

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2015
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER, BROOKFIELD, CT
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Vice Chairman Paul Checco called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Paul Checco, Susan Queenan, Victor Katz, Steve Harding and Tara Lerner

Absent- Scott McCarthy and Harry Shaker

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

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT-CENTER SCHOOL

The Board and Superintendent highlighted Center School and their Community Meetings. Dr. Salon presented a video and gave a background on Community Meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich Saluga spoke about the website and the budget.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

None

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Rich Saluga wrote about transparency

Kurt Moffett wrote about Anthony Bivona

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

S. Queenan moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting- 2/4/15

P. Checco, S. Queenan, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

The Superintendent gave a brief calendar update that has been impacted by the weather. He said as of tonight, the district has closed for 5 school days, we have experienced 9 delayed openings and 1 early dismissal.

If other closures occur, our projected but tentative last day of school will be Wednesday, June 17th. Any further closings will be added to June 17th.

He is still reviewing potential options with regards to CES missing the one instructional day.

He explained that Center School was closed due to a water issue on 2/17. A cold-water pipe coupling burst causing water to flood the cafeteria. This problem was compounded by a clogged kitchen floor drain.

Facilities Supervisor Tom Tibolla and Maintenance Mechanic Dan Caldwell and the Center School custodial staff did a great job in containing and minimizing the problem.

Mr. Iassogna thanked Principal Krys Salon and her staff and students as well as ServPro, Town Sanitation Department, Fire Marshall and Insurance Adjuster. This problem will be covered by our insurance after our deductible is met. He said the following needs to be done- Removal and installation of new floor tile in the Kitchen Cafeteria and Hall area; and sheet rock and molding replacement for damaged areas. He also said to be assured that all areas are compliant with Health and Building codes and regulations, particularly with regard to mold and asbestos and that student and staff safety has been confirmed by the on-site officials.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

S. Queenan moved, V. Katz seconded and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the items listed on the consent agenda as recommended.

P. Checco, S. Queenan, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

DECA TRIP

S. Queenan moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve a trip for DECA to attend the 2015 International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida from Friday, April 24th to Wednesday, April 29th as recommended by DECA Advisor Pam Garrett and BHS Principal Mark Jewett.

P. Checco, S. Queenan, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY GRANT

S. Queenan moved, T. Lerner seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the District Technology Grant as recommended by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone.

P. Checco, S. Queenan, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

POLICY #5141.7-CONCUSSIONS

S. Queenan moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve Policy#5141.7-Concussions, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on January 7, 2015.

P. Checco, S. Queenan, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

2014-2015 BUDGET STATUS

The Board discussed the 2014-2015 budget status. Mr. Iassogna gave an update on the current budget status.

2015-2016 BUDGET

The Board continued its discussion on the 2015-2016 budget. Mr. Miler explained the claim at Center School from the water damage. They also discussed where we are with the budget freeze and the status of the sub account.

ADJOURNMENT

S. Queenan moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to move to adjourn its regular meeting at 8:09 pm

P. Checco, S. Queenan, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Susan Queenan, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education