

APPROVED

**Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, January 14, 2021
LGI Room & Via Google Meet**

ORIGINAL

Members Present: A. Casale (via Google Meet), T. Fanfa (via Google Meet), A. Grab (via Google Meet), D. Roadcap (via Google Meet), J. Roddy, K. Shufon (via Google Meet) and L. Wertz (via Google Meet)

Absent: D. Galipeau

Also in Attendance: Dr. Angelina Maloney, Stephanie Steinhart, Assistant Superintendent for Business/District Clerk (via Google Meet) and Maria Lewis, Board Secretary (via Google Meet)

The Audit Committee met with Claims Auditor, Michale Wolff, at 6:30 p.m. for his annual report. They also briefly reviewed the first draft of the 2021 - 2022 school budget.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

The Board President called the meeting to order with a salute to the flag at 7:00 p.m.

2. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Presentation: 2.1 Girl Scout Troop 1052 Project Presentation - Tammie Fanfa spoke on behalf of her daughter, Zellia, regarding her Silver Award project which involves building benches for the elementary courtyard.

Presentation: 2.3 Budget Presentation (first draft), Stephanie Steinhart

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: 3.1 December 10, 2020 Regular Meeting

1 - Ms. Wertz 2 - Mr. Shufon

The Board of Education hereby approves the following Minutes:

- December 10, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

7 Yes, Motion Carried

4. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

- Facebook presentation stressing the importance of following health guidelines so that school can remain open
- Covid-19 testing
- Uncertainty surrounding status of NYS testing and sports
- PTSA Souper Bowl fundraiser
- Thanks to the Booster Club for their donation of coats, boots, etc. for students in need
- Praise for the district's school nurses for their hard work during the pandemic

4.2 Update from Building Administrators

5. BOARD DISCUSSION/REPORTS

- Mr. Grab spoke briefly regarding the budget presentation
- Mr. Shufon asked for support for the PTSA Souper Bowl fundraiser

6. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

7. SPECIAL ACTIONS

Action: 7.1 BTA MOA - Contract Extension

1 - Ms. Wertz 2 - Mr. Grab

The Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) by and between the Brittonkill Central School District and the Brittonkill Teachers Association dated December 21, 2020 amending the 2020-2021 Collective Bargaining Agreement as noted in the MOA. The terms of this MOA shall amend the prior Collective Bargaining Agreement and shall be incorporated into a new agreement for the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

7 Yes, Motion Carried

Action: 7.2 Bond Resolution

1 - Ms. Wertz 2 - Ms. Fanfa

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JANUARY 14, 2021. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$12,230,000 BONDS AND THE EXPENDITURE OF \$822,400 CAPITAL RESERVE FUND MONIES OF THE BRUNSWICK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, RENSSELAER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO AND RECONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES, IN AND FOR SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the capital project hereinafter described has been determined to be a Type II Action pursuant to the provisions of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and the regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant thereto, which regulations pursuant to NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(1)(2) and (10) that Type II Actions will not result in any significant adverse effect on the environment; and WHEREAS, at a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of Brunswick Central School District, Rensselaer County, New York (the "School District"), held on December 8, 2020, a proposition was duly adopted authorizing the Board of Education of said School District to undertake the construction of improvements to and

reconstruction of various School District buildings and facilities, including site improvements, original furnishings, equipment, machinery, appurtenances, apparatus, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$13,052,400, such proposition providing for the expenditure of \$822,400 Capital Reserve Fund monies therefor and as to the remaining \$12,230,000, providing for the levy of a tax therefor to be collected in installments, with up to \$12,230,000 obligations of said School District to be issued in anticipation thereof; and WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the authorization of such purpose and for the financing thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Board of Education of Brunswick Central School District, Rensselaer County, New York, as follows: Section 1. The construction of improvements to and reconstruction of various School District buildings and facilities, including site improvements, original furnishings, equipment, machinery, appurtenances, apparatus, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$13,052,400, in and for the Brunswick Central School District, Rensselaer County, New York, is hereby authorized. Section 2. The plan for the financing of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes shall consist of: a) the issuance of \$12,230,000 bonds of said School District hereby authorized to be issued therefor, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law; and b) the expenditure of \$822,400 Capital Reserve Fund monies, hereby authorized to be expended therefor. Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is thirty (30) years, pursuant to subdivision 97 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, the class of objects or purposes being a "school construction project eligible for the apportionment of aid" as described therein. Section 4. The faith and credit of said Brunswick Central School District, Rensselaer County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable. Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said President of the Board of Education, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law. Section 6. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of such School District. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the President of the Board of Education shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law. Section 7. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if: 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with as of the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. Section 8. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.1502. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein. Section 9. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper(s) of said School District for such purpose, together with a notice of the School District Clerk substantially in the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

