

Brooklin School Board  
Regular School Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Paige Morse, Libby Chamberlain, Mike Sealander, Frank Bianco, Emily Stribling

Staff Present: Christian Elkington, OJ Logue, Halina Nawrot, Vicki Hull, Sharon Thoner, Becky Courtot

Guests: Sarah Cole, Jodie Schneider, Deborah Brewster, Robert Courtot, Stacia Nevin, Anne Berleant

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum

2. Approval of the Agenda

Move the 8th Grade Class trip up to after No. 3.

Motion: Mike Sealander to approve the agenda as amended.

Second: Emily Stribling

Vote: 5/Y, 0/N.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the December 13, 2016 meeting

Motion: Mike Sealander to approve the minutes as presented.

Second: Emily Stribling

Vote: 5/Y, 0/N.

6. Action Items

A. 8th Grade Trip Presentation

Students Isabell Hurley, Margaret Nevin, Adam Mathewson presented their proposed trip. They wish to visit Boston and Springfield, Massachusetts. They will leave on May 17 and return on May 19. They have enough funds for the trip itself. Any additional fundraising will allow them to see the attractions. Future fundraisers include: bottle drive, dinner, dance and many other things. They want to visit the Aquarium, Museum of Fine Arts, 6 Flags New England, and a Blue Man Group performance.

Motion: Frank Bianco to support the trip.

Second: Emily Stribling

Vote: 5/Y, 0/N.

4. Citizens Comments

Sarah Cole questioned the status of the heat in the gym. Halina explained that we had a broken pipe over the stage and things should be fixed within 3 weeks as we are waiting for some specially made piping. However, for the time being, the large fans will help keep heat in the gym so that things don't refreeze.

5. Reports

A. Principal

Halina Nawrot thanked everyone who donated clothes and toiletries for the homeless shelter. The students also made greeting cards. The students did a great job decorating

#### B. Special Education Director

Dr. Logue related a comparison of special education numbers for 2013-14, 14-15 to 15-16 and the 16-17 projections. Numbers in his report are underrepresented for 13-14 as he related the problems with SPEDNet. He will have to look at CDS paper files. For the coming year, there will be a CDS student needing speech help. CDS is doing a good job at getting the SPED directors the files in advance. OJ reviewed the present numbers of students. Frank Bianco noted that the professional development on early intervention is exciting. Discussion held on the professional development that is scheduled. OJ noted this will be paid for by a one-year grant. Paige Morse questioned if the change in K-1 teachers influenced the special education numbers and discussion held on this point.

#### C. Superintendent

The Superintendent discussed the upcoming in-service day. Teaching staff will be working on the teacher eval. system in the AM while support staff work on instructional strategies. Everyone will have choice in the afternoon. Mr. Schrader has turned in his letter of retirement from both here and the Sedgwick School and it has been accepted. We are considering combining Sedgwick, Brooklin and Isle au Haut's music positions so as to hire a full time person. He feels this may give us more applicants. Frank Bianco commented that MSMA reported the Governor is putting in \$3 million for consolidation. The Superintendent noted that Hancock County superintendents are discussing the possibility of regionalizing some services to look at taking advantage of these funds.

### 7. Discussion Items

#### A. 2017-2018 Budget

Review of 2nd Draft of 17-18 proposed budget

##### i. Review of the draft #2 changes and adjustments

The Superintendent pointed out an error in Draft #1, as the budget is still at an 1.8% increase in this version. There will not be a large balance forward at the end of this year as we have multiple bills that will need to be paid. He noted some projects couldn't get done the year before and there were several lines underestimated. We won't have nearly as much of a balance forward in the 17-18 budget. He explained the reasons behind the use of the balance forward funds. Student populations and the amount necessary for supplies and consumables was then discussed.

We finally have the actual costs for public tuition students for 16-17. He budgeted a \$219 increase per student for next year and also increased the insured value factor. Also budgeted for are a \$44,000 increase in the secondary tuition and a \$12,000 increase in sped student tuition.

Discussion held on the amount of carry forward. Mike Sealander feels we should have a healthy carry forward and then cut back to just carry that amount.

Discussion held on pro-rates for superintendent's office, transportation for HCTC, E-rates for the phone services, internet connection, etc. Vicki Hull questioned if there was funding for wood chips and concrete to repair the playground. Discussion held on MLTI funding possibly disappearing. MLTI is now funded through 2019-2020. Discussion held on technology funding.

ii. Questions:

1. Position changes
2. 17-18 Technology Requests Review

Ben Moss reviewed his technology requests and discussed his program. Discussion held on the total cost of technology budget. Consensus would like to see some curriculum.

3. Sped
4. Overall increases and decreases

The Superintendent noted the budget stands at an increase of in the 1.7 to 1.9 range. Discussion held on purchasing a generator.

The next budget meeting will be January 19th.

8. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(D) Negotiations

Motion: Sealander to enter executive session at 9:07 p.m. pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(D) Negotiations.

Second: Bianco

Vote: 5/Y, 0/N.

Participating: Paige Morse, Emily Stribling, Frank Bianco, Mike Sealander, Libby Chamberlain and Christian Elkington. Returned to regular session at 9:23 p.m.

9. Communications

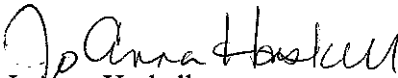
10. Adjournment

Motion: Stribling to adjourn at 9:24 p.m.

Second: Bianco

Vote: 5/Y, 0/N.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Joanna Haskell  
Secretary