

BRUNSWICK SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
46 Federal Street
Brunswick, Maine 04011

MINUTES
**Special School Board Meeting
with the Town Council**
September 23, 2015
6:30 p.m.
Cafeteria at
Coffin Elementary School

Town Council Members Present: Sarah Brayman, Dan Harris, Jane Millett, John Perreault, John Richardson, Dave Watson, Steve Walker, Kathy Wilson

Town Council Members Absent: Suzan Wilson

Board Members Present: Brenda Clough, Janet Connors, Rich Ellis, Teresa Gillis, Joy Prescott, Sarah Singer, Bill Thompson

Board Members Absent: Corey Perreault, Jim Grant

Guests: Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent; Paul Caron, Director of Grounds and Transportation; Julia Henze, Finance Director; Jim Oikle, BSD Business Manager; John Eldridge, Town Manager; Steve Ciembroniewicz, Coffin School Principal; Walter Wallace, BJHS Principal; Lisa Cushman, BJHS Assistant Principal; members of the press and other community members.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance/Roll Call

Mr. Thompson called the joint meeting of the Brunswick School Board and Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked the Superintendent for a roll call.

Adjustment to the Agenda

Add #76; Switch items b and c; add Emergency Issues as #1 under a.

New Business

School Board Action:

75. Approve Revolving Renovation Application for Coffin Elementary School and Brunswick Junior High School.

Motion: Ellis

Second: Singer

Vote: Unanimous of Board members present

a. Discussion with Town Council: Facility Master Plan Debt Service Assumptions

Town Finance Director provided debt service options to the two boards and answered questions. The options are an attachment.

1. Emerging Issues

The group asked questions about issues that might arise, or have arisen. Please see attached list.

c. Discussion with Town Council: What is the Definition of a Priority Repair? (Examples: ADA; asbestos; fire code upgrades; heating plant; removal and replacement of portable classrooms)

Reviewed CIP for any different definitions. CIP is an attachment.

b. Discussion with Town Council: Priority Repairs

Portables out in front of Coffin was suggested
Replacement of heating line was suggested
The School Board will develop a list for consideration

d. Discussion with Town Council: Timetable on a School Board Decision on the Scope and Sequence of the Facilities Master Plan


The following were discussed: Debt Service needs to be an agenda item at the next meeting; The options need to be decreased and discussed at the next meeting; There was a suggestion that the public needs to have an opportunity to express their views; The election calendar for a referendum was reviewed; Public input on a tax increase in the future needs to happen; Maintenance and operational costs need to be maintained; The contract with PDT is running low on funds and needs to be considered: The School Board needs to develop a schedule to inform the Town Council of progress.

e. Optional: Tour of Buildings

Will be held at another time.

Adjournment

Without objection Mr. Thompson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.


Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board