BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER, BROOKFIELD, CT
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Chairman Scott McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Present: Scott McCarthy, Paul Checco, Susan Queenan, Harry Shaker, Victor Katz, Steve Harding and Tara Lerner

Also Present: Acting Superintendent Ralph Iassogna, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone, Director of Special Services Charlie Manos, Interim Director of Finance and Operations Gregg Miller, Interim BHS Principal Mark Jewett, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, CES Principal Krys Salon and members of the staff and public.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS
Sarah Garber delivered student work to Connecticut Scholastic Art Awards and had three award winners from the Brookfield High School, Lindsey Zaleski, grade 9, Honorable mention in photography, Sabrina Aragon, grade 12, Gold key in digital art, and Jack Hegarty, grade 11, Gold key in design and best overall in design. The gold key winners will have their work go on to the national level judging.

A student played a game with the Board called Kahoot.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Linda Frame spoke about the budget.
Rich Saluga spoke about the budget.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE
Earl De Los Santos spoke about the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE
Glenn Rooney wrote about the BHS Renovation and Morganti.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES
S. Queenan moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:
> Special Meeting- 1/21/15
> Regular Meeting- 1/21/15
S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE
The Superintendent said the Board of Education's Adopted Budget went to the Board of Selectmen. An overview was provided of the request, particularly those items related to the 5.92% increase. Much of the discussion centered on the Special Education area and Charlie did an excellent job in furnishing pertinent follow-up information.

He congratulated the Brookfield Dance Team for their outstanding winning performance at the SWC Dance Championships. Special thanks and much appreciation to Deanne Petricionne and Assistant Isabel Mouthrop.

Mr. Iassogna also gave congratulations to the following recipients of Brookfield Education Foundation Grants:
- BHS support of its Personal Finance Class- over $5,500..
- HHES "Fit Club" : a before-school fitness program championed by PE teacher Matthew Cudney: $2,200
- WMS "Confessions of a Former Bully": a collaboration with the health and literacy departments designed around the core curriculum, working to proactively teach 5th graders about bullying. Championed by curriculum specialist Aggie Burns: $2,160.40
- Brookfield CARES: $5,200 for facilitator's fees for the first year of support group meetings.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS
CAPE- 1/22/15- Dr. Slone reported on the revisions to the BHS Program of Studies.

CONSENT AGENDA
P. Checco moved, V. Katz seconded and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items listed on the consent agenda as recommended to include a strikethrough of the title ABA for Elizabeth Magner.
S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

S. Harding moved, V. Katz seconded and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items listed on the consent agenda as amended.
S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES

S. Queenan moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the revisions to the Brookfield High School Program of Studies as recommended by the CAPE subcommittee and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone.
S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
Mr. Checco gave an overview of the audit regarding the BHS Construction project.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH
S. Queenan moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to appoint the Brookfield Board of Education as the Superintendent's Personnel Search Committee to fill the position of Superintendent of the Brookfield Public Schools.
S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

S. Queenan moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to appoint Cooperative Education Services (CES) to help facilitate the search process for filling the position of the Superintendent of Brookfield Public Schools.
S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS
2015-2016 BUDGET
The Board had a brief discussion on where the budget process is at this point. The Board of Education presented its budget to the Board of Selectmen.

P. Checco moved, V. Katz seconded and the Board voted 7-0 to add an Item #14, Discussion of Special Appropriation to this part of the meeting.
S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

Chairman McCarthy gave an overview of the Special Appropriation.

After discussion- P. Checco moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to direct Chairman McCarthy to request a Memorandum of Understanding to be signed by First Selectman Tinsley stating that the Town of Brookfield commits to covering $123,387 ($90,000 medical costs and $33,387 workers compensation benefits).
S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

ADJOURNMENT
moved,   seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to move to adjourn its regular meeting at 8:
S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

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Susan Queenan, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education