

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2014
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Scott McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

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

Also Present: Superintendent Anthony Bivona, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone, Director of Special Services Charlie Manos, Interim Business Manager Ed Arum, BHS Principal Joe Palumbo, HHES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, CES Principal Dr. Krys Salon and members of the staff and public.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT- WHISCONIER MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Board and Superintendent spotlighted the students from Whisconier Middle School. They will spotlight their production of Robin Hood. Mr. Warren introduced four students who gave a brief theater presentation on their upcoming play, Robin Hood which will be on May 9th-11th.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

The Board and Superintendent recognized the accomplishments of the HOSA program. Mrs. Troupe named the students who won and qualified for nationals.

The Board and Superintendent recognized the accomplishments of Odyssey of the Mind program. Cindy Carroll introduced Brian Kelly and Meg McLoone and their teams gave a demonstration of their problem.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Catherine Malek spoke about the budget and the Common Core

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mackenzie Parascondola spoke about the happenings at BHS

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Mel San Antonio wrote about counselor at WMS

Tammy Sylvester wrote regarding the BOE meeting

J. Brooks wrote about 504 plans for incoming 5th graders

Jen Falci wrote regarding facts

Kenny Smith wrote regarding questions about the budget

Glenn Rooney wrote regarding credit card charge FOI

Jen Falci wrote regarding WMS family Facebook page

Ronald Orban wrote regarding budget concerns

Sarah Delehanty wrote regarding policy

Catherine Malek wrote regarding the re-consideration of municipal and education budgets

Darlene Lobraico wrote about school disability equipment

Erin Sweet wrote about restoring the Brookfield budget

Jennifer Matthews wrote about the education budget

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- April 1, 2014

Regular Meeting- April 2, 2014

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Mr. Bivona said many people turned out in support of the education budget at the Public Budget Hearing held on 4/8/14. He said the Panorama survey and World Language surveys went out. The Superintendent also said the Newsweek and World Reports released the list of the best high schools for 2014. Brookfield High School is rated 21 in the state and 595 in the country.

CONSENT AGENDA

S. Queenan moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended

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

NEW BUSINESS

HOSA TRIP TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a trip for HOSA from Monday, June 23rd-Sunday, June 29th to attend a national HOSA Leadership Conference as requested by HOSA Advisor Sue Troupe.

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

The Board took a recess at 7:58pm and returned at 8:07pm.

OLD BUSINESS

2014-2015 BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Board continued its discussion on the 2014-2015 budget. Chairman Scott McCarthy gave an update on where we stand right now. Mr. McCarthy stated that the Board of Education needs to find savings totaling \$775,706.00. The Board discussed in detail the items they would consider cutting as well as the items they want to keep. The Board asked the administration to come back to them with some scenarios based on their conversation.

S. Queenan moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn its meeting at 9:23 pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Morelli, Board Clerk

Susan Queenan, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education

