

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2014
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Scott McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Present: Scott McCarthy, Paul Checco, Susan Queenan, Victor Katz, Harry Shaker, Steve Harding and Tara Lerner

Also Present: Superintendent Anthony Bivona, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone, Director of Special Services Charlie Manos, Interim Business Manager Ed Arum, BHS Principal Joe Palumbo, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, CES Principal Dr. Krys Salon and members of the staff and public.

BOARD RECOGNITION

The Superintendent thanked the Board for all of their hard work during Board of Education appreciation month.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT-BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

The Board and Superintendent spotlighted the students who are in the Youth Chef Advocacy Program from Brookfield High School. Sue Troupe said this Plow to Plate program was one of the three grants that was funded (total of the three grants received was \$53,136). She introduced Chef Anne Gallagher and Dr. Diane D'Isidori who explained the program. Abby DeRochie, Emily Carrizzo, Gabby Gracia and Sidney Knight each spoke about the program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mackenzie Parascondola gave an update on the happenings at BHS

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Erin and David Sweet wrote to say Thank you- United
Dory Corrigan wrote about last weeks BOE meeting
Linda Bertozzi wrote a letter of thanks to the BOE
John Garvi wrote about budget overspending

V. Katz moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to amend the agenda to move up item 12A, DECA trip.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, V. Katz, H. Shaker, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

DECA TRIP

S. Queenan moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a trip for DECA to attend the 2014 International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, GA from Friday, May 2, 2014- Wednesday, May 7, 2014 as requested by BHS Marketing/Business teacher Pam Garrett and BHS Principal Joe Palumbo.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, V. Katz, H. Shaker, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

S. Queenan moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended.

Regular Meeting- 3/5/14

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, V. Katz, H. Shaker, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

none

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications- 3/10/14- Mrs. Queenan said the subcommittee discussed communication with the community through Channel 17 with 15 and 30 webinars and exploring social media options to disseminate information.

B & FC- verbal report- Mr. Checco and Mr. Arum reported on the February financials and where the budget stands currently. The subcommittee also discussed the CIGNA credit, excess cost, and the ED001 report. They also discussed the RFP for the Health Insurance and Food Service bids and the Affordable Care Act. The subcommittee discussed the oil and diesel contract. Detailed minutes will be provided at the April 2nd Board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended. Dr. Slone read each retirees name and the Board thanked these retirees for their combined 556 years of service.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, V. Katz, H. Shaker, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

2014-2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Board discussed changes to the school calendar for the 2014-2015 school year. This will be brought back to the Board on April 2nd.

DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY PRESENTATION

The Board received a report on the Demographic study as presented by Rebecca Augur from Milone and MacBroom.

WORLD LANGUAGE SURVEY

The Board received information regarding the World Language Survey as presented by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone.

OLD BUSINESS

2014-2015 BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Board continued its discussion on the 2014-2015 budget.

2012-2013 AUDIT

The Board continued its discussion on the 2012-2013 audit with the Superintendent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

S. Queenan moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn its regular meeting to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing a written communication privileged by the attorney client relationship per Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 1-200 (6) (E) and 1-210(b) (10) at 10:04pm.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, V. Katz, H. Shaker, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

S. McCarthy moved, S. Queenan seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing a written communication privileged by the attorney client relationship per Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 1-200 (6) (E) and 1-210(b) (10) at 10:10pm and invite Superintendent Bivona into the meeting.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, V. Katz, H. Shaker, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

Mr. Bivona left was meeting at 10:13pm

P. Checco moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to come out of executive session and enter into regular session at 10:27pm.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn its meeting at 10:28pm

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Morelli, Board Clerk

Susan Queenan, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education