

Brookline Grade Expansion Study Committee Minutes

Meeting #1

November 3, 2025

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

RMMS Library

Call to Order 6:01 pm

Introductions:

Members present were Michelle Munson, School Board member Lynn Powers, School Board member Tracy Perry, Jamie Vaughn, Jenna Pistone, Todd Perkins, and Superintendent Gina Bergskaug

Outline Norms for our Committee:

- **Come to meetings prepared**
- **Confidentiality**
- **Respectful Behavior**
- **Start and end on time**

Discussion of the Role and the Scope of the Grade Expansion Study Committee:

- **What do members have to do in the committee?**
- **Members reviewed article 8 of the 2025 Brookline School District warrant**
- **Members reviewed the COOP articles of agreement**
- **Members reviewed the collective bargaining agreements**
- **Members reviewed applicable New Hampshire rsa's**
- **Members to read these more thoroughly before the next meeting**

Review outline of specifics to be addressed by the Study Committee:

- **Members identify data sets to review and the superintendent will provide available datasets prior to the next meeting. Data sets include:**
- **Current student counts**
- **Comparisons of projected and actual enrollments**
- **Collective bargaining agreements within the co-op**
- **Long-term debt for all three districts**
- **Within RSA 195:6:III what is the limit in terms of total debt assumed that is allowable**
- **Town growth data**
- **Curriculum across the elementary school districts**
- **Average tenure of staff in the three school districts**
- **Qualitative data around the well-being of students and homework preparation**
- **Dissolving of the COOP study**
- **FY27 budget planning documents**
- **Performance over time both by schools and by cohorts**
- **The impact on students meeting at the middle school from two separate districts**

- **Day-to-day differences between the districts**
- **Potential savings in out of district costs and increased ease of moving staff**

Create a meeting schedule of 3-4 additional dates (Please bring your calendars)

- 12/1 @ 6PM RMMS Library
- 1/6 @ 6PM RMMS Library
- 1/27 @ 6PM RMMS Library

Homework for next meeting:

- **Review handouts received during this meeting**
- **Determine the complete list of questions the committee needs to consider before making a final recommendation**

Meeting debrief

Adjourn @ 7:41 PM