

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2013
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Ray DiStephan called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Present: Ray DiStephan, Jane Miller, Susan Queenan, Victor Katz, Paul Checco, Harry Shaker and Scott McCarthy

Also Present: Superintendent Anthony Bivona, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone, Director of Finance and Technology Operations Art Colley, Director of Special Services Charlie Manos, BHS Principal Joe Palumbo, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Mary Rose Dymond and CES Interim Principal Dr. Krysalon

BROOKFIELD MUSIC STUDENTS SELECTED FOR ALL-STATE AND REGIONAL ENSEMBLES

The Board and Superintendent congratulated the students selected for the All-State and Regional Ensemble from Whisconier Middle School and Brookfield High School. Students from WMS performed for the Board.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT-WHISCONIER MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Board and Superintendent spotlighted the students from Whisconier Middle School. Four students from Unified Theater spoke about the program.

APPLE DISTINGUISHED AWARD

The Board and Superintendent welcomed Matt Brooks from Apple who recognized Brookfield High School as being selected as a distinguished school and presented the district with an award.

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Julia DePoi gave an update on the happenings at BHS

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

A resident wrote to the Board regarding their child

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting- 3/6/13

R. DiStephan, J. Miller S. Queenan, S. McCarthy, V. Katz, P. Checco and H. Shaker voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

2013-2014 BOE budget deliberations with BOF- 3/12/13_ Mr. Bivona said the Board would discuss this later in the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

B & FC- 3/4/13- Mr. Checco said the subcommittee approved financials and discussed school security and the WMS sewer as well as the HHES roof and potholes at HHES.

Ad Hoc subcommittee- 3/6/13- Mr. DiStephan said the subcommittee will continue to meet while waiting for the information regarding the demographic study.

CONSENT AGENDA

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

R. DiStephan, J. Miller S. Queenan, S. McCarthy, V. Katz, P. Checco and H. Shaker voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded to approve the new Teacher Evaluation Guidelines as recommended by the Connecticut State Department of Education and as presented by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone.

After discussion, R. DiStephan moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 5-2 to table the approval of the New Teacher Evaluation Guidelines.

R. DiStephan, S. Queenan, V. Katz, P. Checco and H. Shaker voted aye.

J. Miller and S. McCarthy voted no

OLD BUSINESS

2013-2014 BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Board had a brief discussion on the 2013-2014 budget. The Board of Finance will begin its deliberation process.

SECURITY UPDATE

The Board received a school building security update as reported by Superintendent Anthony J. Bivona and Director of Finance Technology and Operations Art Colley.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations with respect to collective bargaining at 9:04 pm.

R. DiStephan, J. Miller S. Queenan, S. McCarthy, V. Katz, P. Checco and H. Shaker voted aye.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, V. Katz moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to come out of its special meeting at 9:40pm

R. DiStephan, J. Miller, S. Queenan, S. McCarthy, P. Checco, H. Shaker and V. Katz voted aye.

H. Shaker moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn at 9:45pm

R. DiStephan, J. Miller, S. Queenan, S. McCarthy, P. Checco, H. Shaker and V. Katz voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Morelli, Board Clerk

Susan Queenan, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education