

Brunswick School Board
Special Meeting on the 2016 Budget

MINUTES

April 29, 2015

6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

Town Hall

85 Union Street

Board Members Present: William Thompson, Chair; Joy Prescott, Vice Chair;
Brenda Clough; Richard Ellis; James Grant; Christopher McCarthy;
Sarah Singer

Board Members Absent: Janet Connors; Corinne Perreault

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Gregory Bartlett, Assistant
Superintendent; Paul Austin, Student Services Director; Jim Oikle,
Business Manager; Sue Woodhams, Director of Technology
Integration; Paul Caron, Director of Maintenance and Transportation;
Michelle Caron, Assistant Transportation Director; Shanna Crofton,
BHS Principal; Jeff Ramich, Athletic Director, BHS; and others.

Guests: Parents, community members; members of the press & TV 3.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a roll call.

Adjustments to the Agenda

Discussion 2016 Budget

Mr. Perzanoski reviewed the changes that were made to the proposed budget based on the discussion of the 4/28/15 workshop. Mr. Ramich spoke on the importance of athletics as an extension of the classroom and the importance of freshman sports. Mr. Caron and Mrs. Caron discussed the request of the stop arm on busses. There was a great deal of discussion.

24. Consideration to accept the \$50,000 reduction of a 0.5 Psychologist.

Motion to remove the 0.5 Psychologist cut.

Motion: McCarthy Second: none Motion fails.

Motion: Grant Second: Ellis Vote: 5-2 (Prescott & McCarthy opposed)

Voted to accept the \$50,000 reduction of a 0.5 Psychologist.

25. Consideration to accept the \$50,000 reduction from Special Education Tuition.

Motion: Grant Second: Ellis Vote: 6-1 (McCarthy opposed)

Voted to accept the \$50,000 reduction from Special Education Tuition.

26. Consideration to accept the \$50,000 reduction from Facilities & Grounds.

Motion: Ellis Second: Singer Vote: 6-1 (McCarthy opposed)

Voted to accept the \$50,000 reduction from Facilities & Grounds.

27. Consideration to accept the \$35,000 reduction from Food Service.

Motion: Ellis Second: Singer Vote: 6-1 (McCarthy opposed)

Voted to accept the \$35,000 reduction from Food Service.

28. Consideration to reject the proposed \$32,000 reduction of Freshman Sports.

Motion: Ellis Second: McCarthy Vote: 6-1 (Clough opposed)

Voted to reject the \$32,000 reduction of Freshman Sports.

29. Consideration to accept the \$97,000 reduction of a Reading Strategist.

Motion: Grant Second: Singer

Motion to amend the above motion to accept the reduction of the Reading Strategist but we take the \$97,000 savings and put it back into the budget to fund some of the Tier One priority positions.

Motion: McCarthy Second: Prescott Vote: 2-5 (Ellis, Clough, Grant, Singer, Thompson opposed)

Amendment failed.

Motion: Grant Second: Singer Vote: 6-1 (Ellis opposed)

Voted to accept the \$97,000 reduction of a Reading Strategist.

30. Consideration to accept the \$98,000 reduction of RTI Math/Programming.

Motion: Grant Second: Clough

Motion to amend the above motion to accept the reduction of the RTI Math/Programming but we take the \$98,000 savings and put it back into the budget to fund the technology position.

Motion: McCarthy Second: Prescott

Move to Table above Amended Motion: Grant Second: Ellis Vote: 4-3 (Clough, McCarthy, Singer opposed)

Voted to table the above amended motion.

Motion to accept the \$98,000 reduction of RTI Math/Programming.

Motion: Grant Second: Clough Vote: 3-4 (Prescott, Ellis, McCarthy, Singer opposed)

Voted to reject the \$98,000 reduction of RTI Math/Programming position.

31. Consideration to accept the \$62,553 reduction of a Tech Integrator.

Motion: Grant Second: McCarthy Vote:6-1 (McCarthy opposed)

Voted to accept the \$62,553 reduction of a Tech Integrator.

32. Consideration to accept the \$16,427 reduction of the Transportation GPS Program & Stop Arm with LED Flashing Lights.

Motion: Grant Second: McCarthy Vote:6-1 (McCarthy opposed)

Voted to accept the \$16,427 reduction of the Transportation GPS Program & Stop Arm with LED Flashing Lights.

33. Consideration to accept the \$40,000 reduction from Sister School Revenue.

Motion: Grant Second: Clough Vote: unanimous of Board members present

Voted to accept the \$40,000 reduction from Sister School Revenue.

34. Consideration of a Budget Request for the School Department Operating Budget for 2015-16

Motion to take the \$400,980 cut and put it back into the budget to be used at the discretion of the administration to fund Tier One and/or Tier Two programs that were cut in the original budget.

Motion: McCarthy Second: none Motion fails.

Motion to remove the Assistant Superintendent position as was proposed in the original budget reductions.

Motion: Grant Second: none Motion fails.

Motion to present \$36,585,855 to the Town Council as the School Department Operating Budget for 2015-2016 with language added to add money should the legislature vote to increase funding.

Motion: Grant Second: Prescott Vote: 6-1 (McCarthy opposed)

Voted to present \$36,585,855 to the Town Council as the School Department Operating Budget for 2015-2016 with language added to add money should the legislature vote to increase funding.

Adjournment

By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.



Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board