

**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Brookfield Public Schools**  
**REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2013**  
**BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**MINUTES**

Chairman Ray DiStephan called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 and BHS Principal Joe Palumbo.

**PROGRAM/STUDENT SPOTLIGHT-BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL**

The Board and Superintendent spotlighted the robotics team from Brookfield High School. Team members talked about the creation of their robot and their upcoming competition.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Julia DePoi gave a report on the events at BHS

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

The following people wrote to the Board- Katie Johnson, Robert Luizzi, Heather Berner and Jessi Cohen

**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- 1/16/13

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

The Superintendent gave an update Nationwide Digital Learning Day which was today. Brookfield High School students showcased their work at an expo earlier in the day.

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to move up items 7-1 and 7-2 on the agenda.

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

**APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP TO CAMP SLOANE**

J. Miller moved, S. Queenan seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a trip to Camp Sloane in Salisbury, CT from Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>-Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 as recommended by BHS Library Media Specialist Sydnye Cohen.

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

### **APPROVAL OF BOSTON FIELD TRIP**

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a trip to Boston from Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013 as recommended By WMS Principal Deane Renda.  
R. DiStephan, J. Miller S. Queenan, S, McCarthy, V. Katz, P. Checco and H. Shaker voted aye.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CAPE- 1/15/13-** The subcommittee discussed the revisions to the WMS and BHS Program of Studies as well as Connecticut's New

**Policy- 1/16/13-** Mrs. Miller reported that there are several policies coming before the Board for a first reading.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

J. Miller moved, S. Queenan 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.

### **POLICIES**

J. Miller moved, S. Queenan seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve new 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.

J. Miller moved, S. Queenan seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve new Regulation #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.

J. Miller moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #5113.2, Truancy, 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, S. McCarthy seconded, to approve the elimination of Regulation #5113.2, Truancy. Motion was retracted.

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 Policy #4118.52, Social Networking by Staff, 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 Policy #5141.22, Glucose Self-Monitoring in School, 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 revisions to Policy #5141.21, Administering Medication, 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 the revisions to Regulation #5141.21, Administering Medication, 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.

### **WHISCONIER MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES**

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the revisions to the Whisconier Middle School Program of Studies as recommended by the CAPE subcommittee and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone.

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

### **BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES**

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded to approve the revisions to the Brookfield High School Program of Studies as recommended by the CAPE subcommittee and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone.

After discussion, V. Katz moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to remove the Independent Fitness Program from the proposed revisions to the BHS Program of Studies.

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

After more discussion, P. Checco moved, S. Queenan seconded, and the Board voted 6-1-0 to keep the Independent Fitness Program in the proposed BHS Program of Studies and make the following adjustment- that this only be offered to students in their senior year for the 2013-2014 school year and that the program be re-evaluated.

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

R. DiStephan voted no.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **SCHOOL SECURITY UPDATE**

The Board received a school building security update as reported by Superintendent Anthony J. Bivona and Mr. Art Colley. Mr. Colley distributed a project update as to what has been done and what still needs to be completed..

### **2013-2014 BUDGET**

The Board continued its discussion on the 2013-2014 budget. The Board of Education will make its' presentation to the Board of Finance on Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 6:00pm in the BHS Media Center.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations with respect to collective bargaining as well as the process for negotiations pertaining to upcoming contracts (custodians, nurses and secretaries) at 9:23pm.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, V. Katz moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to come out of its special meeting at 9:44pm

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

V. Katz moved, H. Shaker seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn at 9:45pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Morelli, Board Clerk

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Susan Queenan, Secretary  
Brookfield Board of Education