

**APPROVED**

**Annual Budget Hearing/Regular Board Meeting  
Thursday, May 6, 2021  
Via Zoom**

**ORIGINAL**

**Members Present:** A. Casale, T. Fanfa, D. Galipeau, A. Grab, D. Roadcap, J. Roddy and L. Wertz

**Absent:** K. Shufon

**Also in Attendance:** Dr. Angelina Maloney, Superintendent, Stephanie Steinhart, Assistant Superintendent for Business/District Clerk and Maria Lewis, Board Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE**

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

**2. ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING**

**3. TENURE RECOMMENDATION**

Action: 3.1 Teaching Assistant - Tenure Recommendation - Antonia Bevington

1 - Ms. Wertz 2 - Ms. Roadcap

The Board of Education, in accordance with contractual and administrative procedures and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the appointment of Antonia Bevington to tenure in the area of Teaching Assistant effective September 1, 2021.

7 Yes/Motion Carried

Action: 3.2 Art Teacher - Tenure Recommendation - Nicolette Tybush

1 - Ms. Wertz 2 - Ms. Roadcap

The Board of Education, in accordance with contractual and administrative procedures and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the appointment of Nicolette Tybush to tenure in the area of Visual Arts effective September 1, 2021.

7 Yes/Motion Carried

Action: 3.3 Assistant Superintendent for Business - Tenure Recommendation - Stephanie Steinhart

1 - Ms. Roadcap 2 - Ms. Wertz

The Board of Education, in accordance with contractual and administrative procedures and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the appointment of Stephanie Steinhart to tenure in the area of School Administration effective September 1, 2021.

7 Yes/Motion Carried

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action: 4.1 Meeting Minutes

1 - Ms. Roadcap 2 - Mr. Casale

The Board of Education hereby approves the following Minutes:

- April 20, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- April 30, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

7 Yes Motion Carried

**5. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE**

- The Superintendent thanked everyone involved in the budget development process.
- Covid-19 vaccines now available for 16 to 18-year-olds and will some be for 12 to 15-year-olds.
- The Superintendent is working with EF Tours to plan field trips for the 2022 - 2023 school year.
- Nurses' Appreciation Day
- Spring sports have started and there has been a problem getting coaches for some sports.
- The district is in desperate of school bus drivers.
- Update from Building Administrators

**6. BOARD DISCUSSION/REPORTS**

- 6.1 Sunshine Fund
- 6.2 Service to School Award
- 6.3 Committee and Liaison Updates

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

## 8. BOARD ACTIONS

Action: 8.1 2021 - 2022 Calendar of Meeting Dates - Board of Education

1 - Ms. Wertz 2 - Ms. Fanfa

The Board of Education accepts and approves the attached calendar of meeting dates for the 2021 - 2022 school year. It is important to note that all meetings will now begin at 6 p.m. instead of 7 p.m.

7 Yes/Motion Carried

## 9. SPECIAL ACTIONS

Action: 9.1 Resignation Agreement - BTA Member

1 - Ms. Wertz 2 - Mr. Casale

The Board of Education accepts and approves the Resignation Agreement by and between the Brunswick Central School District and the Brittonkill Teachers Association dated April 29, 2021.

7 Yes/Motion Carried

Action: 9.2 2020 - 2021 School Calendar - Revised

1 - Ms. Wertz 2 - Mr. Grab

The Board of Education approves the revised 2020 - 2021 school calendar changing May 28, 2021 from an instructional day to a non-instructional day for teachers and students.

7 Yes/Motion Carried

Action: 9.3 High Risk Sports - Unified Basketball

1 - Mr. Grab 2 - Mr. Galipeau

Whereas on January 22, 2021, the Governor and the New York State Health Department authorized schools to operate certain higher-risk sports effective February 1, 2021 and only as permitted by local county health departments and;

Whereas, the New York State Department of Health subsequently issued updated guidelines for the operation of Sports and Recreation related to higher-risk sports and;

Whereas the NYSPHSAA association issued revised guidelines for Return to Interscholastic Athletics for the 2020-21 season and;

Whereas, on January 28, 2021 the Rensselaer County Executive Steven F. McLaughlin and Public Health Director Mary Fran Wachunas approved schools within Rensselaer County to operate higher risk sports and;

Whereas, the Superintendent has indicated that all New York State, Rensselaer County and league health and safety requirements will be implemented during all practices and games and;

Now therefore be it declared that, based on the recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Brunswick Central School District is hereby approving the operations of the following interscholastic sports for the 2021 spring season:

- Unified Sports (Basketball)

7 Yes/Motion Carried

## 10. POLICY

Action: 10.1 First Reading of Policy Revisions

1 - Ms. Fanfa 2 - Mr. Casale

The Board of Education approves, upon the recommendation of NYSSBA and the Policy Committee, the first reading of revisions to the following policies and regulations:

- **0100, Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity** (policy and regulation) (policy required, update recommended) - This policy was updated to reflect additional discrimination protections under NYS law regarding religious practices, gender identity, and hair/hairstyles as racial traits. While not required to be listed in policy, including protected classes helps the school community to understand their rights and obligations.
- **0115, Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention** (policy and regulation) (policy required, update required) - This policy was updated to reflect amendments to the Dignity for All Students Act regarding hair texture and certain hairstyles as a trait associated with race.
- **8130, School Safety Plans and Teams** (policy recommended, update recommended) - NYSSBA has modified this policy to reflect that school safety plans must include pandemic protocols substantially consistent with the mandated elements of Labor Law §27-c. As with the rest of the required components of the school safety plan, all of the new elements have not been listed. This policy is not a substitution for the safety plans themselves.
- **8131, Pandemic Planning** (policy recommended, update recommended) - NYSSBA has modified this policy to reflect pandemic protocols now required by Labor Law §27-c to be in district-wide school safety plans. These protocols are designed for workplaces in general, so will need to be modified to meet the needs of the school setting. This policy summarizes the legal requirements of the protocols, but is not a substitution for the protocols themselves.

