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BROOKLINE SCHOOL BOARD
MAY 25, 2022
PUBLIC HEARING
MEETING MINUTES

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

9 Kenneth Haag, Chairman, presided:

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

15 Members of the Board Absent: Alison Marsano

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

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BROOKLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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Unexpected special education costs:

35 Extended School Year (ESY): \$ 39,305
36 Contracted Services: 275,363
37 Transportation: 46,415
38 **Total:** **\$361,083**

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

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

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

1 balance of (\$8,217) (if everything remains the same). This balance can be offset to zero or higher by
2 adjusting the Retained Fund Balance figure of \$140,161. This number represents the maximum amount the
3 Board can approve. Last year the Board approved \$129,000.
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5 **Chairman Haag opened the floor for public comment at 6:19 p.m.**

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7 Testimony in Favor - None

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9 Testimony in Opposition -None

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11 Testimony in Favor - None

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13 Testimony in Opposition - None

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

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Signed _____

