

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2013
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Ray DiStephan called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Present: Ray DiStephan, Jane Miller, Susan Queenan, Victor Katz, Paul Checco, Harry Shaker and Scott McCarthy

Also Present: Superintendent Anthony Bivona, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone, Director of Finance and Technology Operations Art Colley, Director of Special Services Charlie Manos, BHS Principal Joe Palumbo, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Mary Rose Dymond, CES Interim Principal Krys Salon and members of the staff, police and public.

STUDENT/PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT- CENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Board and Superintendent would like to spotlight the students and programs from Center Elementary School. Dr. Krys Salon, Deb Farias and Dr. Meyer Glaser did a presentation on PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support)

The Board and Superintendent congratulated Cyndie Adamski on her induction into the Naugatuck Hall of Fame on October 20th as well as being presented with the Pathfinder Award.

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

none

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received correspondence from Mr. Galda. Other residents sent correspondence regarding school security.

J. Miller moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to amend the agenda to move up items 14A and 14B on the agenda.

R. DiStephan, J. Miller S. Queenan, S. McCarthy, V. Katz, P. Checco and H. Shaker voted aye.

SWIM TEAM TRIP TO FLORIDA

After a brief presentation by Brian Reiff, J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a trip to Florida for the swim team from Wednesday, February 13th- Sunday, February 17th as recommended by Athletic Coordinator Chris McDougal and Coach Brian Reiff.

R. DiStephan, J. Miller S. Queenan, S. McCarthy, V. Katz, P. Checco and H. Shaker voted aye.

SPECIAL CHORUS TRIP TO VIRGINIA

After a brief presentation by John Lamendola, J. Miller moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a trip for the special chorus to go to Virginia Beach, Virginia from Friday, May 17, 2013-May 19, 2013 as recommended by music teacher John Lamendola to compete and be adjudicated for the Music in the Park festival.

R. DiStephan, J. Miller S. Queenan, S, McCarthy, V. Katz, P. Checco and H. Shaker voted aye.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

J. Miller moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting 12/5/12

Regular Meeting 12/19/12

R. DiStephan, J. Miller S. Queenan, S, McCarthy, V. Katz, P. Checco and H. Shaker voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

The Superintendent said the budget forums/tapings are underway. The first taping will be on January 3rd with the central office administration. Brookfield High School was recognized by Apple as one of 103 distinguished programs nationwide for exemplary learning environment and for being a center of innovation, leadership and excellence. A \$1,000 donation for the BHS Music program was given by Marianne Seeber and Mark Zerbe.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Ad Hoc committee- 12/5/12 and 1/2/13- Mr. DiStephan said the committee is looking into action steps for long range facilities planning. They are looking into forming a town-wide facilities and planning committee to discuss several issues. Mr. Checco and Mr. Colley will put together an RFP from architects to do a town wide demographic study.

Policy- 12/19/12- Mrs. Miller said there are several policies coming before the Board for a first reading on January 16th.

CONSENT AGENDA

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

R. DiStephan, J. Miller S. Queenan, S, McCarthy, V. Katz, P. Checco and H. Shaker voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

POLICIES

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #6159, Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on November 13, 2012.

R. DiStephan, J. Miller S. Queenan, S, McCarthy, V. Katz, P. Checco and H. Shaker voted aye.

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Forms from Regulation #6453, Field Trips, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on November 13, 2012.

R. DiStephan, J. Miller S. Queenan, S, McCarthy, V. Katz, P. Checco and H. Shaker voted aye.

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #5118.111, Children of Non-Resident Staff: Qualified Tuition Reduction for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on November 13, 2012.

R. DiStephan, J. Miller S. Queenan, S, McCarthy, V. Katz, P. Checco and H. Shaker voted aye.

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy/Regulation #6161.7, Use of Proprietary Software Products for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on November 13, 2012.

R. DiStephan, J. Miller S. Queenan, S, McCarthy, V. Katz, P. Checco and H. Shaker voted aye.

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy/Regulation #5144.1, Physical Restraint/Seclusion for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on November 13, 2012.

R. DiStephan, J. Miller S. Queenan, S, McCarthy, V. Katz, P. Checco and H. Shaker voted aye.

2013-2014/ 2014-2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR/PLC DAYS

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school calendars as recommended by Superintendent Anthony J. Bivona.

R. DiStephan, J. Miller S. Queenan, S, McCarthy, V. Katz, P. Checco and H. Shaker voted aye.

SCHOOL SECURITY UPDATE

The Board received a detailed school building security update as reported by Superintendent Anthony J. Bivona. Mr. Colley reported on the measures already taken to improve security in the schools and what will be done in the future. The security information is listed on the website. Mr. Bivona, Mr. Colley, Angelo Rodriguez, Joe Palumbo, Dr. Krysalon and Youth Officer Gary Gramling will be attending a security conference on January 7th.

POLICIES

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #5113, Attendance, for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

R. DiStephan, J. Miller S. Queenan, S, McCarthy, V. Katz, P. Checco and H. Shaker voted aye.

SUBCOMMITTEE CALENDAR JANUARY/JUNE 2013

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the subcommittee calendar from January-June 2013.

R. DiStephan, J. Miller S. Queenan, S, McCarthy, V. Katz, P. Checco and H. Shaker voted aye.

CONNECTICUT TEACHER/ADMINISTRATOR EVALUATION

The Board received the requirements of the new teacher and administrator evaluation plan via power point presented by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone. The Board had discussion regarding the new guidelines

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDED 2013-2014 BUDGET PRESENTATION

The Board received a presentation from the Superintendent on his recommended 2013-2014 budget. Mr. Bivona and Mr. Colley presented a power point presentation on the proposed budget. After a detailed discussion, the Board offered the following suggestions:

- Consider Mandarin in 2014-2015- not now
- Consider SEM positions
- Review cost of implementing world language in a single verses a phase in
- The need for Special education and paraprofessionals
- Additional staffing for security
- Substitutes relating to early release days

ADJOURNMENT

V. Katz moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn its meeting at 11:36pm.
R. DiStephan, J. Miller S. Queenan, S. McCarthy, V. Katz, P. Checco and H. Shaker voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Morelli, Board Clerk

Susan Queenan, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education