

Representative Town Meeting

Tom Keefe, Chair



Education Committee

Lindsay Greenberg, Ranking

Committee Members Joshua Brooks, Donna Laich, Barbara Maresca, Shahida Soomro, & Joseph Loffredo

**Education Committee
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**

December 4, 2023

7:00 PM, Community House, 46 Church Street

The Meeting was called to order @ 7:05 by Representative Keefe (Chairperson)

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1. Roll Call:

Representatives Present: Brooks, Keefe, Laich, Loffredo (7:08), Maresca

Representatives Absent: Greenberg, Soomro

2. To consider and if appropriate, pursuant to CGS Chapter 166, Section 10-153d(b), approve an Agreement between the Branford Board of Education and the Branford Education Association from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2027.

- a. Representative Keefe introduced the President of the Board of Education, Peter Berdon, and the Branford Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christopher Tranberg.
- b. Mr. Berdon thanked the members of the board of Ed. who were present. He continued with a summary of the negotiation process. The contract was agreed upon in mediation.
- c. Superintendent Tranberg provided highlights of the contract. He explained the salary schedule and the signing bonus available to select teaching hires (in areas of statewide shortages). Both the Superintendent and the Board President proceeded to answer questions from committee members and RTM representatives present at this meeting.
- d. Rep. Keefe summarized requests for information not immediately available tonight. This information will be provided to committee members in a future email. (i.e. - average salary of teachers in Branford).
- e. Public comments: Resident Jerolman expressed concerns. He referred to a recent study and climate surveys completed in the past.
- f. Rep. Brooks made a motion to approve the agreement proposed in Item 2 of tonight's agenda, seconded by Rep. Loffredo. The motion to approve the agreement passed unanimously in a voice vote (5-0).

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5. **Rep. Brooks made a motion to add a 3rd Agenda item:** The motion suggestion is to approve the Capital Projects transfer as recommended by the Board of Finance; 2nd by Rep. Loffredo (item # 14 on the RTM agenda 12-13-23). The motion to approve this transfer passed unanimously 5-0.
6. **Motion to adjourn (8:24):** Motion made by Rep. Loffredo, 2nd by Rep. Brooks. Motion unanimously approved.