

Brookfield Board of Education
Finance Committee
Minutes - Monday, November 21, 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, Director of Special Services Amy DeNicola-Hickman, and Town Controller Marcia Marien.

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 5:30PM by Mrs. Fernandes

Public Comment: None

Board of Education Financial Reports

Check Registers: The committee reviewed the check register report and discussed purchases of internet services, curriculum materials, and special education payments.

October 2022 Financial Report: Mr. Post reported a projected budget shortfall of \$743,552. He reported changes from his prior report of increased costs for heating oil and diesel fuel as well as the costs related to obtaining cyber security insurance. The committee also discussed tracking and managing substitute costs.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

2023-2024 Operating Budget: The committee discussed potential budget drivers including fuel oils, health benefits, and personnel. Mrs. DeNicola-Hickman reported on projected special education costs.

Special Education Grants: The committee discussed Mrs. DeNicola-Hickman's plan to utilize grant funds to hire an IEP compliance teacher.

Miscellaneous Discussion:

The committee discussed hiring BCBA's rather than contracting with the local RESC.

Adjournment: 6:45PM

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth J. Post
Director of Business Operations