

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
SPECIAL MEETING, MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020
6:15 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

Present: Rosa Fernandes, Bob Belden, Amy Foster, Debbie Brooks, Joy Greenstein, Jen Laden and Michael Murphy

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, Director of Technology Eric Conklin and K-12 Curriculum Specialist-World Languages/English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Kemen Holley

2020-2021 COVID COSTS/POSSIBLE MOTION

The Board discussed the reprioritization of existing budget items involving curricular tools and technology as it relates to COVID-19 costs. After discussion of the memo presented by Mr. Post and a power point presentation given by Mrs. Holley on “Talking Points”, R. Fernandes moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0, that the following budget transfer items for the 2020-2021 operating budget according to the memo from Ken Post, be approved.

R. Fernandes, B. Belden, A. Foster, D. Brooks, J. Greenstein, J. Laden and M. Murphy voted aye.

OTHER RELATED EXPENSES/POSSIBLE MOTION

The Board discussed the purchase of desks and desk shields and other COVID related purchases in preparation for the district moving forward with 100% in-person learning and request an appropriation from the Board of Selectman for the cost. After discussion, B. Belden moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve taking forward a request to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance for a total amount of \$96,107 for student desks and student desk shields for a potential full reopening in the beginning of November. This request is part of the amount already communicated to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance at our previous meeting.

R. Fernandes, B. Belden, A. Foster, D. Brooks, J. Greenstein, J. Laden and M. Murphy voted aye.

UNAFFILIATED SALARIES/POSSIBLE MOTION

The Board had a brief discussion regarding an increase for unaffiliated salaries, adding an additional .25% (to match the secretaries and nurses) from the 2.0% approved at its special meeting on June 11, 2020. After discussion, R. Fernandes moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted to approve an increase for unaffiliated salaries, adding an additional .25% (to match the secretaries and nurses) from the 2.0% approved at its special meeting on June 11, 2020.

R. Fernandes, B. Belden, A. Foster, D. Brooks, J. Greenstein, J. Laden and M. Murphy voted aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chairman Fernandes adjourned the special meeting at 7:28 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education