7 Yes/Motion Carried

**11. SPECIAL EDUCATION****BY CONSENT****1 - Mr. Grab 2 - Ms. Wertz**

Action: 11.1 Student Placement Recommendations - 504 Committee and the Committees on Special Education and Preschool Special Education

The Board of Education accepts the following recommendations of the 504 Committee and the Committees on Special Education and Preschool Special Education dated 4/23/2021, 4/27/2021, 4/28/2021 and 4/30/2021:

- 1190
- 973
- 1094
- 1180
- 1181
- 1054
- 1157
- 1171
- 1098
- 1073
- 907
- 1074
- 845
- 1190
- 1130
- 975
- 1193

Action: 11.2 Service Agreement - Center for Disability Services, Inc.

The Board of Education approves the Educational Consulting Services Agreement by and between the Brunswick Central School District and the Center for Disability Services, Inc. to provide educational services including observations, consultations and trainings for students with disabilities per the terms outlined in the Agreement.

**END OF CONSENT**  
**7 Yes/Motions Carried**

**12. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS - PERSONNEL****BY CONSENT****1 - Mr. Casale 2 - Mr. Galipeau**

Action: 12.1 Elementary Teacher - Resignation Mackenzie Cavotta

The Board of Education accepts the resignation of Mackenzie Cavotta from her position as Elementary Teacher with the Brunswick Central School District effective June 30, 2021.

Action: 12.2 - Spring Sports - Coaching Appointments

The Board of Education 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.

<b>SPRING SPORTS</b>	
<b>Baseball</b>	<b>Softball</b>
Varsity Head Coach – Kevin Onorato	Varsity Head Coach – Jessica Marsh
JV Coach – James Mariano	JV Coach – Phillip Gross
Modified Coach – Cody Sargood (Should have been Cody <b>Sullivan</b> , will be corrected at the 6/10/2021 mtg.)	Modified Coach – Peyton Hume
Varsity Volunteer Assistant - Dillon Maxon	Varsity Volunteer Assistant - Patrick Ryan
JV Volunteer Assistant - Jacob Danaher	Varsity Volunteer Assistant - Bryan Henniger
JV Volunteer Assistant -Jake Scharnott	JV Volunteer Assistant - Casey Miller
Modified Volunteer Assistant - Barry Sullivan	
	<b>Track Meet Manager</b>
	Rebecca Tennyson
<b>Track</b>	
Boys' Varsity Head Coach – Rick Roden	
Girls' Varsity Head Coach – Andrew Welkley	<b>Lacrosse</b>
Modified Coach – TBD	Boys' Modified Coach - Tom Kane
Varsity <b>Volunteer</b> Assistant - Carl Seils (Should have been a paid position, will be corrected at the 6/10/2021 mtg.)	
	<b>Unified Basketball</b>
	Coach - Rianne Phillips

**Action: 12.3 Intramural Coaches - Annual Appointment**

The Board of Education approves the appointment of the following individual(s) as Intramural 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.) Remuneration will be per the current BTA contract at \$30 per hour.

- Dan Bechand
- Rick Roden

**END OF CONSENT**  
**7 Yes/Motions Carried**

**13. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS - BUSINESS/FINANCE**

**BY CONSENT**  
**1 - Mr. Grab 2 - Ms. Wertz**

**Action: 13.1 Service Agreement - Year Ending 6/30/2021 - Bonadio & Co.**

The Board of Education acknowledges receipt of, and authorizes the Board President to sign, the Engagement Letter with Bonadio & Co for audit services for the school year ending June 30, 2021.

**Action: 13.2 Book Disposal Request**

The Board of Education approves the disposal of the obsolete books on the attached list.

**Action: 13.3 Financial Reports**

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

- Budget Transfer Report - April 2021
- Revenue Status Report - April 2021
- Extra Classroom Activity Report - April 2021

**Action: 13.4 General Fund Transfer**

The Board of Education approves an increase to the 2020-21 General Fund budget by up to \$125,000 for the purpose of paying retirement incentives in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreements;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves a transfer of up to \$125,000 from the Employee Benefit and Accrued Liability Reserve to the General Fund and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Treasurer be authorized to appropriate funds as specified by this resolution.

**END OF CONSENT**  
**7 Yes/Motions Carried**

**14. PUBLIC COMMENT - None****15. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

1 - Mr. Grab 2 - Ms. Wertz

The Board of Education adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

7 Yes Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

**ANGELINA MALONEY, SUPERINTENDENT**

*Angelina Maloney*

**MARIA LEWIS, BOARD SECRETARY**

*Maria E. Lewis*