

Town of Brooklyn Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday April 7, 2015
Brooklyn Middle School Library

Members Present: Mrs. Lyons, Mr. Rossi, Mrs. Johnson, Attorney Kelley, Mrs. Majek, Mr. DonFrancisco.
Also present Dr. Berry, Superintendent and members of the teaching staff

Meeting called to order at 8:26pm Mrs. Lyons

1. Comments by:

- a. BEA – none
- b. Local 1303 – none
- c. PTO – none
- d. Public – none

2. Minutes of:

- Board meeting held on February 4, 2015

Motion to accept the minutes of the February 4, 2015 Board of Education meeting
(Mrs. Johnson/Mr. Rossi) Unanimous vote to accept.

- Board meeting held on February 11, 2015

Motion to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2015 Board of Education meeting
(Mr. Rossi/Mr. DonFrancisco) Unanimous vote to accept.

- Board meeting held on February 19, 2015

Motion to accept the minutes of the February 19, 2015 Board of Education meeting
(Mrs. Johnson/Mr. Rossi) Unanimous vote to accept.

3. Correspondence

Accepted with regrets and appreciation for many years of service, the resignation of Patricia O'Rourke effective the last day of the 2014-15 school year.

(Mr. Rossi/Attorney Kelly) Unanimous vote to accept.

Woodstock Academy Headmaster Chris Sandford wishes to present to the Board of Education.
The Board will invite him to the May meeting.

4. Administrative Reports:

a. Elementary School Principal:

- Mrs. King was not in attendance however a report on SBAC testing was enclosed. Mr. DonFrancisco asked for confirmation that a policy was in place for those parents who wish to opt their children out of this testing. Dr. Berry assured that there was a

procedure for parents to follow and that Mrs. Sweet would be the administrator to contact in those cases.

b. Middle School Principal:

- Mr. Yanku was not in attendance. He will present his report at the next meeting.

c. Assistant Principal:

- Spring sports have begun.

d. Special Education Report:

- Enrollment report was reviewed.

e. Superintendant:

- High School choice report was reviewed
- 2015-2016 Budget preparation will be discussed under old business
- Payment of bills. Motion to pay the bills on the list circulated.
(Mrs. Johnson/Mrs. Majak) Unanimous vote to accept.
- School Calendar 2014-2015. Discussion held on making up days of school resulting from winter weather. It was decided that the last day of school for students would be Monday June 22. Whether this will be a full or half day is yet to be finalized.
(Mrs. Johnson/Mrs. Majak) Unanimous vote to accept.
- School Calendar 2015-2016. Mr. DonFrancisco noted that the first draft of the calendar places the first day of school on Wednesday August 26th, before the Brooklyn Fair. Dr. Berry will adjust the calendar to reflect the first day of school to begin on Monday August 31.
- Capital Projects
 - Rose Wing Roof – out to bid
 - School Security (Key Card Access) – in Capital Committee. Mr. Rossi noted that magnetic strips have been installed on interior doors to allow them to be locked from the outside while allowing egress from inside.
 - Data Cabling – in Capital Committee
 - Telephone System – in Capital Committee
 - Classroom Security (door locks) – in Capital Committee
 - Fire Alarm System – approved by Town Meeting earlier in the evening
- Griswold High School – interested in receiving Brooklyn students (see letter)

5. Public Comment – none

6. Committee reports:

a. Budget

To be discussed under old business

b. Policy

No report

c. Curriculum

Mrs. Johnson reports that there will be one meeting closer to the end of the year.

d. Capital

Was reviewed earlier

e. EASTCONN

No report

f. High School Relations – WA

Mr. Kelly spoke very highly of Mr. Sandford and the more positive climate at the Academy

g. High School Relations – KHS

Mrs. Johnson did not report on KHS however did circulate a list of eight Brooklyn students who made the honor rolls at Pomfret School.

h. Recreation Committee

Mr. DonFrancisco attended the last meeting which was held at the Teen Center where they now have 27 members. They received a grant for \$1,000 for equipment and recently sponsored a field trip and dance.

i. Board of Selectmen

No report

j. Board of Finance

No report

7. Old Business:

Dr. Berry presented new draft of budget document for review. Still awaiting insurance numbers however the school and town will be going in jointly on insurance this year which should lower the rate for both groups.

8. New Business:

A copy of the audit report was given to each Board member

9. Other: None

10. Public Comment: None

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:24
(Mrs. Johnson/Mr. DonFrancisco)
Unanimous vote to accept.

Respectfully submitted

John DonFrancisco
Secretary