

ORIGINAL

Brunswick Central Schools  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

MEETING

Date: March 8, 2012  
Place: Brittonkill Meeting Room  
Presiding: Matthew Wade, President

ASSEMBLAGE

Members Present: K. Christiansen, P. Daley, A. Grab, J. Lindemann, R. Matthews, M. Wade and K. Zagursky

Members Absent: C. Fox and C. Gilbert

Also Present: Louis McIntosh, Superintendent, Lyn Derway, Assistant Superintendent of Business/District Clerk, Maria Lewis, Board Secretary and Mary Roach, School Attorney

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. Zagursky 2 – Mr. Matthews  
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] BTA Grievance

7 Yes Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

1 – Mr. Matthews 2 – Mr. Grab  
The Board of Education exited Executive Session into Public Session at 6:55 PM.

7 Yes Motion Carried

**PRESENTATIONS TO  
THE BOARD**

Mr. Mulqueen, Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach, and team members presented a plaque to the Board of Education honoring the team's position as finalist in the Section 2 Class B Girls Basketball playoffs.

The following students were recognized by the Board of Education for their participation on the Girls' Basketball team and their receipt of the New York State High School Athletic Association Scholar Athlete Award:

<i>Rebecca DeRubertis</i>	<i>Jenna Erickson</i>	<i>Taulie Frierson</i>
<i>Adriane Inman</i>	<i>Chelsie Matala</i>	<i>Briana Matazinsky</i>
<i>Kayla Mulqueen</i>	<i>Brandi Warner</i>	

Jason McCord, Communications Specialist, reviewed the results of the district priorities survey sent out to all district residents.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

1 - Mr. Matthews      2 - Mrs. Zagursky  
The Board of Education hereby approves the following Minutes:

- February 16, 2012 Regular Meeting

7      Yes      Motion Carried

**SUPERINTENDENT** Mr. McIntosh and Ms. Derway provided the board with a budget progress update which included the following:

- A review of Tax Calculation and Tax Levy Limit
- A review budget for select areas
  - General Support
  - Employee Benefits
  - Youth and Community Services
  - Debt Service

Mr. Grab asked about selling the seven spare buses that the district has. Mrs. Derway informed him that the district is in the process of a transportation study and does not want to make any decisions until the study is complete.

At the conclusion of the budget presentation, each board member was asked to name a tax levy percentage they would be comfortable bringing to the community. An average of all the numbers came out to 2.50%. It was agreed, with a consensus of 6 - 1, to present the 2012 -2013 budget with this tax levy increase.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sarah Atkinson asked about a tiered tax levy system and contracting out transportation services.

Gretchen Morton suggested to the board that if they educate the public properly maybe they would agree to a higher tax rate.

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

The current contract for legal services expires June 30, 2012. Mr. Wade asked the board if they were comfortable extending the current contract, at no increase in cost, or if they would prefer to send out an RFP. Due to the history and level of service provided by Mary Roach, the board agreed to extend the contract with Roemer, Wallens, Gold & Mineaux for one year.

The board agreed to purchase a \$150 ad in the high school yearbook.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **Personnel**

#### **Reading Teacher Retirement**

**Margaret McCarthy** 1 - Mrs. Zagursky 2 - Mr. Christiansen

The Board of Education accepts, with appreciation and gratitude for 13 years of dedicated service to the Brunswick Central School District, the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, of Margaret McCarthy from her position as Reading Teacher effective June 30, 2102.

7 Yes Motion Carried

#### **Appointment of Substitutes**

1 -Mr. Christiansen 2 - Mr. Grab

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 March 9, 2012 (unless otherwise noted).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Shannon Crocker	Non-certified Substitute Teacher @ \$70 per day

7 Yes Motion Carried

#### **Coaching Appointments Spring Sports**

1 - Mr. Christiansen 2 - Mr. Grab

The Board of Education approves, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of the following individuals as Coach with the Brunswick Central School District, contingent upon Part 87 of the 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.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Angie Harris	Varsity Girls' Track Coach
Michael Bermas	J.V. Baseball Coach
Lance Maxon	Modified Baseball Volunteer Assistant
Shawn Matazinsky	Varsity Softball Volunteer Assistant
Allison Maloy	Modified Softball Co-Coach (sharing position/stipend w/Alissa Leavitt)

7 Yes Motion Carried

**Business/Finance**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION  
IN COOPERATIVE ENERGY PURCHASING  
SERVICE (NYSMEC) FOR ELECTRICITY**

1 -Mrs. Zagursky      2 - Mr. Christiansen

WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and

WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and

WHEREAS, Brunswick Central School District (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Participant") is a "municipal corporation" as defined above; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes for this municipal corporation to become or remain a Participant pursuant to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services dated the 1st day of May, 2005 (the "Agreement"), among municipal corporations collectively identified as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC") upon the terms of the Agreement and further wishes to authorize participation as an energy consumer as specified below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the this municipal corporation to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs Mrs. Lyn Derway, Assistant Superintendent of Business to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for electricity on its behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of electricity for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a commodity price not to exceed \$0.085 per kWh for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2012, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

7      Yes      Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION  
IN COOPERATIVE ENERGY PURCHASING  
SERVICE (NYSMEC) FOR NATURAL GAS**

1 - Mrs. Lindemann 2 - Mr. Matthews

WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and

WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the this municipal corporation to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs Mrs. Lyn Derway, Assistant Superintendent of Business to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for natural gas on its behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of natural gas for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a commodity price not to exceed \$0.8160 per therm for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2012, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

7 Yes Motion Carried

**BOARD ACTIONS**

**Contract Extension**

**Legal Services**

1 - Mrs. Zagursky      2 - Mr. Christiansen

The Board of Education agrees to extend the contract for school attorney services with Roemer, Wallens, Gold & Mineaux, for one year, through June 30, 2013. All terms and conditions, including the rates, shall remain the same.

7      Yes      Motion Carried

*Mrs. Zagursky asked to include a comment in the minutes thanking the firm for their willingness to maintain the same rates for the next year.*

**BTA Grievance**

**Denial**

1 - Mr. Matthews      2 - Mrs. Zagursky

After careful consideration, the Board of Education denies BTA grievance #1-D5-11/12.

7      Yes      Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Karen Lederman reminded the board that the Odyssey of the Mind tournament is being held this Saturday at Rensselaer City School District. Brittonkill is sending six teams to participate.

Marge Mikitarian from Brunswick asked if the district would be filling Margaret McCarthy's position. Mr. McIntosh responded that it was still being looked at.

**MOTION TO**

**ADJOURN**

1 – Mr. Matthews      2 – Mrs. Lindemann

The Board of Education adjourned at 8:31 PM.

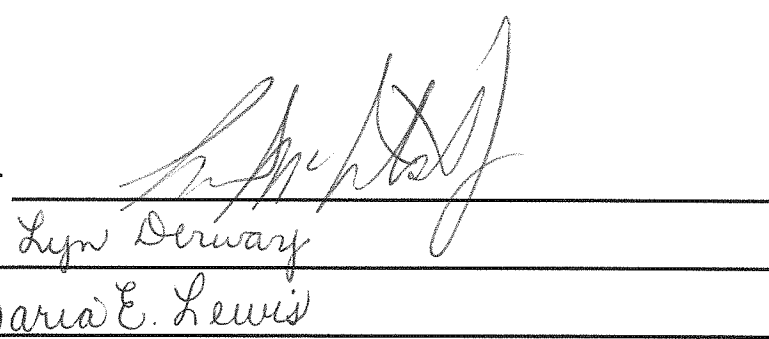
7      Yes      Motion Carried

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.