

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Ray DiStephan called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Present: Ray DiStephan, Jane Miller, Paul Checco, Susan Queenan, H. Shaker and V. Katz

Absent: Scott McCarthy

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

BOARD RECOGNITION

The Superintendent thanked the Board for all of their hard work during Board of Education appreciation month.

The Board and Superintendent heard a report from Alexandra Willey and Zoe Miller, who attended the Camp Sloane field trip.

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

none

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

David Sweet wrote about SEM and David Propper wrote about the News Times article regarding instructional materials.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting- 2/15/12

Special Meeting- 2/22/12

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

The Superintendent gave an update on the CAPT/CMT administration being given during the month of March.

COMMUNICATIONS

CAPE- 2/16/12- Mr. Katz said the subcommittee discussed the music program, revisions to the WMS and BHS Program of Studies and the homework policies.

B & FC- 3/5/12- Mr. Checco and Mr. Colley both reported for the subcommittee. Discussion included detailed discussion regarding the February financial reports. Mr. Rodriguez gave an update on the 2 custodians recently hired as well as the roof replacement at HHES. Due to the cut of the capital improvements request by the Board of Selectmen the subcommittee discussed the re prioritization of the capital improvement requests. They also discussed excess cost, pension contribution budgetary variances and surpluses.

Policy- 3/7/12- verbal report- Mrs. Miller said the subcommittee discussed 2 policies/regulations coming before the Board for final approval and 1 policy/regulation for a first reading. The subcommittee continued its discussion on Public Complaints, Selection of Instructional Materials and Textbook Selection/Adoption.

CONSENT AGENDA

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the items listed on the consent agenda as recommended.

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

R. DiStephan moved, J. Miller seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to take items 4 and 5 under new business and move that to old business, and take item 1 under old business and move it to new business.
R. DiStephan, J. Miller S. Queenan, H. Shaker, P. Checco and V. Katz voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to discuss the contract of employment of the attached list of non-tenured teachers and that they not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2011-2012 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise such person(s) in writing of this action.

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

WHISCONIER MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 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, H. Shaker, P. Checco and V. Katz voted aye.

BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the revisions to the Brookfield High School Program of Studies as recommended by the CAPE subcommittee and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone.

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

POLICY/REGULATION 5141.4- CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve Policy/Regulation #5141.4, Child Abuse/Neglect for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

OLD BUSINESS

POLICY #4134- TUTORING

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve Policy #4134, Tutoring for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on January 18, 2012.

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

POLICY/REGULATION 5141.21- ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve Policy/Regulation #5141.21, Administration of Medication for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on January 18, 2012.

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

2012-2013 BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Board continued its discussion on the 2012-2013 budget. Discussion included the pension contribution and class size. Dr. Slone provided a power point presentation with a history of class size. The Board will meet do discuss their budget with the Board of Finance on March 13th.

2012-2013 CAPITAL BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the 2012-2013 Capital budget. Detailed discussion took place about the roof replacement at HHES. The Board will meet do discuss their budget with the Board of Finance on March 13th.

Mr. DiStephan reminded the public about the following dates:

April 10, 2012- Public Budget Hearing

May 1, 2012- Town Meeting

May 18, 2012- Voting Day (pending outcome of Town meeting)

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to adjourn its regular meeting at 9:06pm

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

Respectfully Submitted
Lisa Morelli, Board Clerk

Susan Queenan, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education

