

**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Brookfield Public Schools**  
**IN PERSON REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2021**  
**BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**MINUTES**

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

Bob Belden arrived at:

Mike Murphy arrived at:

Rosa Fernandes, Debbie Brooks, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Jen Laden, Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, Director of Special Services Gina Wygonik, Director of Instruction Deb Farias, Director of Technology Eric Conklin, Director of Human Resources Terri Kavanagh, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Melissa Labrosciano, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, and members of the faculty, staff and administration.

**RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS**

The Board recognized the following Teachers of the Year:

Center Elementary School- Rosa Barrero  
Huckleberry Hill School- Dee Pearson  
Whisconier Middle School- Kayla Ryan  
Brookfield High School- Chris Buckley

The Superintendent announced that Brookfield High School Social Studies teacher Chris Buckley has been voted as the 2021 District Teacher of the Year.

The Board recognized the following 2021 Staff Members of the Year:

Center Elementary School- Beth O'Connor  
Huckleberry Hill School- Renee Byrne  
Whisconier Middle School- Dennis Hyl  
Brookfield High School- Rosa Hopcroft  
Town School Office- Terri Kavanagh

The Board recognized the following Top 10 graduating seniors from Brookfield High School, Class of 2021 for their academic achievements:

Maathangi Nellicherry (*University of Pennsylvania*), Christopher Esneault (*Yale University*)  
Adharsh Kandula (*Northeastern University*), Mahika Yarram (*Stony Brook University*),  
Avery Huang (*Northeastern University*), Tanvi Chennuru (*Boston University*), Ian Belles  
(*Springfield College*), Grace Haxhinasto (*Gordon College*), Paul Kurkky (*Carnegie Mellon  
University*), Jessica Huang, (*Northeastern University*).

The Board and Superintendent thanked Tanvi Chennuru for her service to the Board of Education as the student representative.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Tanvi Chennuru gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

### **WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

Dan Folchetti and Andrew Koehm wrote regarding school curriculum.

### **APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

A. Foster moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

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

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Superintendent Barile congratulated Kelly Dumbauld, Grade 4- HHES for being the recipient of the ESS (Education Management & Staffing Solutions) and Nick Castellano for receiving the Impact Award for the Northeast- Coach of the Year for SWC Unified Sports. Dr. Barile gave a COVID update and spoke about early dismissal for BHS on June 11<sup>th</sup>. He also spoke about the reopening plan for the Fall of 2021.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CAPE- 5/20/2021-** Mrs. Laden said the subcommittee received a presentation on GridPals from Keith Johnston, WMS teacher. Joy Greenstein and Michael Murphy focused on ensuring objectivity in the curriculum, sourcing of information with the teaching of current events and non-bias teaching. Dr. Ruby is also looking into Board policies.

**Special Finance Subcommittee- 5/26/2021-** Mr. Belden said the subcommittee discussed the ARP ESSER Grant.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Foster moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **GRID PALS PRESENTATION**

The Board received a presentation on Grid Pals from Mr. Keith Johnston, Foreign Language teacher at WMS, and as presented at the May 20<sup>th</sup> CAPE subcommittee meeting.

#### **ARP ESSER GRANT PRESENTATION**

The Board received a presentation on the ARP ESSER Grant as presented by Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

### **FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT EXTENSION**

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the extension of the Whitsons Food Service contract for the 2021-2022 school year as recommended by Director of Business and Operations Ken Post.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE/JULY-DECEMBER 2021**

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the subcommittee meeting schedule from July- December 2021 as discussed with adjustments at the May 19, 2021 Board of Education meeting.

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

### **CANDLEWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT**

The Board received an update on the Candlewood Lake Elementary school building project.

### **3 MAIN POINTS**

1. Recognition of Staff and Students
2. GridPals Presentation
3. ARP ESSER Grant

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED**

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment contracts for Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby and Director of Operations Ken Post, the Superintendent's evaluation and Unaffiliated salaries at 9:09 pm.

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

Chairwoman Rosa Fernandes called the meeting to order at 9:16 pm.

Present: Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Rosa Fernandes, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Jen Laden and Mike Murphy.

The Board entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment contracts for Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby and Director of Operations Ken Post, the Superintendent's evaluation and unaffiliated salaries. Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Rosa Fernandes, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Jen Laden and Mike Murphy exited out of executive session at 10:30 pm.

R. Fernandes moved, A. Foster seconded and the Board voted 7-0 to support the Superintendent's recommendation for the Director of Technology and the Director of Human Resources for a 5% salary increase for the 21-22 school year. This is in lieu of the 2.25% agreed to at our last meeting.

R. Fernandes moved, A. Foster seconded and the Board voted 7-0 to extend the contract the Assistant Superintendent for one year through June 2024 and increase her base compensation by 2.25%, and increase her annuity to a new amount of \$12,000 total, and increase her vacation days by 5 days.

R. Fernandes moved, A. Foster seconded and the Board voted 7-0 to renew the contract for the Business Director for one year through June 2022 and increase his salary by 2.25%. Rosa Fernandes moved, Amy Foster seconded and the Board voted 7-0 to extend the contract for the Superintendent for one year through June 2024 and increase his base compensation by 2.25%.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Without objection, Chairman Rosa Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 10:32pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

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Amy Foster, Secretary  
Brookfield Board of Education