

BRUNSWICK SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

46 Federal Street

Brunswick, Maine 04011

MINUTES

Public Forum on the Budget and
Special School Board Meeting

March 28, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

Town Hall

School Board Members Present: Joy Prescott, Chair; James Grant, Vice Chair; Teresa Gillis; Mandy Merrill; Sarah Singer; Elizabeth Sokoloff; William Thompson; Benjamin Tucker

School Board Members Absent: Corinne Perreault; Elina Woolever, Student Liaison; Maddie Wayne, Student Liaison

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent; Barbara Gunn, Student Services Director; Kelly Wentworth, Business Manager; Sue Woodhams, Technology Director; Scott Smith, Facilities and Food Service Director; Michelle Caron, Transportation Director; Martin Mackey, REAL School Principal; Tim Gagnon, BHS Assistant Principal; Walter Wallace, BJHS Principal; Heather Blanchard, HBS Principal; Josh Levy, HBS Assistant Principal; Steve Ciembroniewicz, Coffin School Principal; Sue Alexander, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Parents, community members; members of the press & TV 3.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Ms. Prescott called the meeting to order at 6:31p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a roll call.

Adjustments to the Agenda

None

Overview on the 2018 Budget

Mrs. Wentworth gave an overview of the 2019 budget process, briefly went over the drivers of the proposed increases, and presented the current preliminary budget summary and impact. The Board will deliberate tonight and the budget will be brought forward to the Town Council on April 5th. She also addressed questions that were sent to her from a community member.

Public Comment

Robert Morrison spoke to support a strong budget for education.

Sue Stableford urged the Board to limit the amount of increase to the budget.

Dana Bateman spoke in support of education.

Richard Bisson spoke in favor of new busses.

Ed Cowan asked the Board to be fiscally responsible.

Vin Shende spoke in support of a strong budget for education.

Keesha Payson spoke in favor of our budget.

Kate Kalajainen spoke in support of technology and our school budget.

Jean Powers urged the Board to make cuts to reduce their budget.

Leo Theberge spoke in favor of new busses.

Discussion, Review, and Possible Action on Public Comment and Budget Content

Mr. Perzanoski gave administrative recommendations for the bare minimum needed from the administrative requests' tiers. The Board discussed Tier I and Tier II positions and asked questions of the administrators present.

28. Motion to adopt as our budget proposal to the council, with the administrative requests as modified at last meeting: Tier 1 plus first four positions on Tier 2, including modification of Technology Equipment from \$91,721 to \$71,000.

Motion: Tucker Second: Gillis

Request to amend motion to remove K-5 Technology Integrator (\$98,572) until question regarding dual certification is answered.

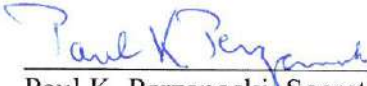
Amend Motion: Tucker Second: Gillis Vote: 7-1 (Thompson opposed)

Voted to approve proposed budget as presented including the administrative requests on Tier I minus the K-5 Technology Integrator, and including reduction of Technology Equipment from \$91,721 to \$71,000, plus the first four positions on Tier II. (4.98% proposed increase on taxation)

Budget will be presented to the Town Council on April 5th, however, the Superintendent did ask the Town Manager if we can move the presentation to April 12th to allow time to prepare our budget book and allow councilors time to review it.

Adjournment

By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.


Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary
Brunswick School Board