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**SPECIAL BROOKLINE SCHOOL BOARD  
MARCH 17, 2020  
MEETING MINUTES**

A special meeting of the Brookline School Board was conducted on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. at the Captain Samuel Douglass Academy.

Kenneth Haag, Vice Chairman, presided

Members of the Board Present:       Rebecca Howie, Secretary  
  Alison Marsano  
  Erin Sarris  
  Karen Jew

Members of the Board Absent:

Also in Attendance:                   Andrew Corey, Superintendent  
  Gina Bergskaug, Assistant Superintendent  
  Bob Thompson, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services

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**DISCUSSION**

Superintendent Corey informed the Board and viewing audience the District would be moving to remote learning on March 18, 2020, and spoke of the need to deliberate on items related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**DELIBERATIONS**

- To see what action the Board will take regarding the Superintendent's recommendations

**MOTION BY MEMBER HAAG TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO NEGOTIATE WITH STUDENT TRANSPORTATION OF AMERICA TO CONTINUE COMPENSATION FOR BUS DRIVERS DURING THIS STATE OF EMERGENCY  
MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER MARSANO**

**ON THE QUESTION**

Superintendent Corey noted the request, at this time, is to negotiate through April 3, 2020.

Vice Chairman Haag agreed with the sentiment, and questioned the risk of losing them during the quarantine. Superintendent Corey remarked unemployment in the State is not necessarily a great direction, and we will need bus drivers ready as soon as normal operations resume. He will provide additional information, when available.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION BY MEMBER MARSANO TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO COMPENSATE HOURLY EMPLOYEES TO COMPLETE REQUIRED TRAININGS FOR JOB REQUIREMENTS AS WELL AS TEACHER AND STUDENT SUPPORT DURING THIS DESIGNATED STATE OF EMERGENCY  
MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER SARRIS**

1 ON THE QUESTION

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3 Superintendent Corey stated the request is for hourly employees to complete required trainings such as  
4 Registered Behavior Technician (RBT), Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI), and Cardiopulmonary  
5 Resuscitation (CPR). It also includes food delivery. Funds have already been budgeted. Employees are  
6 able to access their sick or personal time, but unemployment benefits are not fully known at this time.  
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8 Vice Chairman Haag remarked he is not concerned about this as we are stating the employees are working.

9 **MOTION CARRIED**

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12 **MOTION BY MEMBER MARSANO TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT, OR HIS**  
13 **DESIGNEE, TO OFFER MEALS THROUGH THE SAU41 FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM, AND, IF**  
14 **NECESSARY, TO EXPEND DISTRICT FUNDS, TO ENSURE OUR FAMILIES HAVE THE**  
15 **ABILITY TO ACCESS MEALS DURING THIS DESIGNATED STATE OF EMERGENCY**  
16 **MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER HOWIE**

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18 ON THE QUESTION

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20 Superintendent Corey spoke of the potential that not everyone who comes for bagged meals could be  
21 already deemed eligible for free and reduced lunch. Their circumstance might change given this State of  
22 Emergency, and he does not want to turn any families away.

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24 Amy Cassidy, Food Service Director, is gathering more information from the State, but we would like to  
25 have the authority to get this going if we do not have a definitive answer from the State.

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27 Asked if families would have to enter the building, Superintendent Corey stated the service would be drive-  
28 up, and that the Richard Maghakian Memorial School and the Hollis Brookline Middle School (HBMS)  
29 were chosen as pick up sites for their close proximity to an exterior entrance.

30 **MOTION CARRIED**

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33 **MOTION BY MEMBER HOWIE TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT, OR HIS**  
34 **DESIGNEE, TO FOLLOW THE ADVICE OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE ATTORNEY GENERAL**  
35 **THAT DURING THE CURRENT STATE OF EMERGENCY, SCHOOL BOARDS CAN “MEET**  
36 **ELECTRONICALLY” IF THEY CAN COMPLY WITH RSA 91-A:2, II AND THE PRESIDING**  
37 **OFFICER DECLARES THE MEETING AN “EMERGENCY”**  
38 **MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER MARSANO**

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40 ON THE QUESTION

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42 Superintendent Corey stated he would like to hold the meetings at the HBMS as it has the greatest  
43 streaming capability and the greatest amount of space should members of the public wish to attend

1 Vice Chairman Haag questioned the ability to utilize a District device to participate in meetings.  
2 Superintendent Corey indicated the District would be able to loan a device to any Board member in need of  
3 one.

4 **MOTION CARRIED**  
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7 **MOTION BY MEMBER SARRIS TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIR TO APPOINT A**  
8 **DESIGNEE TO SERVE AS THE PRESIDING OFFICER SHOULD WE MOVE TO “MEET**  
9 **ELECTRONICALLY” UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 91-A:2, II DURING THIS**  
10 **DESIGNATED STATE OF EMERGENCY**  
11 **MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER HOWIE**

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13 ON THE QUESTION

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15 Superintendent Corey stated that Vice Chairman Haag would pick the presiding officer for the meeting.  
16 **MOTION CARRIED**  
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19 **MOTION BY MEMBER MARSANO TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO PAUSE**  
20 **THE POLICY REGARDING HB1612, STUDENT ACCESS TO THE INTERNET, UNTIL THE**  
21 **STATE OF EMERGENCY HAS CONCLUDED**  
22 **MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER JEW**

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24 ON THE QUESTION

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26 Superintendent Corey explained he does not wish to limit the ability of teachers during this time of remote  
27 learning. He wants to respect the freedom of teachers to communicate with parents.

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29 The Assistant Superintendents have vetted Zoom. Some of our work will move to the Zoom platform.  
30 **MOTION CARRIED**  
31 **5-0-0**

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33 **MOTION BY MEMBER HAAG TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT, OR HIS**  
34 **DESIGNEE, TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED**  
35 **OPERATIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DURING THIS DESIGNATED STATE OF**  
36 **EMERGENCY**  
37 **MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER MARSANO**

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39 ON THE QUESTION

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41 Superintendent Corey stated that he is asking for the authority to make decisions as they become necessary.  
42 For example, once the Board members have approved the manifests via email, he does not want to require  
43 Board members to come into the building to sign the manifests.

44 **MOTION CARRIED**  
45 **5-0-0**

1 **MOTION BY MEMBER HAAG TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DISTRICT**  
2 **CLERK TO APPOINT PATTI HOWARD AS THE CLERK FOR THE OFFICIAL RECOUNT OF**  
3 **BROOKLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT ARTICLE 3 TO TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY,**  
4 **MARCH 20, 2020**  
5 **MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER SARRIS**

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7 ON THE QUESTION

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9 Superintendent Corey stated the Clerk has a conflict of interest due to the Clerk's signing of the recount  
10 request.

11 **MOTION CARRIED**  
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14 ADJOURNMENT

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16 **MOTION BY MEMBER HAAG TO ADJOURN**  
17 **MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER SARRIS**  
18 **MOTION CARRIED**  
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21 The March 17, 2020 special meeting of the Brookline School Board was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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25 Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

