

Brunswick School Board
Special Meeting
MINUTES
Wednesday, October 24, 2018
6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
Town Hall
85 Union Street

School Board Members Present: Joy Prescott, Chair (arrived approximately 6:36 pm); Teresa Gillis; Corinne Perreault (arrived approximately 7 pm); Sarah Singer; Elizabeth Sokoloff; William Thompson; Benjamin Tucker; Maddie Wayne, Student Liaison

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

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent; Steve Ciembroniewicz, Coffin Elementary School Principal

Guests: Nancy Weed, Region 10 Technical High School Director; Gabby Mason, student, Region 10 CNA program; Joanne McMahon, Region 10 CNA Instructor; John Stivers, Region 10 Assistant Director; Rick Bray, Brunswick representative on Region 10 School Board; community members; and members of the press.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Mr. Thompson 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

None

New Business

91. Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Addendums to the Education Technicians' and Teachers' Contracts

Addendums for the Educational Technicians' contract because additional hours were added to 24 of the Educational Technicians, Article 12 no longer needs to be in the contract. There is no financial impact.

Addendum for the Teachers' Contract. In the past hourly employees were not allowed to apply for stipend positions. By listing them as we are now with a final amount, we are able to utilize a different formula that will allow hourly employees to also apply for stipend positions.

Motion to approve addendums to the Educational Technicians' and Teachers' contracts.

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

Addendums to the Education Technicians' and Teachers' Contracts approved.

Presentation: Region 10 Technical High School's Proposed Future Plan

Nancy Weed, Region 10 Technical High School's Director, and a team from Region 10 gave a presentation to the School Board regarding a proposal for a comprehensive four year technical high school to be located at The Landing. This presentation was also given on September 19 to various members of the State Department of Education where they discussed the concept of this proposal. The Director has reached out to businesses and some local legislators, who have also been very supportive.

Discussion: Results of Pre-K Community Survey

Steve Ciembroniewicz gave a presentation of the results of the Pre-K Community Survey that was given in September. The current plan is for four Pre-K classrooms with approximately 15 students per classroom at the Kate Furbish Elementary School. The purpose of the survey was to gather community input as part of the planning process. An overview of the 189 responses to the survey was given and showed a community interest in a public Pre-K program.

The Superintendent said that the next step of the Pre-K process will be to form an advisory committee. The committee will not only look at this data, but also research other programs, curriculum, and equipment, as well as communicate with other current Pre-K programs in the area. A public Pre-K program is a community program as it also involves collaborating with already existing private programs and before and after school programs.

Adjournment

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


Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board