

ORIGINAL

Brunswick Central Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

MEETING

Date: April 24, 2012
Place: Brittonkill Meeting Room
Presiding: Matthew Wade, President

ASSEMBLAGE

Members Present: K. Christiansen (arrived at 6:42 PM), P. Daley, C. Fox, C. Gilbert, A. Grab, J. Lindemann (arrived at 6:06 PM), M. Wade and K. Zagursky (left at 6:45 PM)

Members Absent: R. Matthews

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 6:00 PM and began the meeting with a salute to the flag.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

1 – Mrs. Fox 2 – Mrs. Zagursky
The Board of Education entered into Executive Session at 6:01 PM 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;
	Collective negotiations under the Taylor Law
	The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation;
	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;
X	Other [specify] CSEA Grievances

6 Yes Motion Carried

Mrs. Lindemann arrived at 6:06 PM.
Mr. Christiansen arrived at 6:42 PM.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

1 – Mrs. Lindemann 2 – Mr. Gilbert
The Board of Education exited Executive Session into Public Session at 6:44 PM.

8 Yes Motion Carried

Mrs. Zagursky left at 6:45 PM.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

1 - Mr. Gilbert 2 - Mrs. Lindemann

The Board of Education hereby approves the following Minutes:

- April 5, 2012 Meeting
- April 9, 2012 Special Meeting

7 Yes Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. McIntosh informed the board that on May 17th, the current 9th grade Honors Seminar students will be available in the secondary library for an hour before the BOE 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.

At the beginning of the regular meeting, several students will present to the Board on their research topics and their experience in the Honors seminar.

PUBLIC COMMENT Mrs. Lederman introduced the following teachers up for tenure; Matthew Cipperly, Rachel Hoffman and Angelica Roddy.

**BOARD
DISCUSSION**

Mr. Wade shared an invitation to Senior Awards Night scheduled for June 6, 2012 at 6 PM.

Mr. McIntosh updated the board on the following issues/questions that were raised at the previous meeting:

- The cost of salt - Mrs. Derway was pleased to announce that the district does not pay for salt, it is provided for free from NYS.
- The Art teacher whose position is being cut to half time will receive tenure as scheduled effective September 1, 2012.
- The Music teacher whose position is being cut to half time will also work half time for Hoosic Valley School
- Mr. McIntosh recommended forming a committee in the fall, including one board member, to investigate ways costs can be lowered for the athletic program. Mr. Wade requested that he prepare a mission statement for the committee so that an appointment can be made at the meeting in July.

SPECIAL ACTIONS

2012-2013 School Calendar

Approval

1 - Mrs. Fox 2 - Mr. Christiansen

The Board of Education approves, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2012- 2013 school calendar as presented.

7 Yes Motion Carried

Mr. Wade requested that Jewish holidays be added to the district calendar.

**RENSSELAER-COLUMBIA-GREENE
BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATION**

BY CONSENT

1 - Mrs. Lindemann 2 - Mrs. Fox

**Election of Board
Members**

The Board of Education casts its vote for the election of the following candidates to a term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties commencing July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015.

- Mr. Christopher Foster (from Averill Park Central School District)
- Mr. Paul Puccio (from Schodack Central School District)
- Mrs. Edna Knabbe (from Chatham Central School District)

**2012-2013 Administrative
Budget**

The Board of Education approves the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Board of Cooperative Educational Services 2012-2013 Tentative Administrative Budget in the amount of \$4,202,000.

END OF CONSENT

7 Yes Motions Carried

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Student Placements

BY CONSENT

1 - Mrs. Fox 2 - Mrs. Lindemann

Section 504

Recommendations The Board of Education accepts the following recommendations of the Section 504 Committee dated 04/05/2012:

3015 573

Special Education

Recommendations The Board of Education accepts the following recommendations of the Committee and Sub-Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education dated 04/16/2012, 03/28/2012, 03/29/2012, 04/02/2012 and 04/05/2012:

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END OF CONSENT

7 Yes Motions Carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Personnel

Special Education Teacher Tenure Recommendation

Angie Harris 1 - Mr. Christiansen 2 - Mrs. Fox
The Board of Education, in accordance with contractual and administrative procedures and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the appointment of Angie Harris to tenure in the area of Special Education effective September 1, 2012.

7 Yes Motion Carried

Special Education Teacher Tenure Recommendation

Rachel Hoffman 1 - Mrs. Fox 2 - Mrs. Lindemann
The Board of Education, in accordance with contractual and administrative procedures and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the appointment of Rachel Hoffman to tenure in the area of Special Education effective September 1, 2012.

7 Yes Motion Carried

Art Teacher Tenure Recommendation

Jillian Sheffer 1 - Mr. Grab 2 - Mr. Gilbert
The Board of Education, in accordance with contractual and administrative procedures and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the appointment of Jillian Sheffer to tenure in the area of Art effective September 1, 2012.

7 Yes Motion Carried

Elementary Teacher Tenure Recommendation

Angelica Roddy 1 - Mrs. Lindemann 2 - Mr. Grab
The Board of Education, in accordance with contractual and administrative procedures and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the appointment of Angelica Roddy to tenure in the area of Elementary Education effective September 1, 2012.

7 Yes Motion Carried

Foreign Language Teacher Tenure Recommendation

Brianna Rolston 1 - Mrs. Fox 2 - Mr. Gilbert
The Board of Education, in accordance with contractual and administrative procedures and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the appointment of Brianna Rolston to tenure in the area of Foreign Languages effective September 1, 2012.

