

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

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

Present: Bob Belden, Paul Checco, Colette Sturm, and Steve Harding

Absent: Harry Shaker and Eve Sturdevant and Tara Lerner

Superintendent John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Maureen Ruby, Director of Finance Al Cameron, BHS Principal Marc Balanda and members of the staff and public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Natalia Androz and Julia Rhyins spoke about their Capstone project to travel to Spain

Lorna Rhyins spoke about the Capstone project to travel to Spain

Chairman Belden asked for a subcommittee to gather information regarding the appeal of two students requesting to travel to Spain for their Capstone project. He asked for Mr. Checco and Mr. Harding to be a part of the committee as well as either Mrs. Lerner or Mrs. Sturdevant and report back to the full Board as soon as they can with their recommendation.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Earl Dellosantos gave a report on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Frank and Ellen Koe wrote about the elimination of the school to career coordinator position.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

C. Sturm moved, 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 S. Harding, voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Mr. Barile gave an update on the last day of school and Strategic Coherence Planning. Dr. Ruby gave an update on the Professional Learning going on this week.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

B & FC- 2/1/16- Mr. Checco said Dawn DeCosta spoke during public comment regarding the BHS stage lighting. They discussed the transportation and tuition budgets and how the Special Ed excess cost grant will cover it. Last year the grant was over-estimated. Mr. Cameron spoke about the security and technology grants. Mr. Checco said they went through the financials and spoke about the school lunch program. A guest chef has been at BHS. Blum Shapiro will issue a draft report shortly. They had a brief discussion about the BHS roof project and the bid process for State reimbursement.

CONSENT AGENDA

C. Sturm moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 4-0 to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as recommended.

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, and S. Harding voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

STATE PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2.0

C. Sturm moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 4-0 to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to take the necessary actions required to implement the medical benefits offered pursuant to Connecticut State Partnership Plan 2.0 beginning July 1, 2016 for all eligible District employees who elect to receive medical benefits under the policy offered by the District, subject to applicable employee premium cost sharing requirements contained in the respective collective bargaining agreements to which the Board is a party and as otherwise required by the Board for non-union employees, as those contributions change from time to time.

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, and S. Harding voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

2016-2017 BUDGET

The Board continued its discussion on the adopted 2016-2017 budget. Mr. Checco asked about changing the BHS start time for students.

Mrs. Sturm listed upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, B. Belden adjourned the regular meeting at 8:03 pm.

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, and S. Harding voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Colette Sturm, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education