

BROOKLINE SCHOOL BOARD
MAY 25, 2022
PUBLIC HEARING
MEETING MINUTES

A Public Hearing was conducted by the Brookline School Board on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 6:15 p.m. at the Captain Samuel Douglass Academy.

Kenneth Haag, Chairman, presided:

Members of the Board Present: Karen Jew, Vice Chairman
 Colleen Micavich, Secretary
 Kelly Zakar

Members of the Board Absent: Alison Marsano

Also in Attendance: Andrew Corey, Superintendent
 Daniel Molinari, Principal, Richard Maghakian Memorial School

BROOKLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
PUBLIC HEARING

Superintendent Corey explained the Public Hearing was being held, in accordance with RSA 198:20-c, to present and obtain public input on the request to expend funds from the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund.

It has been anticipated, from the beginning of the year, that the district would need to utilize some amount from the Special Education Trust to help cover the significant unexpected special education costs for FY22. The first estimate was as high as \$200,000. The March estimate was \$125,000.

Unexpected special education costs:

Extended School Year (ESY):	\$ 39,305
Contracted Services:	275,363
Transportation:	<u>46,415</u>
Total:	\$361,083

Most of this cost continues to be covered by savings achieved through unfilled positions, open positions hired at lower salaries and by regular education and special education account lines that are in a frozen status.

The recommendation is to utilize an amount *up to* \$40,000 from the Special Education Trust.

As we get closer to the end of the year and costs are finalized, the district has been able to reduce or close many encumbrances. An unanticipated \$30,000 was received in American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant funds, which is being used to offset special education transportation costs. The May expense balance is still a conservative estimate. The revenue estimate should remain relatively stable through June. Lastly, the projected balance of (\$48,217) offset by the \$40,000 from the Special Education Trust would leave a

balance of (\$8,217) (if everything remains the same). This balance can be offset to zero or higher by adjusting the Retained Fund Balance figure of \$140,161. This number represents the maximum amount the Board can approve. Last year the Board approved \$129,000.

Chairman Haag opened the floor for public comment at 6:19 p.m.

Testimony in Favor - None

Testimony in Opposition -None

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Testimony in Opposition - None

The Public Hearing was declared closed at 6:20 p.m.

Date _____

Signed _____