7 Yes, Motion Carried

Action: 7.3 Athletic Merger - Cross Country Team - Hoosick Falls CSD

1 - Ms. Wertz 2 - Mr. Shufon

The Board of Education approves an application request from the Superintendent of Schools to allow Brunswick Central School District/Tamarac High School to merge, under Section 2 Athletics, with Hoosick Falls Central School District /Hoosick Falls High School in order to form a Cross Country Team for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

7 Yes, Motion Carried

Action: 7.4 Athletic Merger - Football Team - Hoosick Falls CSD

1 - Ms. Fanfa 2 - Mr. Shufon

The Board of Education approves an application request from the Superintendent of Schools to allow Brunswick Central School District/Tamarac High School to merge, under Section 2 Athletics, with Hoosick Falls Central School District /Hoosick Falls High School in order to form a Football Team for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

7 Yes, Motion Carried

8. SPECIAL EDUCATION

Action: 8.1 Student Placement Recommendations - 504, Special Education and Preschool Special Education Committees

1 - Ms. Wertz 2 - Mr. Shufon

The Board of Education accepts the following recommendations of the 504, Special Education and Preschool Special Education Committees dated 12/01/2020, 12/02/2020, 12/04/2020, 12/09/2020, 12/11/2020, 12/14/2020, 12/21/2020, 12/22/2020 and 12/23/2020:

- 715
- 1126
- 1077
- 1124
- 1089
- 835

- 742
- 1170
- 780
- 930
- 1075
- 1080
- 1174
- 1141
- 1191

7 Yes, Motion Carried

9. POLICY

Information: 9.1 #8414.5-R Alcohol & Drug Testing of Drivers Regulations

#8414.5-R Alcohol & Drug Testing of Drivers Regulations has been revised to include the use CBD (page 3). This is for informational purposes only. Per the school attorney, regulations do not require approval by the Board of Education.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS - PERSONNEL

BY CONSENT

1 - Mr. Grab 2 - Mr. Casale

Action: 10.1 School Bus Driver - Retirement - Daniel Patton

The Board of Education accepts, with sincere appreciation for 29 years of service to the Brunswick Central School District, the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, of Daniel Patton, from his position as School Bus Driver with the Brunswick Central School District effective January 16, 2021.

Action: 10.2 Elementary Teacher - Retirement - Diane Seaver

The Board of Education accepts, with sincere appreciation for 27 years of service to the Brunswick Central School District, the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, of Diane Seaver, from her position as Elementary Teacher with the Brunswick Central School District effective June 30, 2021.

Action: 10.3 Elementary Teacher - Temporary Appointment - Kristin Zakrzewski

The Board of Education approves, pursuant to Education Law and in compliance with Part 30 of the Rules of the Board of Regents Law, the appointment of Kristin Zakrzewski to the position of long term substitute Elementary Education Teacher effective January 4, 2021. Ms. Zakrzewski will be providing remote instruction to a 4th grade class. Remuneration shall be per the current BTA contract with a salary and benefits as outlined in the Agreement between the district and the Brittonkill Teacher Association 2015-2018, with a salary of \$43,522 – Schedule MA/MS, Step 1 +9 prorated for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. (Certification: Pre-K, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6, Permanent, 09/01/2003)

Action: 10.4 .5 FTE MTSS Teacher - Temporary Appointment - Teresa Martone

The Board of Education approves, pursuant to Education Law and in compliance with Part 30 of the Rules of the Board of Regents Law, the appointment of Teresa Martone to the position of .5 FTE MTSS Coordinator/Academic Interventionist (Teacher on Special Assignment) effective January 4, 2021 through June 30, 2021. Remuneration shall be per the current BTA contract with a salary of MA/MS, Step 1 prorated for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

Action: 10.5 SEL Teacher - Temporary Appointment - Erika Farley

The Board of Education approves the temporary appointment of Erika Farley as .3 FTE Social Emotional Teacher (SEL) effective December 11, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Ms. Farley's salary will be prorated accordingly.

