

**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Brookfield Public Schools**  
**REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2012**  
**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, Paul Checco, Susan Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz and Scott McCarthy  
**Absent:** Jane Miller

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

**RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS**

The Board and Superintendent recognized Center Elementary School nurse Beth O'Connor and Huckleberry Hill second grader Kyle Rosa. The American Diabetes Association Recognition Dinner honored both of them. Center School was ranked in the Top 20 schools nationwide to stop diabetes. Beth was the coordinator of the event that raised \$10,710.50. Kyle Rosa, a second grader at Huckleberry Hill was honored as one of the top 5 fundraisers in the State. He raised \$1,647.50. Mrs. O'Connor and Kyle Rosa shared their awards with the Board.

**PROGRAM/STUDENT SPOTLIGHT- WHISCONIER MIDDLE SCHOOL**

The Board and Superintendent spotlighted Whisconier Middle School and their student council and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Conference. Two students spoke about the STEM program and a group of student council students performed a bullying skit for the Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

None

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board received a letter from the National Honor Society.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

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

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

The Superintendent gave an update on school reform. He also spoke to the Glastonbury School District regarding a World Language Evaluation. Dr. Slone is in the process of preparing a budget flyer.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

B & FC- 2/6/12- Mr. Checco said the subcommittee approved the financials for January. They discussed forms used for long term facilities planning, the Town audit and the management of grant funds.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

S. Queenan moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as recommended.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP TO CAMP SLOANE**

S. Queenan moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve a trip to Camp Sloane in Salisbury, CT from Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>- Wednesday, June 6th as recommended by BHS Library Media Specialist Sydnye Cohen.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **2012-2013 BUDGET**

The Board continued its discussion on the 2012-2013 budget process. They discussed the WMS sewer hook up and we are waiting for cost figures from the WPCA.

V. Katz moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to amend the agenda to add discussion regarding parent drop off at Whisconier Middle School.

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

Mr. Katz asked why so many students are being dropped off for school in the morning. The Board had discussion.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

S. Queenan moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to adjourn its regular meeting at 8:17pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Morelli, Board Clerk

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Susan Queenan, Secretary  
Brookfield Board of Education

