

Brunswick School Board
Special Meeting
MINUTES
Wednesday, May 17, 2017
*** Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. ***
Special Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

School Board Members Present: Jim Grant, Vice-Chair; Teresa Gillis; Mandy Merrill; Corinne Perreault; Sarah Singer; Elizabeth Sokoloff; William Thompson; Benjamin Tucker; Stephen Backman, Student Liaison

School Board Members Absent: Joy Prescott, Chair; Elina Woolever, Student Liaison

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent; Kelly Wentworth, Business Manager; Scott Smith, Director of Grounds and Food Service; Martin Mackey, REAL School Principal; Walter Wallace, BJHS Principal

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Mr. Grant called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a roll call.

Executive Session

38. Consideration of Executive Session

Vote to enter executive session for the purpose of attorney consultation pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6) (E)

Motion to enter executive session.

Motion: Sokoloff Second: Tucker Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present

Approved to enter executive session.

The Board entered executive session at 5:31 p.m.

The Board reconvened in public session at 6:42 p.m.

Adjustment to the Agenda

Add Public Comment

Public Comment

Jean Powers raised a concern with one of the chemicals to be used in the scheduled spraying for brown tail moths at BHS.

Mr. Smith explained when and how this spraying is scheduled to occur.

39. Discussion and Possible Action: REAL School Acadia National Park and Cutler Coast Camping Excursion – M. Mackey

Mr. Mackey gave an overview of the proposed field trip which would be held on June 5th.

Motion to accept the field trip.

Motion: Thompson Second: Singer Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present

Voted to approve the REAL School field trip.

40. Discussion and Possible Action: Budget Reductions to the 2018 proposed budget –

K. Wentworth/P. Perzanoski

Mr. Perzanoski reviewed the reductions that have been approved for the 2018 school budget of approximately \$849,000. The Town Council has suggested that we reduce the budget by another \$500,000. Mr. Perzanoski proposed further budget reductions be phrased as being unfunded, and not eliminated, with the hope that additional state funds will come in and positions could be reinstated. The Superintendent answered questions from the Board.

Motion to accept the Superintendent's proposal to not fund the positions listed for an additional \$500,000 reduction to the 2018 proposed budget.

Motion: Tucker Second: Perreault Vote: 4-4 (Gillis, Merrill, Singer, Sokoloff opposed)
Motion failed.

Motion to not fund the curriculum coordinator salary (\$136,001), the HBS music teacher (\$43,546), miscellaneous copier lease savings (\$21,842), the special education secretary (\$30,608), remediation (\$13,490) and professional development (\$7,000) for a total reduction of \$252,487; and ask the Town Council for the remainder (\$247,513) to come from their reserve.

Motion: Thompson Second: Tucker

Motion to amend above motion by adding the BJHS RTI position (\$83,000) to above list.

Motion amended: Merrill Second: Singer Vote: 3-5 (Tucker, Gillis, Perreault, Grant,
Sokoloff opposed)

Amendment failed.

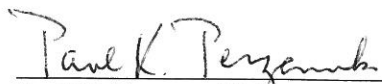
Original Motion: Thompson Second: Tucker Vote: 5-3 (Gillis, Grant, Sokoloff opposed)

Voted to not fund the curriculum coordinator salary (\$136,001), the HBS music teacher (\$43,546), miscellaneous copier lease savings (\$21,842), the special education secretary (\$30,608), remediation (\$13,490) and professional development (\$7,000) for a total reduction of \$252,487; and ask the Town Council for the remainder (\$247,513) to come from their reserve.

The Board discussed recommendations on distribution of possible additional funds we may receive from the state. Additional funds received from the state can only be used to restore expenditures to the school, reduce the tax rate, or returned to our restricted educational fund balance.

Adjournment

By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.


Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board