

FINAL
BROOKFIELD BOARD OF FINANCE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 27, 2013
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman J. Friedrich called the meeting to order at 7:00pm; beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present for the Board: Chairman J. Friedrich, Vice Chairman I. Agard, Secretary P. Kurtz, R. Jaffe, J. Tomaino, R. Appleby, and Ex-Officio First Selectman B. Davidson.

Also Present: Town Controller W. Leverence, Selectman H. Lasser, Board of Education Chairman, R. DiStephan, Vice Chairman J. Miller, Secretary S. Queenan, BOE Member, H. Shaker, Superintendent A. Bivona, Assistant Superintendent Dr. G. Slone, Director of Special Education, C. Manos, Director of Finance, Technology and Operations, Art Colley, Brookfield High School Principal, J. Palumbo, Huckleberry Hill Elementary School Principal, M. R. Dymond, Center School Interim Principal, Dr. K. Salon, and members of the public and press.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ray DiStephan, 11 Old Woods Road, L. Orban, 95 Stony Hill Road

2013-2014-BUDGET DELIBERATIONS AND DISCUSSION: The Board of Finance continued its deliberations and discussion regarding the request of Town departments. Director of Public Works, R. Tedesco spoke before the Board with his request for the hiring of two additional Public Works employees for road maintenance. They also discussed in detail the Board of Education budget and asked Chairman R. DiStephan, Superintendent A. Bivona, and Director of Business and Technology Operations to answer questions.

After further discussion J. Tomaino made a motion, seconded by R. Jaffe, to approve a Board of Education budget in the amount of \$38,515,000 and a Town budget in the amount of \$21,025,000 for a total budget of \$59,540,000.

A motion was made by J. Friedrich, seconded by P. Kurtz, to amend the motion made by J. Tomaino to take \$25,000 from school capital, \$75,000 from Town capital, \$250,000 from Town operations and \$300,000 from school operations for a total of \$650,000.

Motion failed 5-1. Members voting yes – Chairman J. Friedrich; Members voting no – Vice Chairman I. Agard, Secretary P. Kurtz, R. Jaffe, J. Tomaino and R. Appleby

A second amended motion was made by Secretary P. Kurtz, seconded by Vice Chairman I. Agard, to the original motion made by J. Tomaino recommending a Town budget in the amount of \$21,005,000 and a school budget in the amount of \$38,415,000 for a total budget of \$59,420,000.

Amended Motion passes 4-3. Members voting yes - Vice Chairman I. Agard, Secretary P. Kurtz, and J. Tomaino; Members voting no - Chairman J. Friedrich, R. Jaffe, and R. Appleby
First Selectman B. Davidson voted yes to break the tie.

The original, now amended motion was voted on: Membes voting yes - Vice Chairman Agard, Secretary P. Kurtz, R. Jaffe, and J. Tomaino. Members voting no - Chairman J. Friedrich and R. Appleby. Motion passes 4-2.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by J. Tomaino, seconded by R. Jaffe, to adjourn the meeting. Motion was passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.