

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY APRIL 22, 2015
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
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, and Tara Lerner

Absent: Harry Shaker, Steve Harding

Scott McCarthy arrived at 7:08 PM

Steve Harding arrived at 7:22 PM

Also Present: Acting Superintendent Ralph Iassogna, Director of Special Services Charlie Manos, Interim BHS Principal Mark Jewett, WMS Assistant Principal June Gordon, HHES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, CES Principal Dr. Krys Salon and members of the public.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT- WHISCONIER MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Board and Superintendent spotlighted the students from Whisconier Middle School regarding Bullying. They showed a power point and performed skits on bullying.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT- BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

The Board and Superintendent spotlighted the students from Brookfield High School and the iPad initiative. A video was shown.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

None

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

V. Katz moved, T. Lerner seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to amend the agenda to move up item XII A & B, HOSA Trip and Special Chorus Trip to this portion of the agenda.

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

APPROVAL FOR HOSA TRIP

S. Queenan move, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve a trip for HOSA to attend the National HOSA Leadership Conference from Tuesday, June 23rd - Sunday, June 28th in Anaheim California as requested by School to Career Coordinator Sue Troupe.

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

APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL CHORUS TRIP

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve a trip for the special chorus to attend a choral festival in Niagara Falls from Friday, May 15th-Sunday, May 17th as requested by Music Teacher John Lamendola.

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

S. Queenan moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-1 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular- 4/1/15

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

V. Katz abstained

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

The Superintendent gave an update on the Iroquois gas issue that happened at WMS. He said the AIS bus relocation from TSO to Grays Bridge and BHS appears to have gone as well as can be expected, thanks to Major Jay Purcell for his on-site supervision and Parks & Recreation Director Dennis DiPinto for his assistance in coordinating the line printing at Grays Bridge

He will begin establishing a subcommittee of parents, Board/Town employees, involved members of the community such as the Police Department and Transportation Vendor. This group will monitor the situation for the next 2 months and make a permanent recommendation for next year to the new Superintendent.

The State Construction Auditing Division preliminarily held up approximately 7 million dollars of reimbursement monies awaiting receipt of key documents, we were able to provide much of the information to the State, particularly bid documents.

The District's annual Recognition Reception has been confirmed for Thursday, June 11th. Please mark your calendars.

Our year 2 security grant application was denied because we received year 1 funding. Approximately \$39,000 was needed to make up for that loss. We were able to renegotiate lower prices and the First Selectman committed to us a maximum of \$30,000, if necessary, to make up for the difference and we already began purchasing the equipment.

The Superintendent discussed plant needs which include- Center's gym roof leak, Huckleberry rear pavement area buckled, lights and School Dude.

COMMUNICATIONS

B & FC 4/6/15- Mrs. Lerner said the subcommittee discussed vendors that came in to discuss an update on lighting. The other presentation was about solar panels. They discussed the spending freeze and the iPads. There was a brief update on facility needs.

CONSENT AGENDA

S. Queenan moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 0-6 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

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

S. Queenan moved, T. Lerner seconded, and the Board voted 0-6 to approve the items as amended to modify the date for Patty Zelle to June 30th on the consent agenda as recommended.
S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

SETTING OF THE BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DATE

S. Queenan moved, T. Lerner seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to set the graduation date for the Class of 2015 for Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 8:30 pm at the O'Neil Center, Western Connecticut State University.

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

BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL IPAD OPTIONS FOR SENIORS

The Board discussed the iPad option for seniors at Brookfield High School. Mrs. Colavito gave a power point.

After discussion, S. Queenan moved, T. Lerner seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve that seniors may purchase their iPads for \$50, and that the remaining devices are offered for sale to third party, and that remaining devices are repurposed throughout the district.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, 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. They discussed excess cost.

2015-2016 BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Board continued its discussion on the 2015-2016 budget. Mr. Iassogna presented a brief power point.

Susan Queenan listed upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, V. Katz moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to adjourn its regular meeting at 9:14 PM.

S. McCarthy, 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