

**BROOKLIN SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Brooklin School Library**  
**Special Budget Meeting Agenda Notes**

Board Members Present: Mike Sealander, Libby Chamberlain, Frank Bianco, Emily Blair Stribling and Paige Morse

Community Members: Bill Cohen

Staff Present: Christian Elkington, Jil Blake

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum

Chair Paige called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 6:08 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Bianco, second by Sealander to approve the agenda. Vote: 5/Y, 0/N.

3. Citizens Comments

None

4. Discussion Items

a. Budget Review and approval

a. Updated 18-19 Budget

i. Review #s and %

Superintendent Elkington explained that the budget is up 2.8% from last year, when there was no increase.

ii. Adjustments/changes made

The Superintendent explained that he made the changes requested at the last meeting, including the start of a furniture replacement plan and extra supplies for co-curricular along with other adjustments needed. Discussion reviewed the need for greater clarity on the philosophy and plan for areas within the budget, such as technology and specials. That administration needs to be expected to run and plan for the school and that the board needs to make sure that the philosophy is focused and clear.

iii. Maine Bond Bank update

The Superintendent explained that if we borrow four or five hundred thousand dollars that he would advise doing it over 15 years to reduce the impact on the budget. Mike Sealander reminded people that we want to do the kitchen this spring and not in a bond.

b. Further discussion?

Selectmen Cohen explained that the town is looking to use more of it's reserve. That he has a good understanding of what the board is trying to do with the budget and shared some other suggestions when sharing the budget with the public.

Consensus of the board was that the present budget was in good shape and could be supported.

b. Other?

The board shared that a special meeting will not be needed and that they want to vote on the budget at the next school board meeting.

5. Adjournment

Motion by Sealander, second by Chamberlain to adjourn. Vote: 5/Y, 0/N.