

JANUARY 2, 2006  
MINUTES  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
BREWER SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 2, 2006  
Brewer High School Student Services

Committee Members Present: Amanda Bost, Mark Chambers, Mark Farley, and Calvin Bubar. Absent: Ruth Spellman

Liaisons Present: Pat Sirois, SAD 63

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Farley at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Questions and comments from the public: Several members of the audience representing Brewer softball spoke in support of the program.

A. Minutes

1. Without objection, Chairman Farley declared the minutes of December 5, 2005 approved by unanimous consent.

B. Personnel

1. Appointments

a. Dr. Lee nominated Tammy Brydges as Food Service Assistant. Ms. Bost moved to approve the superintendent's nomination; Mr. Bubar seconded – VOTED: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

b. Dr. Lee reported the transfer of Joanne Adair from Physical Science to Biology. Mr. Chambers moved to approve the superintendent's nominations; Ms. Bost seconded – VOTED: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

C. Reports

1. Mr. Priest reported on Special Education enrollment at Brewer High School. He described the number and percentage of special education students at the school, and the number and percentage special education students by community. Mr. Chambers moved to receive the report; Mr. Bubar seconded – VOTED 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

2. Mr. Hackett addressed the Committee regarding on the number of last year's graduating class who are pursuing post-secondary education. Fifty eight percent of the class is enrolled in some sort of educational program beyond high school. He also presented historical data dating back to 1961. Ms. Bost moved to receive the report; Mr. Chambers seconded – VOTED: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

3. Dr. Lee explained how new construction debt service under Essential

Programs and Services (EPS) should affect Brewer. Under EPS it is fair to represent to the voters that the State of Maine, not Brewer will be responsible for the additional debt service payments associated with the proposed school construction project. Mr. Chambers moved to receive the report, Mr. Bubar seconded – VOTED: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

#### D. Old Business

1. Dr. Lee and Ms. Bost reported on the status of the Brewer High School Scholarship fund. They are looking at several options and are hopeful that they will have a recommendation for the February meeting.

2. Mr. Young recommended hiring of an additional custodian at the high school. He explained that after a careful review of the Department's financial situation, sufficient funds are available to employ a custodian through June 30. The position will be included in next year's budget. Mr. Chambers moved to hire an additional custodian at the high school; Ms. Bost seconded – VOTED: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

#### E. New Business

1. Dr. Hackett reported on the status of the Honors Diploma proposal. The Honors Diploma will be a rigorous course of study. An advisory committee is being organized and a full report will follow at the Committee's February meeting. Mr. Bubar moved to receive the report; Ms. Bost seconded – VOTED: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

Chairperson Farley appointed Ms. Bost to serve as the Committee's representative on the Honors Advisory Committee.

2. Mr. Bubar moved to receive the first reading of Policy GCBE Staff Conduct with Students; Ms. Bost seconded – VOTED: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

3. Mr. Bubar moved to approve the revision to Policy GBC Family and Medical Leave; Ms. Bost seconded – VOTED: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

4. Following Dr. Lee's explanation why the Department should ask school districts that tuition special needs students to Brewer High School for payment of allowable costs Mr. Chambers moved to approve putting into effect fees for special education services to non-resident students retroactive to the beginning of the 2005–06 school year; Mr. Bubar seconded – VOTED: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

Without objection, Chairperson Farley amended the agenda to permit Item

G. Public Comment prior to Item F. Executive Session for the convenience of the audience.

G. Public Comment

Ms. Regan, Superintendent of Schools in SAD 63, requested details of the special education fees that would be charged to sending districts.

F. Executive Session

1. Mr. Chambers moved to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) to evaluate the Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Bubar seconded – VOTED: by roll call in the affirmative: Mr. Chambers, Ms. Bost, Mr. Bubar and Mr. Farley.

Entered executive session at 8:05 PM

Returned to regular session at 8:53 PM

Mr. Chambers moved the meeting be adjourned; Ms. Bost seconded – VOTED: 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstained.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel M. Lee, Ed.D.  
Secretary