616,766	4.94%
Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	0	177,132	
Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Not including Levy for Permissible Exclusions or Levy to Support Library Debt	11,069,540	11,439,634	
School Tax Levy Limit, Not Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions ²	11,184,132	11,482,301	
Difference (positive value requires 60.0% voter approval)	-114,592	-42,667	
Public School Enrollment	1,291	1,227	-4.96%
Consumer Price Index			2.1%

1. All proposed levies should exclude any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.
2. For 2013-14, includes any carryover from 2012-13 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2012-13 (D)	Estimated 2013-14 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	1,933,378	1,935,000
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	550,000	550,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	817,091	700,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	4.00%	3.31%

9 Yes Motion Carried

2013-2014 Proposed Budget Approval

1 - Mr. Roddy 2 - Mr. Christiansen

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9 Yes Motion Tabled

Mr. McIntosh outlined for the board and audience the final items added in and eliminated from the 2013-2014 budget. They are as follows:

Items Added In

- 1 - Music Teacher position
- 1 - Art Teacher position
- 1 - Special Education Teacher position
- 1 - Teaching Assistant position (ES computer lab)
- \$50,000 for computer lab (ES)
- \$32,000 for Health Office Aide
- \$3,000 in stipends for HS Musical

Positions Eliminated

- 1 - Custodial Worker
- 1 - Teaching Assistant
- 1 - Elementary Teacher
- .5 Clerical position

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Venditti thanked the board for reinstating the Special Education position.
- Kathy Wright thanked the board for allowing her to participate in the Superintendent Search process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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9 Yes Motion Carried

MOTION TO ADJOURN

1 – Mr. Grab 2 – Mr. Gilbert
The Board of Education adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

9 Yes Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS MCINTOSH, SUPERINTENDENT

LYN DERWAY, DISTRICT CLERK

MARIA LEWIS, BOARD SECRETARY