

**BROOKLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING
FEBRUARY 7, 2022
MEETING MINUTES**

A Public Hearing was conducted by the Brookline School Board on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 6:05 p.m. at the Captain Samuel Douglass Academy, Brookline, NH.

Kenneth Haag, Chairman, presided:

School Board Members Participating: Erin Sarris, Vice Chairman
Karen Jew, Secretary
Rebecca Howie
Alison Marsano (arrived at 6:08 p.m.)

Members of the Board Absent:

Also Participating: Andrew Corey, Superintendent
Gina Bergskaug, Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
Brian Rater, Chair, Brookline Finance Committee
Adam Goff, Brookline Finance Committee
Cindy LaCroix, Brookline Finance Committee

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PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE**

Superintendent Corey explained the purpose of the Public Hearing was to obtain public input on the following Petition Warrant Article, which will appear on this year's ballot:

Petition Warrant Article

“Shall the Brookline School District pursuant to RSA 194-C, I, create a planning committee to study the advisability of the withdrawal of the Brookline School District from SAU 41 in accordance with FSA 194-C:2, IV(a), for its organization, operation and control, and the advisability of constructing, maintaining, and operating a School Administrative Unit to serve the needs of the Brookline School District?”

Testimony in Favor – None

Testimony in Opposition

Jennifer Morrissey, 25 Laurel Crest Drive

There is no financial benefit or benefit to the students. She is opposed to this article.

Kelly Zakar, 5 Cider Mill Road

Was opposed to this in 2020. As a parent in New Boston when they had an area agreement, she did not believe it worked well. She is uncertain of the options the district has but opposes this Article.

Webb Scales, 49 Dupaw Gould Road

The COOP is our best option. It provides purchasing power, staff sharing, and other economies of scale. We do not need to reinvent the wheel.

Testimony in Favor

Eric Pauer, 12 Westview Road

The SAU has grown in an extreme way since 2007. The budget has doubled over the last 15 years. A decline in enrollment is being seen. The SAU should be doing the basics and be more efficient than it is today. The study should be looked at to determine costs.

Testimony in Opposition

Brian Rater, Chairman, Brookline Finance Committee

The creation of multiple SAUs would increase overhead, limit purchasing power, etc. There is no advantage to multiple SAUs across the districts.

Tracy Perry

We would be spending good money after bad to complete a study once again. We are growing as a school district and should use our resources to improve student learning, not to complete a study.

Kelly Zakar, 5 Cider Mill Road

We have completed extensive studies on this topic, and do not need to complete another.

The Public Hearing was declared closed at 6:10 p.m.

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