

**SPECIAL BROOKLINE SCHOOL BOARD  
MAY 11, 2022  
MEETING MINUTES**

A special meeting of the Brookline School Board was conducted on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 6:00 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 (arrived at 6:02 p.m.)

Members of the Board Absent:       Alison Marsano

Also in Attendance:                   Andrew Corey, Superintendent

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS** - None

**DISCUSSION**

- Special District Meeting – Procedural Defect with the Brookline Bond

Superintendent Corey informed the Board, in executing the bond, we were notified by bond counsel, Greg Im, that he had identified a procedural defect with the bond hearing. To correct this procedural defect we will need to hold a special district meeting (proposed calendar below).

The special district meeting will ask the voters to ratify the January 12, 2022 bond hearing that was not properly noticed in the newspaper. The special meeting is conducted like a traditional town meeting format. The vote is not by official ballot (SB2). The vote is like an open town meeting and can be a show of hands or by secret ballot (slip of paper with yes or no). However the vote is done, there must be a tally of results to show approval by a 3/5 majority.

Although in practical effect, this is a second bite at the apple for voters who opposed the Article, the discussion at the Special Meeting should not be about the merits of the bond project. Rather, the discussion is whether the District is willing to disregard the procedural irregularity of the bond hearing notice. Discussion in favor of ratifying the bond hearing would include:

- That the hearing for the capital lease was properly noticed
- The bond was a contingency if the lease was not approved
- There was discussion about the bond at the public hearing

EVENT	DATE	
Board signs Warrant for Special Meeting	May 11	
Posting of Warrant	By May 18	14 clear days prior to Special Meeting
Notice of Public Hearing	By May 18	7 days prior to public hearing
Public Hearing	May 25	Not less than 7 days prior to Special Meeting
Special Meeting	June 9	

Member Micavich questioned the procedural defect and was informed the notice failed to include the word “bond” after the word “lease” in the notification to the newspaper.

Superintendent Corey reminded the Board the public hearing for the capital lease was properly noticed, and that the bond was a contingency if the lease failed. The bond was discussed at both the public hearing and the Deliberative Session.

### **DELIBERATIONS**

- To see what action the Board will take regarding the Superintendent’s recommendation regarding scheduling a special district meeting

**MOTION BY MEMBER HAAG TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022 BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE GYMNASIUM AT THE CAPTAIN SAMUEL DOUGLASS ACADEMY**

**MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER JEW**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Member Zakar asked about an email sent to the Board by a community member regarding a citizens petition concerning masks. Superintendent Corey responded, based on recent court decisions, legal counsel has advised against holding a special meeting for that purpose. He noted the matter had been discussed with the Attorney General and was considered “moot”.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY MEMBER JEW TO ADJOURN**

**SECONDED BY MEMBER MICAVICH**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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*The May 11, 2022 special meeting of the Brookline School Board was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.*

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