Action: 10.6 Appointment of Substitutes

The Board of Education approves, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, 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 (volunteers will be subject to a background check), effective January 19, 2021 (unless otherwise noted).

Name	Position
JoAnn Fowler	School Bus Attendant @ \$13 per hour
	Childcare Worker @ \$13 per hour
Jill Hensel	Certified Substitute Teacher @ \$115 per day
Jennifer Evans	School Monitor @ \$13 per hour
Pam Santandera	School Monitor @ \$13 per hour
Leonard Baker	Non-certified Substitute Teacher @ \$95 per day

Action: 10.7 Leave of Absence - Child Rearing - Jordan Carroll

The Board of Education approves a leave of absence, for the purpose of child rearing, for Jordan Carroll to begin on or about April 10, 2021 through June 4, 2021 (approximately).

Action: 10.8 - Custodian - Retirement - Darryl Goodspeed

The Board of Education accepts, with sincere appreciation for 30 years of service to the Brunswick Central School District, the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, of Darryl Goodspeed, from his position as Custodian with the Brunswick Central School District effective August 30, 2021.

END OF CONSENT
7 Yes/Motions Carried

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS - BUSINESS/FINANCE**BY CONSENT****1 - Mr. Grab 2 - Mr. Casale**

Action: 11.1 Extension of Transportation Contract - Randy Thrasher

The Board of Education approves an extension in the transportation contract by and between the Brunswick Central School District and Randy Thrasher through the month of January 2021. The original contract was approved at the November 19, 2020 board meeting with a term of November 2, 2020 through December 23, 2020.

Action: 11.2 Book Disposal Request

The Board of Education authorizes the disposal of the books on the attached list.

Action: 11.3 Bid Award - Plumbing Work - RMB Mechanical Inc.

The Board of Education accepts, and approves, upon the recommendation of SEI Design Group, the bid for plumbing work in the elementary school from RMB Mechanical Inc., Schenectady, NY.

Action: 11.4 Teaching Assistant - Authorization to Pay - Kristin Zakrzewski

The Board of Education authorizes payment to Kristin Zakrzewski for her service as Teaching Assistant beginning October 27, 2020 through January 3, 2021 per the current BTA contract at Teaching Assistant Level 6.

Action: 11.5 Donations

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

- The following musical equipment from Paula Lanese:
 - o 2 violins
 - o 1 electric guitar
 - o 1 amplifier
 - o 1 electric piano
 - o 1 trumpet
 - o 1 clarinet

Action: 11.6 Refund in Taxes Paid

The Board of Education does hereby authorize the refund in taxes in the amount of \$33,970.28 as required by the settlement with BPP Development LLC and BPP Development II LLC. This payment constitutes the refund of 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 school taxes paid by BPP Development LLC and BPP Development II LLC. It is also recommended that the 2020-21 general fund budget be amended by \$33,970.28 to cover this cost as follows: A 511 Appropriated Reserves – Tax Certiorari Reserve \$33,970.28 A 960 Appropriations (Refund of Real Property Taxes A1964.400-40-920) \$33,970.28

Action: 11.7 Financial Reports

The Board of Education accepts and approves the following financial reports:

- District Treasurer's Report - December 2020
- School Lunch Fund P&L - September, October and November 2020
- Budget Transfer Report - December 2020
- Revenue Budget Status Report - December 2020
- Extra Classroom Activity Report - December 2020

END OF CONSENT
7 Yes/Motions Carried

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Eric Olson thanked the Board, Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for their support in extending the current BTA contract for two years.
- Tyler Nemjo, student, asked what it looked like for having a prom and normal graduation this year.
- Phil Ryan, student, asked if winter sports could be held in the summer. The Superintendent said, "if possible".
- Aimee Bishop, teacher, expressed her appreciation for the custodial staff doing everything they can to keep staff and students safe and healthy.

14. MOTION TO ADJOURN

1 - Ms. Wertz 2 - Mr. Casale

The Board of Education adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

7 Yes Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

ANGELINA MALONEY, SUPERINTENDENT



MARIA LEWIS, BOARD SECRETARY