7 Yes Motion Carried

**Elementary Teacher
Tenure Recommendation**

Matthew Cipperly 1 - Mr. Gilbert 2 - Mr. Christiansen

The Board of Education, in accordance with contractual and administrative procedures and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the appointment of Matthew Cipperly to tenure in the area of Elementary Education effective September 1, 2012.

7 Yes Motion Carried

BY CONSENT

1 - Mrs. Fox 2 - Mrs. Lindemann

**Abolition of Unclassified
Positions**

The Board hereby abolishes, for reasons of economy, the following unclassified positions effective June 30, 2012:

- One (1) full-time Science position in the Science tenure area
- One (1) full-time Math position in the Mathematics tenure area
- One (1) full-time Foreign Language position in the Foreign Language tenure area
- Two (2) full-time Elementary positions in the Elementary Education tenure area
- Five (5) full-time Teaching Assistant positions in the Teaching Assistant tenure area

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby directs the District Clerk to promptly notify the affected individuals of the abolition of the positions effective June 30, 2012, whereupon said individual shall be placed on the preferred eligible list for a period of seven (7) years, pursuant to Section 2510(3) of the Education Law.

**Abolition of Classified
Positions**

The Board hereby abolishes, for the reasons of economy, the following classified positions with the effective date shown:

- One (1) full-time Custodial Worker position effective June 30, 2012
- Two (2) full-time Aide positions effective June 30, 2012 (Library and Health Office)
- One (1) full-time Account Clerk/Typist position effective September 1, 2012 (Middle School Office)
- One (1) full-time Clerk position effective November 1, 2012 (Copy Room)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby directs the District Clerk to promptly notify the affected individuals of the abolition of the positions with the effective date shown, whereupon said individual shall be placed on the preferred eligible list for a period of four (4) years, pursuant to Civil Service Law §81.

**Abolition of Administrative
Positions**

The Board hereby abolishes, for reasons of economy, the following Administrative position effective June 30, 2012:

- Director of Curriculum & Assessment

Reduction of Positions

The Board hereby reduces, for reasons of economy; the following unclassified positions from a full-time position to the FTE indicated effective July 1, 2012:

- One (1) full-time School Counselor position in the School Counseling & Guidance tenure area to one (1) .6 FTE position
- One (1) full-time Music position in the Music tenure area to one (1) .5 FTE position
- One (1) full-time Art position in the Art tenure area to one (1) .5 FTE position

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby directs the District Clerk to promptly notify the affected individuals of the reduction of the positions effective July 1, 2012.

School Counselor Leave of Absence Marie Taglione

The Board of Education approves, pursuant to Section 11.11 (a) of the current BTA contract, a request from Marie Taglione for a leave of absence from her position as School Counselor for the 2012 -2013 and 2013 - 2014 school years. If Mrs. Taglione wishes to return for the 2013 - 2014 school she is expected to notify the Superintendent, in writing, by April 1, 2013.

END OF CONSENT

7 Yes Motions Carried

Business/Finance

BY CONSENT

1 - Mrs. Fox 2 - Mr. Christiansen

Financial Reports

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

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

Donations

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

- \$3,000 from the PTSA for the Honor Garden major grant request
- \$807.35 from the PTSA Book Fair for the Elementary Library

END OF CONSENT

7 Yes Motions Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Sarah Atkinson asked for clarification regarding sharing staff with other schools.
- Judy Wienman asked if anyone had thought about moving evening games to the weekend to save on the cost of electricity. Mr. Daley said that East Greenbush had done a study and the cost was approximately \$30 per night for the lights.
- Mike Hogan, Garfield Road, asked if the arrangement with Hoosic Valley (sharing the music teacher) was guaranteed.
- Gretchen Morton stated that she had been thinking back over changes in the budget and wondered if it was true that technology was being cut in the Middle School. Discussion ensued with Sarah Atkinson and Judy Wienman asking for additional clarification. Mr. Pogue, Joanne Fortunato and Mr. McIntosh provided details.
- Eric Olson said he found it hard to believe that there would be no formal computer instruction for grades K-10 and after that it is optional. He also stated that he felt the wording in the budget newsletter was too soft. He said we need to be more blunt; "eliminate" instead of "reduce".
- Mike Hogan asked if the district has tried to involve the local community (such as RPI, HVCC, etc) in donating time and expertise. Mr. Pogue said he is in the "talking phase" with Sage Colleges regarding their graduate students coming here.

**MOTION TO
ADJOURN**

1 – Mrs. Fox 2 – Mr. Christiansen
The Board of Education adjourned at 7:48 PM.

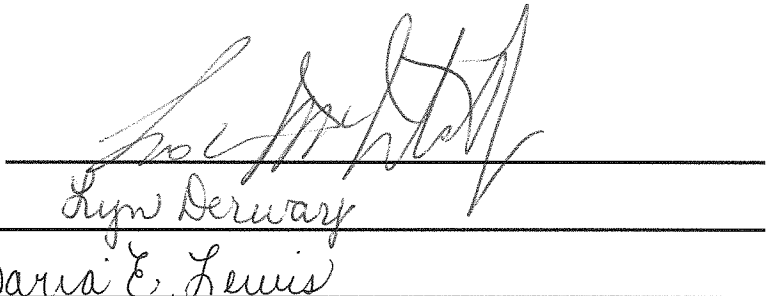
7 Yes Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS C. MCINTOSH, SUPERINTENDENT

LYN DERWAY, DISTRICT CLERK

MARIA LEWIS, BOARD SECRETARY



Handwritten signatures of Louis C. McIntosh, Lyn Derway, and Maria E. Lewis over horizontal lines.