

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2013
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00PM
MINUTES

Chairman Ray DiStephan called the meeting to order at 7:10 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 Krysalon, Vice Chairman Board of Finance Irv Agard and members of the staff, and public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ellen McRedmond spoke about the color guard program

The Board entered in to discussion regarding the color guard program.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

none

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received a letter from Mrs. Cacace and several letters regarding school security.

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- 1/2/13

Public Budget Hearing- 1/8/13

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Fireside chats- the Superintendent said he has 2 residents interested in booking a fireside chat. They will be scheduled as soon as the Board adopts their budget to present to the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Bivona attended a School Safety Conference on 1/7/13 with Art Colley, Angelo Rodriguez, Youth Officer Gary Gramling, Dr. Krysalon and Joe Palumbo.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Ad Hoc- 1/2/13- verbal report already given 1/2/13

CONSENT AGENDA

J. Miller moved, S. McCarthy 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.

NEW BUSINESS

ROBOTICS TRIP

After a brief overview from BHS Principal Joe Palumbo, J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a trip for Robotics to attend the Boston Regional from Wednesday, March 20th to Saturday, March 23, 2013 at Agganis Arena at Boston University, 925 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215-1394 as requested by School-to-Career Coordinator Sue Troupe.

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

J. Miller moved, S. Queenan seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a trip for Robotics to attend the World Championship at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis, MO from Wednesday April 24th to Sunday, April 28th, 2013 as requested by School-to-Career Coordinator Sue Troupe.

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

POLICIES

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Bylaw# 9020, Public Statements 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.

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Bylaw #9110, Officers and Duties 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.

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Bylaw #9211, Resignation Removal from Office/ Censure 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.

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Bylaw #9310, Development Distribution and Maintenance of Manual of Policies, Regulations and Bylaws 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.

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Bylaw #9311, Formulation Adoption Amendment of Policies 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.

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve new Bylaw #9312, Formulation Adoption Amendment of Regulations 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.

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Bylaw #9313, Formulation Adoption, Amendment of Administrative Regulations 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.

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve new Bylaw #9324, Meeting Purpose and Parliamentary Procedure 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.

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Bylaw #9325, Meeting Conduct 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.

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve new Bylaw #9325.2, Order of Business 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.

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Bylaw #9400 Meeting Products and Processes 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.

OLD BUSINESS

POLICIES

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Regulation #6141.38, Bring Your Own Electronic Communication Device for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee, as amended. First reading was on 12/5/12.

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 new Bylaw#9012 Legal Responsibilities of the Board of Education for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on 12/5/12.

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

SCHOOL SECURITY UPDATE

The Board received a school building security update as reported by Superintendent Anthony J. Bivona. Mr. Bivona outlined the three phases for all four schools. Mr. Colley also reported on the status of updating security in the schools. Detailed discussion included having an SRO in each building.

After discussion, V. Katz moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 5-2, that the Board of Education request that the Board of Selectmen include the addition of four (4) School Resource Officers (SRO's) as part of their budget with the stipulation that the cost of which would not be reduced from any Board of Education budget.

R. DiStephan, S. Queenan, S, McCarthy, V. Katz and P. Checco voted aye.

J. Miller and H. Shaker voted no

2013-2014 BUDGET

The Board continued its discussion on the 2013-2014 budget. Mr. Colley distributed a spreadsheet of three proposed reduction scenarios as requested by the Board and the Board entered into discussion amongst themselves and the administration.

The Board took a recess at 10:38pm and returned at 10:58pm

After discussion, V. Katz moved, R. DiStephan seconded, and the Board voted 5-2 to adopt a budget in the amount of \$38,745,571.00 or a 4.62% increase.

R. DiStephan, S. Queenan, S. McCarthy, V. Katz and P. Checco voted aye.
J. Miller and H. Shaker voted no

2013-2014 CAPITAL LIST

The Board entered into discussion on the 2013-2014 Capital List. Mr. Colley gave a brief overview of the items in the Capital request for 2013-2014. After discussion, R. DiStephan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the Capital budget request for 2013-2014 in the amount of \$570,000.00.

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

ADJOURNMENT

V. Katz moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn its meeting at 11:45 pm.

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