

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Rosa Fernandes Bob Belden, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Debbie Brooks, Mike Murphy Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post and members of the staff and public.

ABSENT: Jen Laden

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Ben Bogues gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Joyce Boucino and Jen Augusto wrote regarding public comment procedures.

Ron Jaffe wrote regarding equity reports.

Lisa Zollbrecht wrote regarding IEP services during quarantines.

Mark Ferry wrote regarding reporting systems and student welfare.

Marni McNiff wrote regarding media misinformation.

Kim Gerardi wrote regarding busing concerns and mitigation strategies.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting- 10/6/2021

R. Fernandes, B. Belden, A. Foster, J. Greenstein, D. Brooks and M. Murphy voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Superintendent Barile gave the Board a COVID update to include Town Mask Mandate Rescinded, Governor's Executive Order #14- school mask Mandate still in effect and a Quarantine Learning Update. Dr. Barile also spoke to the Board regarding Strategic Planning and gave had a brief discussion about bussing.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities- 10/6/2021 & Special Facilities- 10/18/2021- Mrs. Greenstein said the subcommittee received updates on the WMS water and WMS wall, Capital projects and the BHS Boys locker room. New business included discussion on the Center School roof, building condition study, BHS bathrooms and roof assessment. They discussed donations for the locker room. The special meeting on 10/18/2021 included discussion on the WMS floor replacement and approval of the 10-year Capital plan.

Finance – 10/11/2021- Mr. Belden said the subcommittee discussed the September financial reports. They received an update on the Special Education costs, ARP ESSER, the bus RFP and student activities. New business included the after school grant, contract tracing position and enrollment study.

Equity- 10/14/2021- Mrs. Foster said Mrs. Holley will be taking over as administrative lead for the committee as Dr. Barile will be stepping back. They participated in a welcome back activity and discussed the same date and time for their meetings. Mrs. Holley shared a power point with the committee from the July Board retreat and welcomed Jackie Whiting as an ad hoc member.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

R. Fernandes, B. Belden, A. Foster, J. Greenstein, D. Brooks and M. Murphy voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP BHS

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and after discussion, the Board voted 6-0 to approve an overnight trip to Killington, Vermont for the BHS Outdoors Club from Friday, March 11, 2022- Sunday, March 13, 2022 as requested by Club Advisor Chris Buckley and Principal Marc Balanda.

R. Fernandes, B. Belden, A. Foster, J. Greenstein, D. Brooks and M. Murphy voted aye.

ARPESSER (American Rescue Plan/Elementary Secondary Schools Education Recovery Grant) UPDATE

The Board received an update on the ARPESSER grant as recommended by the Finance subcommittee.

GRANTS APPROVAL

A. Foster moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the list of grants as recommended by the Director of Operations Ken Post and Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

R. Fernandes, B. Belden, A. Foster, J. Greenstein, D. Brooks and M. Murphy voted aye.

SPECIAL SERVICES CASELOAD REPORT

The Board received an update and had discussion on the Special Services caseload as reported by Director of Special Education Gina Wygonik.

DISTRICT ENROLLMENT REPORT

The Board received a district enrollment report from Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

PRIORITIZED 2022-2023 AND UPDATED 10-YEAR PRIORITIZED CAPITAL PROJECTS DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

The Board discussed the 2022-2023 and updated 10-year Prioritized Capital Projects List as recommended by the Facilities subcommittee.

After discussion, R. Fernandes moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the Capital Projects list as recommended by the Facilities subcommittee, with the addition of the \$35,000 in year one for replacing the WMS floor.

R. Fernandes, B. Belden, A. Foster, J. Greenstein, D. Brooks and M. Murphy voted aye.

2022-2023 BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS AND PRIORITIES

The Board received and discussed the 2022-2023 Budget Assumptions and Priorities as presented by Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

CANDLEWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The Board discussed the Candlewood Lake Elementary School building project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3 MAIN POINTS

1. COVID Update/Buses
2. Special Services Update- Caseloads/Enrollment
3. 2022-2023 Budget Assumptions & Priorities

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chairman Rosa Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 9:03p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education