

**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Brookfield Public Schools**  
**REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2013**  
**BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**MINUTES**

Vice Chairman Jane Miller called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Present: Jane Miller, Susan Queenan, Victor Katz, Harry Shaker, P. Checco and Scott McCarthy  
Ray DiStephan arrived at 7:40pm

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

**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT- CENTER SCHOOL**

The Board and Superintendent spotlighted the students from Center School who will talk about the parent/child reading workshop. Deb Farias spoke about the program with some of the CES students

**RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS**

The Board and Superintendent would like to congratulate the two Odyssey of the Mind teams that placed 1st at the Connecticut State Odyssey of the Mind Tournament on April 6, 2013. Cyndi Carroll , Meg McLoone and Jackie Block introduced students who explained their project.

V. Katz moved, S. Queenan seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to amend the agenda to move up item 12B.

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

**ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TRIP**

V. Katz moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve a trip for Odyssey of the Mind to compete in the World Finals at Michigan State University from Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> as requested by Cindy Carroll.

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

The Board and Superintendent would like to recognize the accomplishments of the HOSA program. Sue Troupe and some of the HOSA students spoke about the program.

V. Katz moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to amend the agenda to move up item 12A.

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

**HOSA TRIP TO NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

V. Katz moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve a trip for HOSA to travel to Nashville Tennessee from Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> to attend a national HOSA Leadership Conference as requested by HOSA Advisor Sue Troupe.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rich Saluga spoke about the budget.

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Julia DePoi updated the Board on the happenings at BHS

### **WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

none

### **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- April 3, 2013

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

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

World Language Community Forum- Mr. Bivona said there will be a forum on World Language on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the WMS Seminar Room

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

B & FC- 4/1/13- Mr. Checco said the subcommittee discussed the capital budget, the BHS auditorium, demographic study as well as school security, and the WMS sewer project.

CAPE- 4/4/13- Mrs. Queenan said the subcommittee discussed a co-op option for 2013-2014 for the BHS Color Guard

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

V. Katz moved, J. Miller 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**

V. Katz moved, J. Miller seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the revisions to Policy #5141.25, Accommodating Students with Food/Environmental Allergies or other Special Dietary Needs for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on 3/6/13.

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

V. Katz moved, J. Miller seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve new Policy #1700, Possession of Firearms on School Property for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on 3/6/13.

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

### **2013-2014 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

The Board continued its discussion on the 2013-2014 budget. Mr. DiStephan gave an overview of the budget and where it stands as of today. The Board will discuss this again at the May 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting.

### **SECURITY UPDATE**

The Board received a school building security update as reported by Director of Finance and Technology Operations Art Colley.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

V. Katz moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn its meeting at 9:04pm  
R. DiStephan, J. Miller S. Queenan, S. McCarthy, V. Katz, P. Checco and H. Shaker voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted

Lisa Morelli, Board Clerk

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Susan Queenan, Secretary  
Brookfield Board of Education