

**APPROVED**

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

**ORIGINAL**

**MEETING**

Date: September 20, 2012  
Place: Brittonkill Meeting Room  
Presiding: Matthew Wade, President

**ASSEMBLAGE**

**Members Present:** K. Christiansen, R. Fitzgerald, M. Fortun, C. Gilbert, A. Grab, J. Lindeman, M. Wade, J. Wienman and K. Zagursky (*arrived at 7:09 PM*)

**Members Absent:**

**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 7:00 PM and began the meeting with a salute to the flag.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

1 – Mr. Fortun            2 – Ms. Wienman  
The Board of Education entered into Executive Session at 7:01 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;
<b>X</b>	Matters leading to the resignation of a bus driver;
	The proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property;
	Other [specify]

8      Yes      Motion Carried

*Mrs. Zagursky arrived at 7:09 PM.*

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

1 – Ms. Lindemann    2 – Mr. Fortun  
The Board of Education exited Executive Session at 7:20 PM and called a brief recess.

9      Yes      Motion Carried

Public Session resumed at 7:30 PM.

**BOARD  
PRESENTATIONS**

- Joseph LaCasse, newly hired District Treasurer, introduced himself and proceeded to explain each of the reports he submits to the board on a monthly basis.
- Jason McCord, Communications Specialist from Questar III, presented his annual communications report to the board.
- Anthony Grab, Facilities Committee Chair, provided a report on the committee's trip to Schodack CSD to view the solar panels they recently installed. The board agreed, by consensus, to authorize administration and the Facilities Committee to pursue the idea further.
- Anthony Grab, Audit Committee Chair, updated the board on the last committee meeting.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

1 - Mrs. Zagursky      2 - Ms. Lindemann

The Board of Education hereby approves the following Minutes:

- September 6, 2012 Regular Meeting
- September 13, 2012 Special Meeting

9      Yes      Motion Carried

**SUPERINTENDENT**

- In order to accommodate required board member training, the board agreed to reschedule the October 18, 2012 board meeting to October 24, 2012 (same start time).
- Ms. Derway updated the board on her research into the "Farm to School" program. Mr. McIntosh agreed to contact the superintendent at Berlin CSD to inquire about the possibility of a joint venture.
- Mr. McIntosh updated the board regarding the fundraising policy. The policy is in the hands of the school attorney and Mr. McIntosh will be meeting with her to discuss it.
- Mr. McIntosh informed the board of an issue with a community member using the track during the school day and then entering the locker room to use the bathroom facilities. Mr. McIntosh said administration will be reviewing district policy to limit access during the school day. He is also investigating signage to notify residents of this fact.
- Mr. McIntosh informed the board that he would not be recommending any other clubs be reinstated. He reasoned that since the board approved the ski clubs during the 2012-2013 budget process, it would not be fair to use their stipends to fund other clubs.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Dylan Jones informed the board that \$700 had been donated for Master Minds; they only \$400 more to fund the stipend.

- The following individuals voiced their support for maintaining the Ski Clubs:

Rudy Caiazza  
Ben D'Aloia

Helen Findlay  
Vickie O'Keefe

Sharon Lewnadowski  
Tammy Mitchell

Pete Meskoskey

- Mary Margaret Corcoran asked questions about fundraising.
- Jack Roddy introduced himself and told the board he would run again in May if he was appointed to fill Karen Zagursky's seat through the next election.
- Steve Pomposello asked if clubs could raise money and donate it to the General Fund to be used to support all clubs. Mr. McIntosh said he would talk to the school attorney about it.
- Eric Olson challenged the board to find one club that does not have academic value. He said that clubs and sports teach children many valuable life lessons.
- Danielle Gosselin asked about the balances remaining in the accounts of those clubs that were cut.
- Dylan Jones questioned the board about the district's Facebook page costing \$20,000. Facebook does not cost the district anything.

## BOARD DISCUSSION

- The board discussed their options to fill the seat left by Mrs. Zagursky's resignation. They agreed to move the resolutions to the end of the agenda.

## BOARD ACTION

### Reschedule Board Meeting

1 - Mr. Fortun

2 - Mr. Christiansen

The Board of Education agrees to reschedule the October 18, 2012 board meeting to October 24, 2012.

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Yes

Motion Carried

### Superintendent Search

#### Timeline Approval

1 - Mrs. Zagursky

2 - Ms. Wienman

The Board of Education approves the Superintendent Search Timeline as formulated by Dr. James Baldwin, Questar III.

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Yes

Motion Carried

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**



**Student Placements**

**Section 504 Committee** 1 - Mr. Christiansen 2 - Mr. Gilbert  
The Board of Education accepts the following recommendations of the Section 504 Committee dated 08/28/2012 and 09/06/2012:

431 002000015  
9 Yes Motion Carried

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Personnel**

**Program Support leaders  
Annual Appointments**

1 - Mrs. Zagursky 2 - Mr. Christiansen  
The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the appointment of the following individuals to the Leadership position indicated for the 2012-2013 school year:

**Program Support Leaders - \$1,500 stipend**

**Elementary**

English/Language Arts	Sanada Bailey
Social Studies	Wendy Tarricone
Math	Diane Seaver
Science	Lori Hamm

**Secondary**

English/Language Arts	Steve Pomposello
Social Studies	Eric Olson
Foreign Language	Angelique Wright
Math	Eileen Papa
Science	Andrew Welkley

**K-12**

Art	Helen Findlay
Music	Ann Kolakowski
Health/PE/FACS	Shannon Fitzgerald
Computer Literacy/Technology/Business	Mark Spitzer

**Logistical Support Assignment - \$500 stipend**

K-12 Technology	Michelle Furlong
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**Logistical Support Assignment - \$1,000 stipend**

K-12 Music	Ann Kolakowski
K-4 Science	Lori Hamm

9 Yes Motion Carried



**Coaching  
Appointments**

1 - Mrs. Lindemann 2 - Mr. Gilbert

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the appointment of the following individual(s) 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.

