

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER, BROOKFIELD, CT
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Chairman Bob Belden called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

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

Superintendent John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Maureen Ruby, Director of Finance Al Cameron, 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 public.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT- CENTER SCHOOL

Music Teacher Lynn Orzolek presented the Ukulele program at Center School.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich Saluga thanked administration and staff for their work on the budget.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

None

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Ron Jaffe wrote about emails and the website.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting- 1/6/16

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

The Superintendent reminded the Board about the Board of Education's 2016-2017 budget presentation to the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall. Mrs. Sturm gave an update on the Strategic Coherence Planning Committee meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

B & FC- 1/4/16- Mr. Checco reported that the B & FC subcommittee has switched its meeting date to the second Monday of the month. The BHS roof project is complete and the auditorium floor is in progress. He talked about School Dude and the year end close and audit as well as the CT. Partnership. Discussion was also had about the possibility of BHS withdrawing from the National School Lunch Program which is currently being investigated. Blum Shapiro has provided a very preliminary draft of their findings.

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, S. Harding, T. Lerner, and E. Sturdevant voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

DECA TRIP

After a presentation by Pam Garrett and her students, C. Sturm moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a trip for DECA to attend the DECA International Career Development Conference in Nashville, TN from Saturday, April 23, 2016 to Tuesday, April 26, 2016, as requested by Marketing/Business Teacher and DECA Advisor Pam Garrett and BHS Principal Marc Balanda.

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

ROBOTICS TRIP

After a presentation by Susan Troupe, C. Sturm moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the Robotics Team 1099 to travel overnight for the following Robotics events: to (1) Wilby HS in Waterbury, CT for a Robotics District event from Friday, March 4, 2016-Sunday, March 6, 2016, (2) Friday, April 1, 2016 to Sunday, April 3, 2016 to attend a Robotics District event at Hartford Public HS in Hartford, CT and (3) Wednesday, April 13, 2016 to Saturday, April 16, 2016 to the XL Center in Hartford, CT for the New England District Championship. If the team qualifies, then (4) permission is requested to attend the World Championship at the Edward Jones Dome in ST Louis. MO from Wednesday, April 27, 2016 to Saturday, April 30, 2016 plus travel time, as requested by School-to-Career Coordinator Sue Troupe and BHS and Principal Marc Balanda.

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

OLD BUSINESS

2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR

C. Sturm moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the 2016-2017 school calendar as recommended by Superintendent John Barile.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S BUDGET 2016-2017

The Board continued its discussion on the Superintendent's 2016-2017 budget and approve submission of such to the First Selectman by January 29, 2016. Mr. Barile gave an overview of the budget and Mr. Cameron distributed a summary of the budget estimate. The Board and administration had detailed discussion regarding the proposal.

C. Sturm moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to adopt its 2016-2017 budget in the amount of \$41,181,472.00.

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

PRIORITIZED 5-YEAR CAPITAL PROJECTS DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

The Board discussed the 5-year Prioritized Capital Projects List.

C. Sturm moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to adopt its 2016-2017 Capital budget in the amount of \$638,000.

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

ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION

C. Sturm moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn its regular meeting and enter into discussion with regard to collective bargaining strategy at 9:46 pm.

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

B. Belden, moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to enter into discussion with regard to collective bargaining strategy at 9:56 pm and invited John Barile and Al Cameron to join them.

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

C. Sturm moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to come out of executive session and return to regular session at 10:13pm.

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

Without any objection, Bob Belden adjourned its regular meeting at 10:13pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Colette Sturm, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education

