

**Brunswick School Board
Special Meeting**

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

Town Hall

School Board Members Present: Benjamin Tucker, Vice Chair; Teresa Gillis; Celina Harrison; Joy Prescott; Sarah Singer (arrived approx. 6:45 p.m.); Elizabeth Sokoloff; Maddie Wayne, Student Liaison; Tyler Patterson, BHS Student Liaison

School Board Members Absent: James Grant, Chair; Mandy Merrill; William Thompson

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Greg Bartlett, Interim Assistant Superintendent; Barbara Gunn, Special Services Director; Kelly Wentworth, Business Manager; Sue Woodhams, Technology Director; Troy Henninger, BHS Principal; Walter Wallace, BJHS Principal; Mandy Lewis, BJHS Asst. Principal; Heather Blanchard, HBS Principal; Steve Ciembroniewicz, Coffin School Principal; Scott Smith, Building, Grounds, and Food Service Director; Michelle Caron, Transportation Director; Tom Stocker, BHS Science Teacher; Kaitlyn Ostrov, BHS Science Teacher; and others.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

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

Adjustment to the Agenda

Add Public Comment

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Jean Powers asked the Board to try to keep the combined tax increase (school and town) to 3%.

Discussion and Possible Action on the Proposed 2019-2020 School Budget

Kelly Wentworth reviewed the FY20 Summary Budget Presentation that was given at the March 13 Board meeting. The actual health insurance costs have not been received, however, the MEA Benefits Trust notified her that the health insurance increase would not be more than 7%. Since the original summary had used a 10% figure she was able to reduce the estimate by \$213,000. Because of this the year-over-year change has been reduced to 7.20% and the proposed increase on taxation is at 4.75%.

The Board discussed administrative requests and asked questions of the administrators present. The Board felt a 5.67% year-over-year increase would be bare minimum and any lower would not allow us to meet our students' needs.

22. Motion to adopt as our budget proposal to the Town Council, a 4.75% tax impact budget, which includes administrator requests on Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3.

Motion: Tucker Second: Singer Vote: Unanimous of Board Members Present
Vote to propose to Town Council a FY20 proposed budget of \$40,879,343, which is a 7.20% year-over-year increase, or 4.75% increase on taxation.


Motion to amend motion #22 to include an authorization to the Superintendent to revise health insurance numbers if the actual health insurance increase is lower than the estimated 7%.

Motion: Tucker Second: Harrison Vote: Unanimous of Board Members Present
Vote to authorize Superintendent to revise proposed budget if actual health insurance increase is lower than the estimated 7%.

The Board gave their input for the FY2020 budget proposal book. They will forward their ideas to Mrs. Wentworth.

Adjournment

By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board