

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Scott McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:10 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, Interim Director of Finance and Operations Gregg Miller, Interim BHS Principal Mark Jewett, WMS Principal Deane Renda and members of the public.

BOARD RECOGNITION

The Superintendent thanked the Board for all of their hard work during Board of Education appreciation month.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT-WHISCONIER MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Board and Superintendent would like to spotlight the students from Whisconier Middle School. They spotlighted Math Counts and the students who participated in the Math Competition.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich Saluga thanked the Board for their hard work and thanked Ralph and Gregg for their help in his requests for information. He also spoke about the presentation to the Board of Finance.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mackenzie Parascondola gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Stephanie Kennedy wrote regarding a formal complaint.

Cynthia Radke wrote about further thoughts regarding the hiring of the new Superintendent.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Special Meeting- 3/4/15

Regular Meeting- 3/4/15

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

The Superintendent said Milone and MacBroom is beginning Phase II of the Demographic Study. He said he is hopeful they will have a draft presentation to the full Board in May. Mr. Iassogna gave a status on BHS project #018-044, in particular, providing information to the State. He gave an update on the "graffiti type" threat at Brookfield High School. Mr. Iassogna gave an update on the 3

administrative vacancies. He also updated everyone on enrollment as of October 1, 2014, and what is it now. We have 23 more students currently.

P. Checco moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to add a presentation by Jim Ritchie of C.E.S. regarding the Superintendent Search.

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

Mr. Ritchie gave the Board an update on the current search for a Superintendent for the Brookfield Public Schools. He gave an overview of the Focus Group and the survey results.

COMMUNICATIONS

B & FC- 3/2/15- Mr. Checco said the subcommittee discussed the financial software upgrade. They are waiting for more information on the iPads. Mr. Miller gave a brief update on the spending freeze and the budget. They also spoke about the demographic study.

Communications- 3/9/15- Mrs. Queenan said the subcommittee discussed communication from the Superintendent's office to the community.

CONSENT AGENDA

P. Checco moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to amend the recommended motion to remove the line that states resignation and add a line for the appointment of the new BHS Principal Marc Balanda.

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

The Superintendent gave a brief overview on the appointment of Marc C. Balanda who will be the Principal at Brookfield High School beginning July 1, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

RBAC AGREEMENT

S. Queenan moved, V. Katz seconded, and after discussion, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the attached series of motions regarding OPEB and post employment benefit obligations as recommended by the RBAC.

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

OLD BUSINESS

2014 2015 BUDGET/SPECIAL APPROPRIATION

The Board continued its discussion on the 2014-2015 budget /supplemental appropriation request status. Mr. McCarthy gave a brief summary on the status of the appropriation.

2015-2016 BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Board continued its discussion on the 2015-2016 budget. Mr. Iassogna said the Board of Finance is close to finalizing their deliberations.

Mr. McCarthy addressed some statements during public comment.

The Board thanked Mark Jewett for his service as the Brookfield High School Principal

ADJOURNMENT

S. McCarthy moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to move to adjourn its regular meeting at 8:35 pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Susan Queenan, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education