

APPROVED

**Brunswick Central School District
Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes**

ORIGINAL

MEETING

Date: April 22, 2014
Place: Brittonkill Meeting Room
Presiding: Matthew Wade, President

ASSEMBLAGE

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

Members Absent: J. Lindemann and J. Wienman

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

The Tamarac High School Student Senate has organized a room, named Midnight Mirrors, for students in need to borrow formalwear for school events such as prom, eighth grade dinner dance and homecoming. Board members were invited to visit this room before tonight's meeting.

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.

PRESENTATION

Dr. James Baldwin, District Superintendent of Questar III BOCES and Mr. Andy DeFeo, Assistant Superintendent, presented their annual update to the board. Dr. Baldwin discussed their most recent strategic plan and Questar's handling of the Regents Reform Agenda. Mr. DeFeo gave an overview of the instructional programs Brittonkill students are participating in.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

1 – Mr. Roddy 2 – Mr. Fortun

The Board of Education hereby approves the following Minutes:

- April 10, 2014 Regular Meeting (with a minor change on the last page)

7 Yes

Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT

- The Superintendent updated the board on the following items:
 - Student suggestions for improvements to the buildings
 - Technology Committee Chrome book pilot program
 - Composting
 - Special Education Audit
 - Success of the Pre-K program
 - Questar's suggestion that the district increase their commitment for a Communication's Specialist to 3 days per week from 2.5. The board decided to table the discussion until a later date.
 - She will be attending a Joint Senate Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Addiction Community Forum on April 23rd. Mr. Fitzgerald suggested holding such a meeting at the school because he feels that parents need to be made more aware of this problem.
 - She had reached out to Mike Russo from Global Foundries in reference to partnering with them in STEM projects.
 - She met today with other Superintendents to update the bylaws of the Waseran League.
- Karen Lederman and Rich Pogue updated the board on activities in their buildings.

BOARD DISCUSSION/REPORTS

- Mr. Wade passed out a handout from the Student Senate with their recommendations for choosing a student representative for the board. He asked that the Policy Committee formulate a policy and have it on the May 8th agenda for first reading.
- Mr. Fitzgerald requested that media coverage be increased for important events in the district.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

RENSELAER-COLUMBIA-GREENE BOCES

**Election of
Members**

1 – Mr. Fortun 2 – Ms. McCarthy

The Board of Education casts its vote for the election of four of the following four individuals to a term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties commencing July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017:

- Mr. John Hill (Hoosic Valley Central School District)
- Mrs. Marilyn Noonan (Catskill Central School District)
- Mr. James Keegan (Hudson City School District)
- Mr. Joseph Garland (Coxsackie-Athens Central School District)

7 Yes

Motion Carried

2014 – 2015 Administrative

Budget

1 – Ms. Wertz 2 – Mr. Roddy

The Board of Education authorizes the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Rensselaer, Columbia and Greene Counties to expend the sum set forth in the 2014-2015 tentative Administrative budget document in the amount of \$5,570,122.

7 Yes

Motion Carried

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Student Placement Recommendations

Committee on Special Education

1 – Mr. Fortun 2 – Ms. McCarthy

The Board of Education accepts the following recommendations of the Committee on Special Education dated 11/29/2013, 01/24/2014, 02/18/2014, 03/19/2014, 03/25/2014, 03/27/2014, 04/02/2014, 04/03/2014 and 04/09/2014:

721	688	738	729	567	817	812	690	728	3018	346
800	054	550	812	3002						

7 Yes

Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Personnel

Child Care Worker

Probationary Appointment

Roberta Jones **1 – Ms. Wertz** **2 – Ms. McCarthy**

The Board of Education approves the probationary appointment of Roberta Jones to the position as Child Care Worker with the Brunswick Central School District effective April 22, 2014. Ms. Jones' probationary period shall extend from April 22, 2014 to December 22, 2014. The salary for this appointment is per the current CSEA contract.

7 Yes

Motion Carried

Coaching Appointment

1 – Mr. Grab **2 – Mr. Fortun**

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the appointment of the following individuals as Coach with the Brunswick Central School District, contingent upon Part 87 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.

Softball

Modified Volunteer Assistant – Patrick Ryan

7 Yes

Motion Carried

Business/Finance

Donations

1 – Mr. Fortun **2 – Mr. Grab**

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

- Imperatives, Inc. is donating the following items:
 - SureVue 3A media player (value \$300)
 - NEC LCD 4215 - 42" Monitor (value \$300)
 - Peerless ST640 mounting kit for monitor (value \$65)

7 Yes

Motion Carried

Management/Confidential

Annual Increase **1 – Mr. Fortun** **2 – Mr. Roddy**

The Board of Education approves a 3.0 % salary increase for the following Management/Confidential positions for the period covering July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

- Assistant Superintendent of Business
- Network Systems Manager
- School Lunch Manager
- Treasurer

- Supervisor of Transportation
- Secretary to the Superintendent
- Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent of Business
- Payroll Clerk
- Network Systems Technician

7 Yes
Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1 – Mr. Fortun 2 – Mr. Grab

The Board of Education entered into Executive Session at 8:24 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):

	Current litigation;
	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;
X	The proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property;
X	Superintendent's evaluation

7 Yes
Motion Carried

MOTION TO ADJOURN

1 – Ms. Wertz 2 – Mr. Grab

The Board of Education adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

7 Yes
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

ANGELINA BERGIN, SUPERINTENDENT *Angelina Bergin*

LYN DERWAY, DISTRICT CLERK *Lyn Derway*

MARIA LEWIS, BOARD SECRETARY *Maria E Lewis*