

**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Brookfield Public Schools**  
**REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2016**  
**BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**MINUTES**

Chairman Bob Belden called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**Present:** Bob Belden, Paul Checco, Colette Sturm and Tara Lerner

**Absent:** Harry Shaker, Steve Harding and Eve Sturdevant

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kevin Durkin spoke about the World Language program  
Giorgia Stabile spoke about the World Language program

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

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

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

Virgil Anderson wrote about website resources  
Ron Jaffe wrote about website posting formats

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

C. Sturm move, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

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B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm and T. Lerner voted aye.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Mr. Barile spoke about the Ed Advance Leadership Forum he attended with Steve Harding and Colette Sturm. He also updated the Board on his visits to the schools for holiday parties. Dr. Ruby reported on "Curriculum Boot Camp".

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**B & FC 12/12-**Mr. Checco said the subcommittee discussed November financials, check registers and pay rate guidelines. Old business included an update from Jerry Gay on electric, diesel and heating oil prices, BHS water project, Honeywell, the BHS roof, auditorium lighting, video and sound project, HHES portables, CES floor and BHS Science wing.

**CAPE 12/13-** Mrs. Sturm said the subcommittee discussed changes to the BHS Program of Studies for 2017-2018. The Board and administration had detailed discussion on the World Language and Social Studies programs.

**Ad Hoc Update Minutes 12/8/16-** Mrs. Lerner said the committee discussed the walkthrough held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. They discussed having walkthroughs of newer schools to see what they look like. They talked about developing a master plan and having a discussion with other people (library, police) who are looking to have new buildings and how to move forward.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

C. Sturm moved, T. Lerner seconded, and the Board voted 4-0 to approve the items listed below on the consent agenda as recommended.

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm and T. Lerner voted aye.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

C. Sturm moved, T. Lerner seconded, and the Board voted 4-0 to approve the Board adjusted 2017-2018 school calendar as recommended by Superintendent John Barile.

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm and T. Lerner voted aye.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **SHERMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST**

The Board discussed the request from the Sherman Board of Education for their students to attend Brookfield Public Schools. The Board will discuss this further at their next Board meeting.

### **FACILITIES PLANNING**

C. Sturm moved, P. Checco seconded, and after an overview by P. Checco, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the pursuit of a request for proposal to conduct a facilities master planning and conditions study for the purpose of assessing school building needs for the Town's 10 Year Capital Improvement Plan and to support the Ad Hoc Committee's purpose of developing a plan for grade configuration and school facilities recommendation.

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm and T. Lerner voted aye.

### **PRIMARY GRADES WORLD LANGUAGE**

C. Sturm moved, T. Lerner seconded, and the Board voted 4-0 to table the following motions until the Special Board of Education to be held on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017- to discontinue grades K-1 world language for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year due to a dearth of certified/qualified candidates and to discontinue world language in grades K-2 for the 2017-2018 academic year in order to provide instructional time to meet the rigors of new science and social studies standards.

### **PROGRAM OF STUDIES**

C. Sturm moved, T. Lerner seconded, and after discussion with Principal Marc Balanda, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the revisions to the BHS Program of Studies as recommended by the CAPE subcommittee.

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm and T. Lerner voted aye.

The Board took a recess at 8:51 pm and returned at 9:03 pm

**SUPERINTENDENT’S 2017-2018 BUDGET PRESENTATION**

The Board received the 2017-2018 budget proposal as presented by Superintendent John W. Barile.

Mrs. Sturm listed upcoming events.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, Chairman Belden adjourned the meeting at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

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Colette Sturm, Secretary  
Brookfield Board of Education