

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Dr. Wendy Youngblood called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

Present: Dr. Wendy Youngblood, Rosa Fernandes, Stephanie Sikora, Joy Greenstein, Hala Hourani, Sarah Devine, Robert Fischetto, Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Anna Mahon, Director of Business & Operations Kasey Diotte, Director of Special Education Bill Roland and members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Grimes spoke about legal bids, the special Board meeting of 2/27/2024 and Board conduct.

BOARD RECOGNITION

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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT-AVA CANTONE

Ava Cantone gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

The following people have sent emails to the Board of Education:

Irene Corea - District Communication

Deborah Cacace - FOIA request

Katherine Boniello - UNH

The following people have sent emails in support of the book appeal asking that Fun Home be removed from the BHS library since Feb 21st:

Melinda Lopp, Jennifer Ackerly, Karalyn Mancini, Beverly Veronick

The following people have sent emails against the book appeal and have asked that Fun Home remain in the BHS library since Feb 21st:

Jessica Hathorn, Marianne Gaffney, Janice Belden, Jen Laden, Alan Walp, Howard Lasser, Joanne Cafiero, Ray DiStephan, Robin Montgomery, Mike Parchin, Lori Ambury, Lynn Parchinski,

The following people sent emails to the board in regards to the special meeting on Feb 21st:

Joy Greenstein, Debbie Brooks, Jennifer Augusto, Denice Rice, Erin Scalera, Trina Capone, Brookfield Children's Advocacy Council, Irene Corea.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

S. Sikora moved, S. Devine seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting- 2/21/2024

Special Meeting- 2/27/2024

W. Youngblood, R. Fernandes, S. Sikora, J. Greenstein, H. Hourani, R. Fischetto and S. Devine voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

Dr. Barile gave an update on the Economic Development report as well as an update on the legal RFP. The Superintendent talked about CLES Read across America week, school security task force, the BHS Athletics Program Review site visit and the budget. Dr. Mahon gave more information on the BHS athletic program review process as well as an update the BEF funding a portion of the France trip through a grant written by Director of Language and ML Learners Katherine Abrego and WMS French teacher Keith Johnston.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance- 2/21/2024- Mrs. Fernandes said the subcommittee discussed the January financial reports. The subcommittee had one public comment regarding the budget freeze. They discussed budget transfers as well as changing the term “teacher turnover”, to “salary savings”.

Policy/Communications-2/21/2024- Mrs. Hourani said the subcommittee discussed Policy #6563, School Library Media and tabled the discussion of Policy #5145.5, Sexual Harassment due to time. Policy# 6162.51, Survey of Students, will be brought to the full Board for a first reading on 3/20/2024.

CONSENT AGENDA

S. Sikora moved, S. Devine seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

W. Youngblood, R. Fernandes, S. Sikora, J. Greenstein, H. Hourani, R. Fischetto and S. Devine voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES UPDATE

The Board received a report from Assistant Superintendent Dr. Anna Mahon, and Director of Instruction Deb Farias on the daily roles and responsibilities of Instructional Coaches.

OLD BUSINESS

BOARD OF EDUCATION’S 2024-2025 ADOPTED BUDGET

The Board continued its discussion on the Board of Education’s 2024-2025 adopted budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3 MAIN POINTS

1. Budget updates
2. NEASC & CIAC overview
3. Instructional Coaches update

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Sikora listed upcoming events

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

W. Youngblood moved, S. Sikora seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to enter into a discussion regarding the Board's self-evaluation at 8:57pm.

W. Youngblood, R. Fernandes, S. Sikora, J. Greenstein, H. Hourani, R. Fischetto and S. Devine voted aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Youngblood called the meeting to order at 9:02pm

PRESENT: Wendy Youngblood, Rosa Fernandes, Stephanie Sikora, Joy Greenstein, Hala Hourani, Robert Fischetto and Sarah Devine.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chairman Youngblood adjourned the meeting at 9:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Stephanie Sikora, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education