

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2018
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER BROOKFIELD, CT
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

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

Debbie Brooks arrived at 8:01pm

Absent: Eve Sturdevant

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

YEAR END REPORT FROM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR STEVE BALDWIN

The Board and Superintendent received a year-end report from Athletic Director Steve Baldwin.

YEAR END REPORT FROM THE BROOKFIELD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Board and Superintendent received an end of the year update on the Brookfield Education Foundation by BEF President Kristen Joshi.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Patricia Cheung spoke about sending a certified letter to the Board.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Daniel Berryman gave an update on the happenings at BHS. The Board and administration thanked Daniel for his time and commitment to the Board of Education as the student representative.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Christina Zimmerman wrote about the budget (5)
Jennifer Kraemer wrote about the music program
Heather Buckley wrote about the music program
Leslie Ruggiero wrote about the music program
Olimpia Fata wrote about the music program
Ron Jaffe shared an article and wrote about school facilities

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

J. Greenstein moved, J Laden seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Special meeting- 6/6/18- 6:00 pm

Regular meeting- 6/6/18

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, R. Fernandes and J. Laden voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile spoke about the district going to a 3-hour delay for weather issues, only if necessary. Otherwise a 2-hour delay will still be in effect. He gave an update on the facilities survey. A world language survey came out today for additional languages at BHS.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Security Task Force- 6/8/18- Mrs. Sturm spoke about the charge of the task force and establish goals. The committee discussed the selection of members for the task force. After reviewing the letters of interest, the committee chose three people; Kevin Durkin, Monica Bevilacqua and Bryan Chnowski. The next meeting is scheduled for July 12th.

Finance- 6/11/18- Mr. Belden said the subcommittee spoke about the budget for most of the subcommittee meeting, financials, check registers and capital. He said storm damage to the schools issues have been identified and filed with insurance. They spoke about student activities and the handling of cash, particularly ticket collection at games and how it is accounted for. Mr. Belden reported on Medicaid reimbursement for eligible items. It is a parent's choice if they want to file.

Strategic Facilities Update- A public forum was held on June 7th with a presentation by Tecton. Mrs. Greenstein urged the community to fill out the survey regarding the 4 options.

CONSENT AGENDA

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, R. Fernandes and J. Laden voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF PERKINS GRANTS

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the concept and sustainability of the Perkins Innovation Grants submitted to the State Department of Education.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, R. Fernandes and J. Laden voted aye.

APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS FOR SPORTS FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, to approve the attached list of sports field trips for the 2018-2019 school year as requested by Athletic Director Steve Baldwin.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, R. Fernandes and J. Laden voted aye.

After discussion, B. Belden moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to amend the motion to delete the July cheerleading trip at Westfield State Camp and approve the list of 2018-2019 field trips for sports as amended.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, R. Fernandes and J. Laden voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

2018-2019 BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Board continued its discussion of the 2018-2019 budget. Mrs. Sturm thanked everyone for voting. Dr. Barile went over the additional reductions of \$54,000 that the Board directed the administration to find.

Mrs. Greenstein listed upcoming events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing unaffiliated salaries and the lawsuit filed by former Superintendent Anthony Bivona at 8:02 pm.

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

Chairman Colette Sturm called the special meeting to order at 8:06 PM and invited Attorney Dave Monastersky, Board of Finance Chair Sean Hathorn, Superintendent John Barile.

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

Absent: Eve Sturdevant

9:08 pm- Attorney at Law Dave Monastersky exited

9:10 pm- Board of Finance Chair Sean Hathorn exited

9:11 pm- Superintendent John Barile exited

The Board exited the executive session at 10:30 PM.

C. Sturm moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to increase the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction base salary for the 2018-2019 school year of \$183,000 and authorize the Chairman to finalize the contract on the Boards behalf.

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

C. Sturm moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to increase the Superintendent base salary for the 2018-2019 school year of \$212,000 and the annual annuity to \$18,000 for the 2018-2019 school year and \$19,500 for the 2019-2020, and authorize the Chairman to finalize the contract on the Boards behalf.

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

Without objection, Chairman Sturm adjourned the meeting at 10:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Joy Greenstein, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education