

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2013
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Ray DiStephan called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

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

Absent: Victor Katz

Also Present: Superintendent Anthony Bivona, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone, Director of Finance and Technology Operations Art Colley and HHES Principal Mary Rose Dymond.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS/STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

The Board and Superintendent spotlighted the students from Huckleberry Hill Elementary School. Mrs. Dymond introduced Danielle Olivier and Matthew Cudney who presented a power point on integrating technology into physical education.

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Julia DePoi gave an update on the happenings at BHS

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Glenn Rooney wrote regarding budget questions.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

J. Miller moved, S. Queenan seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended.

Regular Meeting- 5/1/13

Special Meeting- 5/8/13

R. DiStephan, J. Miller S. Queenan, S. McCarthy and P. Checco voted aye.

H. Shaker was not present for the vote

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Teacher of the Year update- Mr. Bivona said the following four teachers are the Teachers of the Year for their buildings- Center School, Nancy Sommerfeld, Huckleberry- Dana Marone, Whisconier- Lisa Schang and Brookfield High- Sharon Davidson. The finalist will be chosen by the beginning of June.

WCSA awards- 5/13/13- The Superintendent said the following students were honored- Whisconier- Anna Bishop and Crystal Rivas, Brookfield High- Candice Cobuzzi and Stephanie Bodie.

Mr. Bivona said 216 people have been nominated for Honor an Educator. He also reminded residents to vote on Tuesday, May 21st.

COMMUNICATIONS

P & N- 5/1/13- Mrs. Miller said the subcommittee discussed the athletic coordinator position.

B & FC- 5/6/13- Mr. Checco and Mr. Colley reported on the financial donation offer from Mr. Vallejos to re-do the parking lot at WMS They also discussed the security, the WMS sewer hook-up and the audit report.

CONSENT AGENDA

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

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

NEW BUSINESS

HEALTHY FOOD CERTIFICATION

J. Miller moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to have the Board chairman sign the “Authorized Signatures Change Form” from the Connecticut State Department of Education, Bureau of Health and Nutrition, as recommended by Director of Finance, Technology and Operations Art Colley.

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

OLD BUSINESS

POLICIES

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve Policy # 4118.6/4218.6, Cellular Telephone/District Issued or Privately Owned Communication Devices for a final reading as recommended by the policy subcommittee. First reading was on 4/3/13.

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

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve Regulation# 4118.6/4218.6, Cellular Telephone/District Issued or Privately Owned Communication Devices for a final reading as recommended by the policy subcommittee. First reading was on 4/3/13.

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

J. Miller moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve Bylaw# 9325.5, Requests for Information by Board Members for a final reading as recommended by the policy subcommittee. First reading was on 4/3/13.

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

2013-2014 BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Board continue its discussion on the 2013-2014 budget and urged all residents to vote on May 21, 2013.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

J. Miller moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations with respect to collective bargaining at 8:18pm and invite Superintendent Bivona and Assistant Superintendent Slone.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, P. Checco moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to come out of its special meeting at 8:40pm

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

P. Checco moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to adjourn at 8:41pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Morelli

Susan Queenan, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education