

**BROOKLINE SCHOOL BOARD
JANUARY 23, 2019
MEETING MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Brookline School Board was conducted on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Captain Samuel Douglass Academy.

Matthew Maguire, Chairman, presided:

Members of the Board Present: Alison Marsano, Secretary
 Rebecca Howie
 Erin Sarris

Members of the Board Absent: Kenneth Haag, Vice Chairman

Also in Attendance: Andrew Corey, Superintendent

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS - None

CORRESPONDENCE/RESIGNATIONS/NOMINATIONS

Superintendent Corey reminded the viewing audience the Deliberative Session is scheduled for February 4, 2019 at the Captain Samuel Douglass Academy. Reminder notices will be sent to families via AlterNow. The Administration is working with Town Hall to have notices posted.

PUBLIC INPUT - None

CITIZENS PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE

- Public Hearing Date – Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Chairman Maguire noted the Public Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2019 on the Citizens Petition Warrant Article.

Superintendent Corey commented the Petition was handed out at the Board's January 10, 2019 meeting, and attached to the minutes of that meeting. It was also included as part of the [agenda](#) packet for this meeting.

The Deliberative Session will take place prior to the Public Hearing. At the Deliberative Session (February 4th), the legislative body (those voting at the Deliberative Session) will determine the wording of the Warrant Article. The legislative body can amend the wording of the question with respect to the percentage. It can be changed to either a fixed dollar amount or a fixed percentage. The Deliberative Session determines the ultimate number by a simple majority vote.

The Public Hearing scheduled for February 20th is a legal requirement. Whatever is decided at the Deliberative Session will be what is presented for the Public Hearing on the 20th. The Article cannot be changed at the Public Hearing.

Additionally, were the article (tax cap) to pass, it would be for FY20. At any subsequent meeting, the legislative body can vote, by a simple majority, to override the tax cap and increase or decrease the budget, subject to the 10% limitation. In other words, the tax cap does not limit the voter’s authority to increase or decrease the amount in the budget at the Deliberative Session.

Superintendent Corey commented, were the article to pass, moving forward, the Board could determine whether there is the desire to put forward, in addition to the tax cap budget and default budget, a School Board budget (what the Board would propose were there not a tax cap). Other communities have prepared budgets in this fashion having been faced with the question of what the Board would have proposed were the cap not in place.

Superintendent Corey stated his concern with a tax cap to be centered around the many legal mandates the District is required to adhere to, e.g., contracts, special education costs, etc. A 2% increase could be reached very quickly. In this year’s budget, the special education cost increases alone would have reached that level and would have forced the District to make cuts to regular education items.

Chairman Maguire questioned, if the article were to pass, if the adopted budget amount would become the baseline for the following year’s budget, and was informed it would.

When asked, Superintendent Corey explained, in future years, there could be a Citizen’s Petition to repeal the tax cap. Legal counsel will be asked if such a petition could be generated by the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brookline School Board January 10, 2019

MOTION BY MEMBER MARSANO TO ACCEPT, AS PRESENTED

MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER SARRIS

MOTION CARRIED

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Brookline School Board – **Public Hearing** January 10, 2019

The following amendments were offered:

Page 8, Line 14; insert “officer” following “police”

Page 14, Line 2; replace “I” with “is” before “slightly”

Page 14, Line 14; insert “for” after “paying” and delete “for” following “getting” so that it reads “paying for what it is getting”

Page 14, Line 23; replace “with” with “and” following “District”

MOTION BY MEMBER SARRIS TO ACCEPT, AS AMENDED

MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER HOWIE

MOTION CARRIED

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NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION BY MEMBER MARSANO THAT THE BOARD, BY ROLL CALL, GO INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION PURSUANT TO RSA 91-A:3 II (a) THE DISMISSAL, PROMOTION OR COMPENSATION OF ANY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE AND (c) TO DISCUSS A MATTER, WHICH IF DISCUSSED IN PUBLIC, WOULD LIKELY AFFECT ADVERSELY THE REPUTATION OF A PERSON, OTHER THAN A MEMBER OF THE BODY OR AGENCY ITSELF

MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER HOWIE

A Viva Voce Roll Call was conducted, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Matthew Maguire, Alison Marsano, Erin Sarris, Rebecca Howie

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Nay:

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MOTION CARRIED

The Board went into non-public session at 6:07 p.m.

The Board came out of non-public session at 6:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY MEMBER HOWIE TO ADJOURN

MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER SARRIS

MOTION CARRIED

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The January 23, 2019 meeting of the Brookline School Board was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Date _____

Signed _____