

## MEETING

Date: January 19, 2012  
Place: Brittonkill Meeting Room  
Presiding: Matthew Wade, President

## ASSEMBLAGE

**Members Present:** K. Christiansen, P. Daley, C. Fox, C. Gilbert, A. Grab, J. Lindemann, M. Wade and K. Zagursky

**Members Absent:** R. Matthews

**Also Present:** Louis McIntosh, Superintendent, Lyn Derway, Assistant Superintendent of Business/District Clerk 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.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1 - Mrs. Lindemann 2 - Mr. Gilbert  
The Board of Education hereby approves the following Minutes:  
• January 5, 2012 Regular Meeting

8 Yes Motion Carried

Mr. Wade introduced Dr. Sela, who is retiring in June after 15 years with the district. Dr. Sela stated that over the years the board had shown themselves to be true advocates for the students and thanked them for allowing him to develop his Introduction to Philosophy class. He asked that his legacy be continued and handed out copies of the class syllabus and final essay done by his students this semester.

## Presentations to the Board

- Mary Gilpatrick updated the board on a grant received by the district from WMHT titled *American Graduate*. She also gave them information on those students currently taking part in the RAPP Program as well as historical data.
- Myles Goss presented his Special Education Annual Report for the 2011-12 school year.

## SUPERINTENDENT

- Lyn Derway, the Assistant Superintendent of Business, presided over an initial discussion of the 2012 - 2013 budget. Her presentation included a summary of state aid, budget history, expenditures and revenue for the past three years as well as projected expenses and revenues. She outlined some of the challenges the district is facing in developing the budget for the 2012-2013 school year including state and federal mandates as well as the rising cost of health insurance, fuel and retirement contributions.

## Public Comment

- Sarah Atkinson asked a question regarding the salary projections used in the budget presentation.
- Judy Wienman asked what could be done to maintain a level of excellence given the budget constraints suggesting that the district look outside of New York State for ideas.
- Karen Lederman informed the board that Ira Share has been chosen as one of Newschannel 13's Top Teachers for 2011-2012.

- Mike Fortun told the board that he was not expecting a formal response to the letter he sent to the board earlier in the day on behalf of the BCEA. He was just reminding the board that the community group was still here.

## BOARD DISCUSSION/REPORTS

- The board decided that the Priority Setting Survey should be made available online beginning January 27<sup>th</sup>. It will remain open for two weeks. A paper version will be mailed to all district residents at the same time. Mr. Wade drafted a letter to be sent to the Troy Record and The Advertiser announcing the survey. A notice has also been developed to send home with students notifying their parents of the upcoming survey.
- Mr. McIntosh asked the board to begin thinking about what tax levy they would be comfortable bringing to the community for the 2012 - 2013 budget.

## Policy

### Second Reading of Policy

1 - Mr. Christiansen 2 - Mr. Grab

The Board of Education approves, upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, the second reading and adoption of the following policy:

- #8334 - Use of Credit Cards

8 Yes Motion Carried

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

### 2011-2012

#### Annual Report

1 -Mrs. Fox 2 - Mrs. Zagursky

The Board of Education accepts the 2011-2012 Special Education Annual Report as presented by Myles Goss, Director of Special Education.

8 Yes Motion Carried

## Student Placements

### Special Education Recommendations

1 - Mr. Christiansen 2 - Mrs. Zagursky

The Board of Education accepts the recommendations of the Committee and Sub Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education dated 01/03/2012, 01/09/2012 and 01/10/2012:

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8 Yes Motion Carried

## SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

### Personnel

#### Foreign Language Teacher

**Retirement** 1 -Mrs. Fox 2 - Mr. Christiansen  
**Alejandro Sela** The Board of Education accepts, with deep regret, appreciation and gratitude for 15 years of dedicated service to the Brunswick Central School District, the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, of Alejandro Sela from his position as Foreign Language Teacher effective June 30, 2012.

8 Yes Motion Carried

#### School Library Aide

**Resignation** 1 -Mrs. Fox 2 - Mrs. Zagursky  
**Lisa Gardenier** The Board of Education accepts the resignation of Lisa Gardenier from her position as School Library Aide with the Brunswick Central School District effective January 27, 2012.

8 Yes Motion Carried

#### Substitute Positions

**Appointment** 1 - Mrs. Fox 2 - Mrs. Lindemann  
The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves 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.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area</u>
Judith Disbrow	Custodial Worker @ \$10.50 per hour
Benjamin Jewett	Custodial Worker @ \$10.50 per hour
Kristen Kelley	Certified Substitute Teacher @ \$85 per day

8 Yes Motion Carried

### Business/Finance

#### Donations

1 - Mrs. Fox 2 - Mrs. Zagursky  
The Board of Education accepts, with appreciation, the following donations:

- \$200 from the Rensselaer County Suicide Prevention Task Force to go towards the prevention and awareness of teen suicide. This amount is in addition to the original \$500 grant first awarded in November 2011.
- \$756.50 from various parents to offset the cost of a field trip to "Nate the Great" in April 2012 by first grade students.

8 Yes Motion Carried

**Financial Reports** 1 - Mrs. Lindemann 2 - Mr. Christiansen  
 The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts and approves the following financial report(s):

- Internal Claims Report - Warrant #'s 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 29 and 31
- Extra Classroom Activity Report -December 2011
- Budget Transfer Schedules - #6
- Budget Status Report -December 2011
- District Treasurer's Report -December 2011

8 Yes Motion Carried

**BTA Contract** 1 - Mrs. Zagursky 2 - Mrs. Fox  
 The Board of Education hereby ratifies the BTA contract as presented, for the term of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2014.

6 Yes Motion Carried  
 2 Abstain

(Craig Gilbert & Kyle Christiansen who stated that he was abstaining to avoid a conflict of interest.)

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Sarah Atkinson and Mike Fortun asked questions in reference to the BTA contract.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** 1 – Mrs. Fox 2 – Mr. Grab  
 The Board of Education entered into Executive Session at 8:24 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;
X	Matters leading to the discipline, of an employee;
	The proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property;
	Other [specify]

8 Yes Motion Carried

**MOTION TO  
ADJOURN**

1 – Mrs. Zagursky    2 – Mr. Christiansen  
The Board of Education exited Executive Session and adjourned at 9:06 PM.

8      Yes      Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS C. MCINTOSH, SUPERINTENDENT



LYN DERWAY, DISTRICT CLERK



MARIA LEWIS, BOARD SECRETARY

