

APPROVED

**Brunswick Central Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes**

ORIGINAL

MEETING

Date: December 6, 2012
Place: Brittonkill Meeting Room
Presiding: Kyle Christiansen, Vice President

ASSEMBLAGE

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

Members Absent: M. Wade

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**

Vice President Christiansen called the public meeting to order at 6:00 PM and began the meeting with a salute to the flag.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

1 – Mr. Gilbert 2 – Mr. Fortun
The Board of Education entered into Executive Session at 6:00 PM 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, 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;
X	The proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property;
X	Other [specify] Stage 3 BTA Grievance

7 Yes Motion Carried

Mr. Fitzgerald arrived at 6:01 PM.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

1 – Mr. Grab 2 – Ms. Lindemann
The Board of Education exited Executive Session into Public Session at 6:45 PM.

8 Yes Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1 - Mr. Roddy 2 - Ms. Lindemann

The Board of Education hereby approves the following Minutes:

- November 15, 2012 Regular Meeting
- November 29, 2012 Special Meeting

8 Yes Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT

- Mr. McIntosh asked for input from the board on the draft letter prepared by Jason McCord to the community regarding the difficulties the district will be facing during the 2013 - 2014 budget process. Ms. Wienman asked that it be modified to include an invitation to the community to actively participate in the board meetings. Mr. McIntosh agreed. Mr. McCord will be placing the letter on the district web site.
- Mr. McIntosh shared with the board an email he received from Questar III regarding an advocacy event being held on January 31, 2013 with Rick Timbs from the Statewide School Finance Consortium. The purpose is to demand better solutions from elected leaders to the looming fiscal crisis gripping public schools and the district is encouraged to bring a stakeholder team.

BOARD DISCUSSION

- The board discussed the CAPSBA dinner meeting that most of them attended on November 29, 2012. The topic of the evening was shared services and all were in agreement with pursuing this idea.
- Mr. Fitzgerald requested a report from Ms. Derway on the total cost involved in running the district transportation program. Mr. McIntosh said he would have it for the next board meeting. He also asked what was being done with the exit surveys that are being received. Mr. McIntosh said they were reviewed when they came in.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kate Bartow said she was thrilled that administration was looking into distance learning opportunities. She suggested they speak with other districts that have already started using it.
- Kathleen Wright said that she felt the district was "behind the ball" on the APPR process.
- Kate Bartow asked if teacher observations would still be done this year.

SPECIAL ACTIONS

Sequestration

1 - Ms. Wienman 2 - Mr. Fortun

WHEREAS, a world class public education is essential for the future success of our nation and today's schoolchildren; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Control Act of 2011 includes a provision to impose \$1.2 trillion in across-the-board budget cuts to almost all federal programs including education that would become effective January 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, these across-the-board budget cuts would impact school districts during the 2013 - 14 school year, with the exception of the Impact Aid program, with which a reduction would become effective this school year; and

WHEREAS, these across-the-board budget cuts, also known as sequestration, would impact education by a reduction in funds of 8.2 percent or more and could result in larger class sizes, fewer course offerings, possible four-day school weeks, loss of extracurricular activities, and teacher and staff lay-offs; and

WHEREAS, sequestration would impact almost every public school system in the nation and the millions of students educated through programs such as Title I grants for disadvantaged students, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), English Language Acquisition, Career and Technical Education, 21st Century Community Learning Centers; and

WHEREAS, Brunswick Central School District, as well as other public schools, would be impacted nationwide by an estimated \$2.7 billion loss from just three programs along - Title I grants, IDEA special education state grants and Head Start - that serve a combined 30.7 million children; and

WHEREAS, federal funding for K-12 programs was already reduced by more than \$835 million in Fiscal Year 2011, and state and local funding for education continues to be impacted by budget cuts and lower local property tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, states and local governments have very limited capacity to absorb further budget cuts from sequestration, as Brunswick Central School District has already implemented cuts commensurate to state and local budget conditions;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brunswick Central School District urges Congress and the Administration to amend the Budget Control Act to mitigate the drastic cuts to education that would affect our students and communities, and to protect education as an investment critical to economic stability and American competitiveness.

8 Yes Motion Carried

**Change in
Poll Hours**

1 - Mr. Roddy 2 - Mr. Grab
The Board of Education approves a change in poll hours for the annual budget vote/board election scheduled for May 21, 2013 and all subsequent votes/elections thereafter. The polls will be open from 9 AM to 8 PM instead of 7 AM to 9 PM.

3 Yes
4 No

(Mr. Christiansen, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Fortun and Mr. Gilbert)
1 Abstain (Mr. Grab)
Motion Not Carried

**Revised Resolution
Change in
Poll Hours**

1 - Mr. Fortun 2 - Ms. Wienman

The Board of Education approves a change in poll hours for the annual budget vote/board election scheduled for May 21, 2013 and all subsequent votes/elections thereafter. The polls will be open from 8 AM to 8 PM instead of 7 AM to 9 PM.

