

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00PM
MINUTES

Chairman Scott McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

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

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

PROGRAM/STUDENT SPOTLIGHT-WHISCONIER MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Board and Superintendent spotlighted Whisconier Middle School and the Unified Theatre and the Nicaragua collection. Mr. Renda introduced two students who spoke about the Nicaragua collection and thanked Ms. Haase, Mr. Cook and Mrs. Rogalin. Mrs. Rogalin received an award of excellence for the Connecticut Association of Schools. Julie Oakley and Olga Weitzman introduced two students who spoke about Unified Theatre.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Saluga spoke about budget issues, FOI and BOE spending

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr. Palumbo spoke regarding winter athletics, mid-terms, PTSO and college night for junior parents.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Gary Givens wrote about classroom tablets

Glenn Rooney wrote regarding FOI for ED001 signed audit

Glenn Rooney wrote regarding FOI for Superintendent's job description

Glenn Rooney wrote regarding the Board of Education's position on audit results

Sanjay Shirset wrote about ATP

Rich Groski wrote regarding wrestling

Glenn Rooney wrote regarding teachers early retirement.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

S. Queenan moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Special Meeting- 1/7/14

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Brookfield Cares/School Safety and Security Council- Board representation- Mr. Shaker said he could possibly sit on the Brookfield Cares committee and Mr. Katz expressed interest in the Security Council

School Security Grant award- Mr. Bivona said the District received a letter stating Brookfield has been awarded a grant for security in the amount of \$110,187.00

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

B & FC- 1/6/14- Mr. Checco said the subcommittee approved the monthly financials for December. They also discussed the audit, FOI hearing and capital budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

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

OLD BUSINESS

POLICIES

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve Policy #1316, Conduct on School Property for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on December 4, 2013.

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

NEW BUSINESS

2014-2015 BUDGET HEARING

S. Queenan moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to open the floor for comments and enter into a public hearing on the 2014-2015 proposed budget.

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

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to close the hearing on the 2014-2015 proposed budget.

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

S. Queenan moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to enter into a discussion on the 2014-2015 proposed budget.

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

Terri DiMattie from Segal Company spoke to the Board about CIGNA Healthcare and how costs are analyzed.

2014-2015 CAPITAL LIST

The Board entered into discussion on the 2014-2015 Capital List.

2012-2013 AUDIT

The Board continued its discussion the 2012-2013 audit. Mike VanDeventer from Mahoney & Sabol will be at the special Board meeting scheduled for 1/22/14.

NURSES CONTRACT

The Board entered into discussion and possible action regarding the Nurses collective bargaining agreement.

After discussion, S. Queenan moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the Nurses Contract as discussed.

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

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to adjourn its regular meeting and enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the performance of the Superintendent at 11:53pm.

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

S. Queenan moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to begin its executive session at 11:55 pm with Superintendent Bivona entering into executive session at 11:56 pm.

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

Superintendent Bivona was excused from executive session at 1:02 am.

S. Queenan moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to come out of executive session at 1:20 pm.

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

S. Queenan moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to adjourn its meeting at 1:21 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Morelli, Board Clerk

Susan Queenan, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education

