

Brunswick School Board

MINUTES

Special Meeting

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Brunswick Station

16 Station Avenue

School Board Members Present: James Grant, Chair; Corinne Perreault, Vice Chair; Brenda Clough; Janet Connors; James Matthew Corey; Richard Ellis; Michele Joyce; Michelle Small; William Thompson; Julia Brown, Student Liaison

School Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Gregory Bartlett, Assistant Superintendent; James Oikle, Business Manager

Guests: Several parents; members of the press

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Grant.

Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustment to the Agenda

None

33. Presentations on Budget Options

Mr. Perzanoski made a presentation of five budget options. Mr. Grant called for Board and public comment. Five members spoke.

34. Consideration of a Budget Request for the School Department operating budget 2012-2013

Mr. Ellis moved to adopt Option 2. Mrs. Connors seconded the motion.

Mrs. Perreault moved to add a Director of Curriculum and Grants which was seconded by Ms. Clough. The vote was 2-7 (Small, Ellis, Corey, Grant, Connors, Joyce, Thompson opposed) and the motion failed.

Ms. Joyce moved, with a second by Ms. Small, to add two psychologists. This motion was tabled.

Mr. Thompson moved, with a second by Mrs. Perreault, to add positions, marked for reduction in force with an asterisk, from Options 3 and 4 to Option 2. The vote was 2-7 (Small, Ellis, Clough, Corey, Grant, Connors, Joyce opposed). The motion failed.

Mr. Ellis moved, with a second by Ms. Small, to add two special education teachers. The vote was 3-6 (Clough, Corey, Grant, Perreault, Connors, Thompson opposed). The motion failed.

Mr. Grant moved, with a second by Mr. Thompson, to remove all white boards and add a technology technician at Stowe School. The vote was 5-4 (Ellis, Clough, Corey, Joyce opposed). The motion passed.

Ms. Small moved, with a second by Ms. Joyce, to add 1.0 Guidance and 1.0 World Language positions. The vote was 3-6 (Ellis, Corey, Grant, Connors, Joyce, Thompson opposed). The motion failed.

Mr. Ellis moved, with a second by Mrs. Connors, to adopt Option 2, the original motion. The vote was 1-8 (Small, Clough, Corey, Grant, Perreault, Connors, Joyce, Thompson opposed). The motion failed.

Mr. Thompson moved, with a second by Mrs. Connors, to adopt Option 4. The vote was 5-4 (Ellis, Clough, Perreault, Connors opposed). The motion to adopt Option 4 budget request to the Town passed.

Mr. Ellis moved, with a second by Mr. Corey, to add a science teacher. The vote was 2-7 (Small, Clough, Grant, Perreault, Connors, Joyce, Thompson opposed). The motion failed.

Mrs. Perreault moved, with a second by Ms. Joyce, to add a part-time (.5) World Language Teacher. The vote was 6-3 (Clough, Grant, Connors opposed). The motion to add a part-time (.5) World Language Teacher was approved.


Mr. Corey moved, with a second by Mr. Ellis, to add one (21 hours) Resource Assistant and one special Education Teacher system-wide. The vote was 4-5 (Clough, Grant, Connors, Joyce, Thompson opposed). The motion to add these positions failed.

Ms. Small moved, with a second by Mrs. Perreault, to add a part-time (.5) Guidance Counselor. The vote was 7-2 (Grant, Thompson opposed). This motion to add a part-time (.5) Guidance Counselor was approved.

Ms Joyce moved, with a second by Mrs. Connors to adopt a School Department operating budget for 2012-2013 of \$33,491,029 and send this request to the Town of Brunswick. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Adjournment

Mr. Grant adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.



Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board