

Brunswick School Board  
**MINUTES**  
Wednesday, March 24, 2021  
**6:00 p.m.**  
School Board Special Meeting  
Meeting via Electronic Devices

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**All Votes to be Taken Via Roll Call**

School Board Members Present: William Thompson, Chair; Beth Bisson, Vice-Chair; Teresa Gillis; Celina Harrison; Mandy Merrill; Joy Prescott; Sarah Singer; Elizabeth Sokoloff; Lauren Watkinson; Tyler Patterson, Student Liaison; Margaret Chingos, Student Liaison

Staff Members Present: Phil Potenziano, Superintendent; Shawn Lambert, Assistant Superintendent; Jessica Yates, Special Services Director; Kelly Wentworth, Business Manager; and other administrators

### **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call**

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a roll call.

### **D. Executive Session**

#### Consideration of Executive Session

Vote to enter executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6) (E) to consult with legal counsel.

Motion: Harrison Second: Gillis Vote: Unanimous of Board members present

Board entered into executive session at 6:03 p.m.

Board returned from executive session at 6:43 p.m.

### **E. Adjustment to the Agenda**

None

### **F. Consent Agenda Action**

None

### **G. Old Business**

None

### **H. Approval of the Minutes**

Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of February 10, 2021

Consideration of Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2021

Approved without objection from Board members present.

### **I. Communications/Correspondence**

Received a request regarding cords for graduation; and Board members received a number of messages regarding the re-opening of schools in April, both in favor of the change and also in favor of remaining as is for the remainder of the year. There have also been requests to extend the school year. We will add this as a future agenda items.

### **J. Public Participation**

None

### **K. Superintendent's Report**

#### **a. Safer reopening of Schools update**

The Superintendent thanked the many parents that completed the survey. This week the administrative team met with Dr. Goodwin and the school nurses to discuss safety and programming. They also discussed the fact that so far we have done a good job of mitigating Covid-19 in our schools by wearing masks, social distancing, and using the screening tool. With April break coming up he gave a reminder to parents, staff and the community that the state still has travel guidance coming in and out of Maine, and Maine CDC rules that need to be followed. Please be aware of this and the impact that it may have on the opening of schools.

**b. 2021/2022 Budget Presentation**

Mr. Potenziano informed the Board of federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) which authorizes a total of \$403,000,000 for Maine with a minimum of 90% to be directed specifically to school districts. The Superintendent and Ms. Wentworth explained changes in expenses and revenues that have been made to the proposed budget. They also explained how grant funding is "one-time money". If grant funds are used for items this year to reduce the impact on taxation, those items or positions will be moved into local funding in future years which will impact the local funding in later years. Some Board members would like to see what "one-time" expenses could possibly be moved into grant funds to reduce the taxation impact. Board would like to meet again next week after we have received more information on federal funding.

**L. Board Chair's Report**

None

**M. Committee Reports**

None

**N. New Business**

None

**O. Executive Session**

Consideration of Executive Session

Vote to enter executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6) (E) to consult with legal counsel.

Motion: Sokoloff    Second: Harrison    Vote: Unanimous of Board members present

Board entered into executive session at 7:58pm

Board returned from executive session at 9:21pm

**P. Calendar/Announcements**

None

**Q. Future Agenda Items**

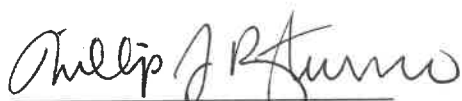
Response to request to add additional days to this school year

**R. Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Gillis    Second: Watkinson    Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.



Phillip J. Potenziano, Ed.D, Secretary  
Brunswick School Board