**Football**

Volunteer Assistant - Charles Rodda

**Basketball**

Boys' JV Coach - Charles Hunt

9 Yes Motion Carried

**Extra & Co-Curricular  
Appointments**

1 - Mr. Christiansen 2 - Mr. Gilbert

The Board of Education approves the following Extra & Co-Curricular appointments for the 2012 - 2013 school year. Salary shall be per the current BTA contract.

Name	Club
Sharon Lewandowski	Ski Club, Grades 9-12
Helen Findlay	Ski Club, Grades 6-8

8 Yes  
1 No (Ms. Wienman)  
Motion Carried

**Appointment of  
Substitutes**

1 - Ms. Lindemann 2 - Mrs. Zagursky

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 September 21, 2012 (unless otherwise noted).

Name	Position
Michael Bermas	Non-Certified Substitute Teacher @ \$70 per day
Nicolette DeMagistris	Certified Substitute Teacher @ \$85 per day
Carrie Galluzzo	Non-Certified Substitute Teacher @ \$70 per day

9 Yes Motion Carried



**School Bus Driver Trainee**

**Heather Levan**

1 - Mr. Christiansen 2 - Ms. Lindemann

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the appointment of Heather Levan to the position of School Bus Driver Trainee, contingent upon NYS Department of Motor Vehicle Regulations on fingerprint clearance requirements, effective September 21, 2012. During her training period, Ms. Levan shall be paid at the rate of \$14 per hour.

9 Yes Motion Carried

**School Bus Driver Resignation**

**Charles Brendese**

1 - Mr. Christiansen 2 - Mr. Gilbert

The Board of Education accepts the resignation of Charles Brendese from his position as School Bus Driver with the Brunswick Central School District effective September 21, 2012 and also authorizes the Superintendent to sign the Stipulation of Settlement between the District and CSEA regarding Mr. Brendese.

8 Yes  
1 Abstain (Mrs. Zagursky)  
Motion Carried

**Business/Finance**

**Financial Reports**

1 - Mr. Christiansen 2 - Mr. Grab

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

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

9 Yes Motion Carried

**Disposal of Obsolete Equipment**

1 - Ms. Lindemann 2 - Ms. Wienman

The Board of Education approves the disposal of the following obsolete items subject to attempts to donate them to a worthy organization:

Type	Make	Model
DVD/VHS Player	JVC	HR-XVC28BU
Record Player	Maestro	
Record Player	Califone	1925
Overhead Projector	Bell & Howell	301

9 Yes Motion Carried

**Donations**

1 - Mr. Christiansen 2 - Ms. Wienman

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

- \$41.32 from Target *Take Charge of Education* for the Tamarac Middle School
- \$127.16 from Target *Take Charge of Education* for the Tamarac High School
- \$275 Wal-Mart gift card from the *Telephone Pioneers* to be used for the purchase of books
- \$798 from the PTSA for the Elementary School Playground Fund
- \$973 from various fourth grade parents to cover the cost of a field trip to Mabee Farm Historic Site on October 4, 2012

9 Yes Motion Carried

**Board Member  
Resignation  
Karen Zagursky**

1 - Mr. Christiansen 2 - Mr. Fortun

The Board of Education of the Brunswick Central School District accepts, with regret and sincere appreciation, the resignation of Karen Zagursky from her position on the Brunswick Central School District Board of Education effective immediately (September 20, 2012 at 9:28 PM).

9 Yes Motion Carried

**Board Member  
Appointment  
Jack Roddy**

1 - Ms. Wienman 2 - Mr. Christiansen

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Brunswick Central School District approves the appointment of Mr. Jack Roddy to the position of Board Member on the Brunswick Central School District Board of Education effective immediately. This appointment extends to and through May 21, 2013.

5 Yes  
3 No

(Mr. Wade, Mr. Christiansen & Mr. Gilbert)  
Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Eric Olson asked a question regarding the qualifications of the new superintendent that were compiled by the board.
- Kate Bartow commended Karen Zagursky for her years of service to the district.

**MOTION TO  
ADJOURN**

1 – Ms. Lindemann 2 – Ms. Wienman

The Board of Education adjourned at 9:43 PM.

8 Yes Motion Carried

*Ms. Derway, District Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Roddy.*

APPROVED

September 20, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS MCINTOSH, SUPERINTENDENT \_\_\_\_\_

LYN DERWAY, DISTRICT CLERK \_\_\_\_\_

MARIA LEWIS, BOARD SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_

*Louis McIntosh*  
*Lyn Derway*  
*Maria E. Lewis*