

**JOINT MEETING BROOKLINE SCHOOL BOARD
BROOKLINE FINANCE COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 7, 2022
MEETING MINUTES**

A Joint meeting of the Brookline School Board and Brookline Finance Committee was conducted on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Captain Samuel Douglass Academy.

Kenneth Haag, Chairman, presided:

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

Members of the School Board Absent:

Members of the Finance Cmte. Present: Brian Rater, Chair
Adam Goff
Cindy LaCroix

Members of the Finance Cmte. Absent:

Also in Attendance: Andrew Corey, Superintendent
Gina Bergskaug, Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS - None

PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION BY MEMBER HAAG TO RECESS UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE

MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER SARRIS

MOTION CARRIED

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The Board recessed at 6:04 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 6:10 p.m.

Chairman Haag commented on having looked at this last year. He spoke of the economies of scale achieved through the SAU, and how separation from the SAU would be a loss for students. As one of the best districts in the State, why would we consider a change?

Member Jew remarked if moving to a different model we would lose our say and/or representation to the COOP and may need to revert to a tuition arrangement. We do not win in that situation.

DELIBERATION

- To see what action the Board will take regarding the Petition Warrant Article

**MOTION BY MEMBER HAAG TO RECOMMEND THE PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE TO
CREATE A PLANNING COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE ADVISABILITY OF THE WITHDRAWAL
OF THE BROOKLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM SAU41**

MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER SARRIS

MOTION FAILED

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Superintendent Corey provided the Board with a brief update on masks, and of his intent to make a change to the masking policy in the coming week. The Board took no action as the reopening plan grants the Superintendent the authority to make changes to the plan.

**MOTION BY MEMBER HAAG TO RECESS UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE DELIBERATIVE
SESSION**

MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER SARRIS

MOTION CARRIED

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The Board recessed at 6:20 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 8:42 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY MEMBER HAAG TO ADJOURN

SECONDED BY MEMBER SARRIS

MOTION CARRIED

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The February 7, 2022 Joint meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Date _____ Signed _____