

**BROOKLIN SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Thursday, January 19, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Brooklin School Library**  
**Special Budget Meeting Agenda Mins.**

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

Staff Present: Christian Elkington, Halina Nawrot, Sharon Thoner, Vicki Hull

Guests: Robert Courtot, Debra Brewster and Molly Blake

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum
2. Approval of the Agenda – Bianco & Stribling
3. Citizens Comments – Some questions were raised and discussed about the budget process going forward.
4. Action Items
  - a. Budget Review and approval
    - a. Updated 17-18 Budget
      - i. Review #s and % - Superintendent shared that in the budget version being reviewed tonight several small reductions were made in several categories. That the current draft is .9% less overall than the 15-16 budget, but that taxes have the potential to increase (3.4%), because of less money available for carry-forward. Much discussion revolved around the fact that the budget is being decreased, but that the technology account is going up with concerns that this would be hard to explain when so many other areas are being reduced.
      - ii. Adjustments/changes – No changes were suggested to the budget presented.
      - iii. Carry-Forward Discussion - Much discussion revolved around the carry-forward number and the increase in taxes because it is smaller in the proposed budget than 16-17.
      - iv. Further discussion? Overall, the board felt that the budget presented is one that shows they are listening to community members thoughts and concerns, while still supporting teaching and learning.

b. Budget Approval:

- i. Approval of staffing adjustments/reductions – Sealander & Bianco 5-0
- ii. Approval of supplies, books and other reductions – Sealander & Bianco 5-0
- iii. Approval of 17-18 Brooklin Budget draft – Sealander & Bianco 5-0
- iv. Other?

5. Adjournment: Chamberlain and Stribling 5-0 at 8:12 PM