

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2017
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Colette Sturm, Bob Belden, Joy Greenstein Eve Sturdevant, Debbie Brooks, Rosa Fernandes, and Jen Laden

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, Director of Special Services Dr. Christine Sipala, Director of Instruction Deb Farias, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, CES Principal Dr. Krys Salon, and members of the administration, staff and public.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT-WHISCONIER MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Board and Superintendent would like to spotlight the students from Whisconier Middle School who did their student spotlight on Generational Leadership.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stacy Connors spoke about girl's lacrosse helmets.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

None

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Stacy Connors wrote about girls lacrosse helmet petition
Ron Jaffe provided an article from Connecticut Mirror.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting- 12/6/17

Board Retreat- 12/12/17

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks and Jen Laden voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile briefly addressed the girl's lacrosse helmets conversation. He spoke about the Board retreat on 12/12/17. Superintendent Barile spoke about the Board Retreat- 12/12/17, the Board of Finance Meeting regarding Discussion of Special Appropriation held on 12/13/17, the Joint Meeting of Boards of Selectmen, Finance & Education regarding Long-Term Financial Planning- 12/18/17. He gave an update on the Facilities Committee- HHES Walkthrough on 12/19/17 and the kickoff meeting with Tecton earlier in the evening. He reported that teachers are very excited with the curriculum work.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance- 12/11- Mr. Belden reported that the B &FC subcommittee has now split into 2 separate subcommittees- Finance subcommittee and Facilities subcommittee. Mr. Belden is the Chairman of the Finance subcommittee. They went through the financials and especially Special Ed. They did a preview of the budget, as well as the capital plan. They spoke about the BOF meeting and the 15-16 Capital items. The committee discussed a class action lawsuit regarding opioids as well as the UCOA and student activities.

Facilities- 12/12- Mrs. Sturdevant reported that she will be the Chairman of the subcommittee. They discussed the different schools and needs that need to be addressed. They spoke about HHES portables in length. Mrs. Sturdevant spoke about the HHES walkthrough on 12/19. They discussed the BHS water project, 10-year capital plan, and the possibility of an on call plumbing and electrical service. The subcommittee will meet on the first Wednesday of each month prior to the Board of Education meeting with the exception of January 3rd.

Strategic Facilities Steering Committee update- Mrs. Sturdevant said that the contract with Tecton has been signed. The kickoff meeting included discussion about guidelines and grade configuration. Tecton will review enrollment and geographic's of the Town. Tecton will come back to the committee with a schedule and scope of work. The communications subcommittee will help to the get the schedule of work out to the community.

CONSENT AGENDA

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks and Jen Laden voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

PRIORITIZED 18-19 AND UPDATED 10-YEAR PRIORITIZED CAPITAL PROJECTS DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

The Board discussed the 18-19 and updated 10-year Prioritized Capital Projects List. Mr. Post gave an overview for the Board.

BUDGET TRANSFER

J. Greenstein moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$195,000 from the Salary account to the Other Professional Services account as recommended by the Finance subcommittee.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks and Jen Laden voted aye.

SPENDING REDUCTIONS

The Board discussed 17-18 spending reductions in order to mitigate the additional Special Education costs. Chairman Sturm gave an overview to the Board. Dr. Barile spoke about where the savings would come from.

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded to approve the revisions to the BHS Program of Studies as recommended by the CAPE subcommittee.

After discussion, B. Belden moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to table the approval of the revisions to the BHS Program of Studies until the January 3, 2018 Board of Education meeting.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks and Jen Laden voted aye.

2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Board received the draft 2018-2019 school calendar as recommended by Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

SPECIAL SERVICES CASE LOAD REPORT

The Board received the Special Services Case Load report as prepared by Director of Special Services Dr. Christine Sipala.

OLD BUSINESS

REVIEW OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S 2018-2019 BUDGET PROPOSAL

The Board reviewed the 2018-2019 budget proposal as presented by Superintendent Dr. John Barile on 12/6/17.

Mrs. Greenstein listed upcoming events

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden 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 and the Superintendent’s goals at 8:58 pm.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks and Jen Laden voted aye.

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to invite Dr. John Barile, Dr. Maureen Ruby and Ken post into executive session at 9:04 pm.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks and Jen Laden voted aye.

Mr. Post left executive session at 9:34 pm

Dr. Ruby left executive session at 10:00 pm

B. Belden moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to come out of executive session and approve the Superintendent’s goals.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks and Jen Laden voted aye.

Without objection, Mrs. Sturm adjourned the meeting at 10:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Joy Greenstein, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education

