

Brunswick School Board

MINUTES

Special Meeting
Wednesday, May 23, 2012
Brunswick Station
16 Station Avenue

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

School Board Members Absent: James Matthew Corey

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Gregory Bartlett, Assistant Superintendent; James Oikle, Business Manager; Paul Caron, Facilities Director; John Paige, Principal, Coffin School

Guests: Jeff Larimer, Harriman Inc.; Ben Tucker, Town Councilor; Jane Millett; Hannah Perreault; 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

Agenda items were re-ordered to the following order: 50 is now 48, 51 is now 49, 49 is now 50, 48 is now 51.

Mr. Grant asked for public comment. Hannah Perreault spoke about students using the field at Harriet Beecher Stowe School. Jane Millett spoke about school facilities.

48. Consideration of any Revisions to the Budget Request for the School Department Operating Budget 2012-2013

The Superintendent explained that on May 16, 2012, the Cooperative Board of Region 10 Technical High School voted to increase its 2012-13 budget by \$50,000. Brunswick's assessment increased \$17,276 for a new total of \$697,570.

Motion: Connors Second: Ellis Vote: 3-5 (Clough, Grant, Joyce, Perreault, Small opposed)

The motion was to increase Brunswick's assessment to Region 10 Technical High School by \$17,276 to an amount not to exceed \$697,570 with the increase coming from budget reserves, leaving Brunswick's approved budget at \$33,491,029. This motion failed.

49. Consideration of a Math Program

Mr. Paige and Mr. Bartlett gave a presentation on a proposed math program recommended by the Curriculum and Program Committee.

After discussion, Mr. Grant asked for a vote to move the question. The vote was unanimous of the Board members present to move the question.

Motion: Thompson Second: Joyce Vote: Unanimous of the Board Members Present

Voted to adopt and fully fund the Math In Focus K-5 program with a strong emphasis on professional staff development.

51. Consideration of the Capital Improvement Plan/Facilities Study

Mr. Ellis gave an overview from the Facilities and Maintenance Committee, and noted that a CIP amount would need to be set in order for the Town to issue a bond.

Mr. Larimer gave a review of Option 1, 1A, Option 3, and a preschool option. Mr. Caron gave an overview of moving the bus garage.

Motion: Small Second: Ellis Vote: 5-3 (Connors, Joyce, Thompson opposed)

Voted to approve to prioritize and focus on elementary school options at this time.

Motion: Joyce Second: Small Vote: 5-3 (Ellis, Perreault, Thompson opposed)

Voted to eliminate Option 1 for consideration.

The Board decided to seek input from the staff, hold a May 29 public forum on the Master Facilities Plan, and schedule a possible special meeting on June 7.

50. Feedback on Student Liaison to the School Board

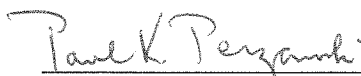
Mr. Grant asked for a motion to table this item.

Motion: Perreault Second: Thompson Vote: Unanimous of the Board Members Present

Voted to table this item.

Adjournment

By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board