8 Yes Motion Carried

**Change in Board of Education
Meeting Dates**

1 - Ms. Lindemann 2 - Mr. Grab

The Board of Education approves the following changes in board meeting dates:

Original Meeting Date	New Meeting Date
February 21, 2013	February 28, 2013
April 4, 2013	April 11, 2013

8 Yes Motion Carried

Memorandum of Agreement

BTA

1 - Ms. Lindemann 2 - Mr. Fortun

The Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the district and the Brittonkill Teachers Association (BTA) in which the district agrees to hold harmless any tenured teacher who receives an "Ineffective" or "Developing" overall APPR rating to the extent that such rating may not be used as evidence in any subsequent disciplinary proceeding. The purpose of so agreeing is to enable tenured teachers and district administrators to learn from the initial implementation of the APPR Plan during the 2012 - 2013 school year and to make necessary modifications to the APPR Plan in order to establish a fair and valid teacher evaluation system.

8 Yes Motion Carried

Memorandum of Agreement

Principals' Association

1 - Ms. Lindemann 2 - Mr. Fortun

The Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the district and the Brittonkill Principals' Association (BPA) in which the district agrees to hold harmless any tenured principal who receives an "Ineffective" or "Developing" overall APPR rating to the extent that such rating may not be used as evidence in any subsequent disciplinary proceeding. The purpose of so agreeing is to enable tenured teachers and district administrators to learn from the initial implementation of the APPR Plan during the 2012 - 2013 school year and to make necessary modifications to the APPR Plan in order to establish a fair and valid principal evaluation system.

8 Yes Motion Carried

Superintendent Search

Stakeholders Group 1 - Mr. Roddy 2 - Mr. Gilbert

The Board of Education approves the appointment of Neil Haley to the Superintendent Search Stakeholders Group as a representative of the Management/Confidential employee group.

8 Yes Motion Carried

POLICY

Second Reading & Adoption

Admission of Non-resident Students

Policy #5152 1 - Ms. Wienman 2 - Mr. Grab

The Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of revisions to Policy #5152, Admission of Non-Resident Students.

8 Yes Motion Carried

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Student Placement Recommendations

**Committee on Special Education and
Preschool Special Education**

1 - Mr. Fortun 2 - Ms. Wienman

The Board of Education accepts the following recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and Preschool Special Education dated 11/08/2012, 11/14/2012 and 11/20/2012:

466 793 780

8 Yes Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Personnel

Appointment of Substitutes 1 - Ms. Lindemann 2 - Mr. Fortun

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, effective December 7, 2012 (unless otherwise noted).

Name	Position
Zachary Goyer	Non-certified Substitute Teacher @ \$70 per day
Elizabeth Casimir	Food Service Helper, School Monitor & School Bus Attendant @ \$8 per hour
Teresa Berschwinger	Non-certified Substitute Teacher @ \$70 per day
Michele Fox	Certified Substitute Teacher @ \$85 per day

8 Yes Motion Carried

**ESL Teacher
Appointment
Kristin Miranda**

1 - Ms. Lindemann 2 - Mr. Gilbert

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 Miranda as English to Speakers of Other Languages Teacher effective November 26, 2012. Remuneration shall be \$40 per hour for eight hours per week.

8 Yes Motion Carried

Transportation Appointment

Heather Levan

1 - Ms. Lindemann 2 - Ms. Wienman

The Board approves, contingent upon NYS Department of Motor Vehicle Regulations on fingerprint clearance requirements, the appointment of Heather Levan to the position of Substitute School Bus Driver. Remuneration for this position shall be at the rate of \$14 per hour.

8 Yes Motion Carried

Business/Finance

Contract Extension

School Attorney

1 - Ms. Wienman 2 - Mr. Grab

The Board of Education agrees to extend the current contract for legal services with Roemer, Wallens, Gold & Mineaux through June 30, 2015. All terms and conditions, including the rates, shall remain the same for each year of the contract.

8 Yes Motion Carried

Donations

1 - Ms. Lindemann 2 - Mr. Fortun

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

- \$276 from the Class of 2012 to pay for transportation for a field trip on December 4, 2012
- \$500 from Alexis Murphy for the Alex G. Murphy, Jr. Memorial Fund

8 Yes Motion Carried

The following resolutions were added after discussion in Executive Session.

**RFP for
Solar Power Purchase
Agreement**

1 - Mr. Fortun 2 - Mr. Roddy

The Board of Education authorizes the district to contract with CS Arch for the preparation of a Solar Power Purchase Agreement Request for Proposal (RFP) as per their letter dated December 6, 2012.

8 Yes Motion Carried

Price Reduction

Parker School

1 - Mr. Roddy 2 - Mr. Grab

The Board of Education agrees to reduce the list price of Parker School property to \$356,000 effective December 7, 2012.

8 Yes Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Eric Olson offered to meet with the board and offered to help the board better understand the APPR process.
- Lisa Buckley, Hakes Road resident, said that she would welcome such a session.
- Kathy Wright asked if there had been any talk of having just one name for the district.

**MOTION TO
ADJOURN**

1 – Ms. Wienman 2 – Mr. Grab
The Board of Education adjourned at 8:15 PM.

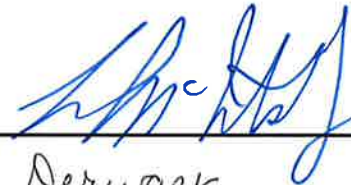
8 Yes Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS MCINTOSH, SUPERINTENDENT _____

LYN DERWAY, DISTRICT CLERK _____

MARIA LEWIS, BOARD SECRETARY _____



Lyn Derway

Maria E. Lewis