BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2017
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER, BROOKFIELD, CT
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Chairman Bob Belden called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

Present: Bob Belden, Paul Checco, Colette Sturm, Harry Shaker, Tara Lerner, Steve Harding and Eve Sturdevant

Also Present: Superintendent John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Maureen Ruby, Director of Special Services Charlie Manos, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, CES Principal Dr. Krys Salon and members of the staff and public.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT- CENTER SCHOOL

Dr. Salon showed a short video of students using an iPad app that teaches computer coding to young children through a game.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich Saluga spoke about the budget.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Earl de los Santos gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Joseph Digirolamo: Writing Center Proposal
Matthew Digirolamo: BHS Writing Center
Christina Zimmerman: Special Meeting on 1/11/17
Leslie Ruggiero: Proposed Changes to the World Language Program
Logan Sullender: World Language Program
Heather Buckley: Elementary Spanish Vacancy Posting
Donna Hegarty: Writing Center Advisor
Debbie Brooks: Alternative to F/T Spanish Instruction at CES
Christine Hand: Follow Up from BOE Meeting on 1/11/17

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting- 1/4/17
Special Meeting 1/11/17

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, H. Shaker, T. Lerner, S. Harding and E. Sturdevant voted aye**.**

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Mr. Barile asked BHS Music teacher John Lamendola gave a BHS Auditorium functionality update and Dr. Ben Jordan to give an update on Odyssey of the Mind, SeaPerch and gave an update on the Math Department at BHS . Superintendent Barile updated the Board on the administrative changes at HHES upon Mrs. Dymond's leave. Mrs. Scheithe will take Mrs. Dymond's place temporarily and Mrs. Farias

will fill the Assistant Principal's position. Mr. Barile updated the Board on Professional Meeting Time after school for teachers.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications- 1/3/17- Tara Lerner said the subcommittee discussed PDF/Links on the website and SchoolMessenger as well as a discussion on a live streaming vendor.

Policy- 1/4/17 - Steve Harding said the subcommittee continued discussion on the #9000 series and talked about ECS funding. Director of Special Services spoke about upcoming policy changes to Seclusion & Restraint, increase hours of instruction for expelled students and "Burden of Proof".

B & FC- 1/9/17 – Paul Checco said the subcommittee received an update on the BHS water project, Honeywell, BHS roof RFP, School Dude, CIP 10 year plan, Architect RFP, CES floor, and the A/C in the BHS Science wing. New business discussion included ECS funding cut - Verbal request from First Selectman through BOE Chairman Mr. Belden for the Business & Facilities Committee to identify $126,000 in possible savings in the current fiscal year, Building Condition survey and the 2015-16 Audit update. Miscellaneous discussion included the HHES restroom floor, presentation of the budget and special education costs.

Ad Hoc – 1/11/17- Tara Lerner reported that the AD Hoc Committee discussed putting a hold on the Grade 5 survey, the development of and RFP for a Master Plan and Conditions Study and a followup working with other project groups.

CONSENT AGENDA

C. Sturm moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items listed on the consent agenda as recommended.
B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, H. Shaker, T. Lerner, S. Harding and E. Sturdevant voted aye**.**

NEW BUSINESS

DECA TRIP

C. Sturm moved, P. Checco seconded, and after a presentation by DECA students, the Board voted 7-0 to approve a trip for DECA to attend the International Career Development Conference from Wednesday, April 26, 2017 through Saturday, April 29, 2017 in Anaheim, CA as requested by the Marketing/Business teacher and DECA advisor Fiona Docherty, Ms. Stacia Nicholson and BHS Principal Marc Balanda.
B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, H. Shaker, T. Lerner, S. Harding and E. Sturdevant voted aye**.**

ROBOTICS TRIP

C. Sturm moved, S. Harding seconded, and after an overview from Scott Zucca, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the Robotics Team 1099 to travel for the following Robotics events to: (1) Wilby High School in Waterbury, CT from Friday, March 3, 2017 to Sunday, March 5, 2017 for a Robotics District event,(2) Bryant University in Smithfield, RI from Friday, March 24, 2017 to Sunday, March 26, 2017 for a Robotics District event and (3) the University of New Hampshire in Durham, NH on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 to Saturday, April 8, 2017 for the New England District Championship. If the team qualifies, then permission is requested to attend (4) the World Championship at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis, MO from Wednesday, April 26, 2017 to Saturday, April 29, 2017 plus travel time, as requested by the BHS Robotics Team 1099 advisors Scott Zucca and Jason DiStasio and BHS Principal Marc Balanda.
B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, H. Shaker, T. Lerner, S. Harding and E. Sturdevant voted aye**.**

The Board took a recess at 8:39pm and returned at 8:51pm

OLD BUSINESS

SUPERINTENDENT'S BUDGET 2017-2018

The Board continued its discussion on the Superintendent's 2017-2018 budget and approve submission of such to the First Selectman by the end of January. Mr. Barile presented a revised budget power point presentation from his original budget presentation that the Board received on December 21, 2016. This revised presentation highlighted the two "comeback items" being put back into the budget, the K-2 World Language position and the BHS Writing Lab position. Mr. Renda and Mrs. Spencer presented a power point and had discussion on the 5th grade module.

After discussion, the Board decided to schedule a Special Meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 to further discuss the budget.

PRIORITIZED 10-YEAR CAPITAL PROJECTS DISCUSSION

P. Checco moved, T. Lerner seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to table the discussion of 10-year Prioritized Capital Projects List until the special meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017.
B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, H. Shaker, T. Lerner, S. Harding and E. Sturdevant voted aye.

Mrs. Sturm listed upcoming events

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

C. Sturm moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn its regular meeting and enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation regarding former Superintendent Anthony Bivona at 10:28pm.

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, H. Shaker, T. Lerner, S. Harding and E. Sturdevant voted aye.

B. Belden moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to invite Superintendent Barile into executive session at 10:40 pm.
B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, H. Shaker, T. Lerner, S. Harding and E. Sturdevant voted aye.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board exited executive session and without objection, Chairman Belden adjourned the meeting at 10:51p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

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Colette Sturm, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education