

Brunswick School Board
MINUTES
Special Meeting
With Executive Session
September 27, 2017
6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

School Board Members Present: Joy Prescott, Chair; Mandy Merrill; Sarah Singer; Elizabeth Sokoloff; Benjamin Tucker; William Thompson

School Board Members Absent: Teresa Gillis; Jim Grant, Vice Chair; Corinne Perreault

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent; Barbara Gunn, Director of Special Education; Tim Gagnon, BHS Assistant Principal

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

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

86. Consideration of Executive Session

Vote to enter executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6) (A) for the purpose of a personnel matters.

Motion to enter executive session.

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

Approved to enter executive session

The Board entered executive session at 6:35 p.m.

The Board reconvened in public session at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to direct the Superintendent to negotiate a contract with Jay Ketner for the position of Curriculum Coordinator.

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

Discussion and possible action concerning the State's closing of the CDS System and having public schools take over their responsibilities.

The state has made a recommendation to close Child Development System for 3-5 year old students with disabilities and place that responsibility onto the local school districts. If passed, this is expected to happen in July 2018. As of June 2017 CDS had a total of 86 Brunswick students and as of September 2017 this number was reduced to 67. Barbara Gunn reported on current CDS services that are provided and gave her thoughts on the change. The Board discussed funding, implementation, possible affects on the new school, and scheduling a meeting for discussion with legislators.

Discussion and possible action on the DOE's recommendation that career and technical education be mandated for grades 6 thru 8.

LD 1576, an act to enable earlier introduction of career and technical education in Maine schools. This appears to be oriented more toward the technical schools than the public schools. Discussion was held on how this would affect our junior high schedules if Tech 10 added grades 6-8 to their program, or do we add more technical programs for our younger students. Mr. Wallace reported on research that he had done regarding this in other states. Mr. Gagnon spoke of the lack of certified technology education teachers in the state which has caused many schools to have to drop technical courses.

Discussion of Topics and Date for a Political Outreach Committee meeting.


Discussed setting up a meeting with our Political Outreach committee and local Legislators. The last two items that were discussed tonight could certainly be on the agenda. This meeting could be scheduled during the next Workshop on October 25th. Invitations to our Legislators will be sent out.

Announcement

Tech 10 received a \$1500 grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation for the purchase of a simulated manikin for the EMT/CNA Program.

Adjournment

By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board