

**Brookfield Board of Education**  
**Finance Committee- Special Meeting**  
**Minutes - Monday, December 5, 2022**

**Members Present:** Rosa Fernandes, Bob Belden and Joy Greenstein. Also present were Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Business and Operations Director Ken Post, Accounting Supervisor Joan Reynolds, and Town Controller Marcia Marien.

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 5:34PM by Mrs. Fernandes

**Public Comment:** None

**Old Business:**

**2023-2024 Operating Budget - organizational discussion:** Dr. Barile reviewed the goals for the organizational discussion for the purpose of vetting the budget. Mr. Post reviewed the content of the budget document with the committee. The committee discussed the status quo budget as well as the additional budget drivers; CLES, Security, ARP ESSER phase in, and Superintendent's reallocation and investments. The committee also discussed some of the other inflationary and logistical drivers; Health Benefit cost increase, fuels, and transportation. The committee members decided to each take a range of accounts to review and Mrs. Fernandes agreed to create a Google Doc where the committee members will post their questions. The Administration will provide written responses in the document for discussion at the following committee meeting. Mr. Belden asked Dr. Barile to help draft a letter from the Town Boards to the Connecticut Partnership Plan requesting that they provide renewal rates within our budget timeline.

**Adjournment:** 6:08PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Kenneth J. Post  
Director of Business Operations