Brunswick School Board
Special Meeting
MINUTES
Wednesday, August 22, 2018
* Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. *

Regular Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

School Board Members Present: James Grant, Vice Chair; Corinne Perreault; Elizabeth Sokoloff; William Thompson; Benjamin Tucker; Maddie Wayne, Student Liaison

School Board Members Absent: Joy Prescott, Chair; Teresa Gillis; Mandy Merrill; Sarah Singer

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanowski, Superintendent; Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent; Barbara Gunn, Director of Student Services; Kelly Wentworth, Business Manager; Scott Smith, Director of Facilities, Grounds, and Food Service; Steve Ciembroniewicz, Coffin Elementary School Principal; Chris McCarthy, REAL School Principal; Brian Pressley, BHS Teacher; Sue Alexander, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: John Eldridge, Town Manager; Julie Henze, Brunswick Finance Director; Matt Pitzer, PDT Architects; community members; and members of the press.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call
Mr. Grant called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a roll call.

Executive Session
74. Consideration of Executive Session with Possible Action
Vote to enter executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6) (A) for the purpose of personnel matters.

Motion to enter executive session.
Motion: Tucker  Second: Thompson  Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present

Approved to enter executive session.

The Board entered executive session at 6:10 p.m.

The Board reconvened in public session at 6:38 p.m.

75. Motion to direct the Superintendent to negotiate a 2-year contract with Troy Henninger for the principalship of Brunswick High School.

Motion: Thompson  Second: Sokoloff  Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present
Adjustment to the Agenda
None

Consent Agenda Action
Items on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection.

*76. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of August 8, 2018

Old Business
None

Communications/Correspondence
None

Public Participation
None

Superintendent’s Report

New Business
77. Discussion and Possible Action on the Building Committee’s Recommendation for a General Contractor for the Kate Furubish Elementary School

Matt Pitzer from PDT Architects presented the bids that were received for the construction of the Kate Furubish Elementary School. Our projected construction budget established in 2016 was $22,385,839. Through the pre-qualification process four general contractors were pre-qualified, all four submitted bids for the project, and three were under budget. The total project cost from each contractor was: Ledgewood Construction, $20,290,170; PC Construction, $20,337,000; Ouellet Construction, $20,415,313; and Sheridan Corporation, $23,451,000. All four contractors carried the same subcontractors and their costs were: drywall, Nichols Construction, $1,686,500; mechanical systems, Norris Preble, $2,798,920; electrical, ES Boulos, $1,664,000; and site, civil, landscape work, AH Grover, $1,955,075. Playground costs of approximately $100,000 was in our projected budget but is not in the current contractor costs, so the current contractor cost is approximately $2,000,000 below our projected construction budget. If the project continues to remain under budget, possible places the Building Committee may look to increase funding is in areas that were originally under-budgeted: Playgrounds, Furnishings and Equipment, Art, Construction Testing, Technology, and possible addition of photovoltaics. The building has been designed as a solar-ready building.

Move the contract for construction of the Brunswick Elementary School be awarded to Ledgewood Construction at a price of $20,290,170 including all alternates and that the Superintendent be authorized to execute and deliver that contract upon receipt of payment in performance bonds in the amount of that contract.

Motion: Thompson Second: Perreault Vote: Unanimous of Board members present

78. Consideration of the Superintendent’s Nomination of Teachers for 2018-2019 School Year
Vote to elect the following teachers for the 2018-19 school year:
  Kate Kovach, Gr. 5 Teacher, one-year position, HBS
  Michelle Lane, SEB Teacher, Coffin
  Mike Halmo, 0.5 Guidance Counselor, BHS
  Bob VanMilligan, 0.5 Science Teacher, BHS

Passed by Unanimous Consent of Board members present
79. Discussion and Possible Action on the Opportunity to Apply for Grant Money for the BHS Track from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

The Superintendent reported that the site visit was done to allow us the possibility to continue with this application in conjunction with the town. There are some “strings” attached with this opportunity to secure up to $300,000 for the track project. The largest one is that you have to define the area around the track and around the school to be protected and managed for public outdoor recreation in perpetuity. You will not know what that acreage will be until after you file for the grant. The boundary map may be negotiable and acreage may possibly be moved to a different site but it can be a difficult task. If continuation of the application is approved by the Board tonight it will also go to the Town Council for their consideration.

Move to authorize superintendent to continue with the application process
   Motion: Tucker    Second: Sokoloff    Vote: 4-1 (Thompson opposed)

Vote to authorize superintendent to continue with the application process.

Adjournment
By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board