

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 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, Susan Queenan, H. Shaker, Scott McCarthy and V. Katz

Paul Checco arrived at 7:06pm

Jane Miller arrived at 8:08pm

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

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

The Board and Superintendent congratulated the BHS Dance Team, BHS Swim Team and BHS Ice Cats on their achievements. BHS Athletic Coordinator introduced Linda Davies and Brian Reiff who introduced their teams.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Clara Willey spoke about the grad party.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Jack Dunn gave an update on the happenings at BHS

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received communication on the World Language program and the HHES diabetes walk.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Regular- 3/21/12

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

The Superintendent updated the Board on Parent University which was held on Saturday, March 24th at Newtown Middle School.

Kindergarten registration to date- Mr. Bivona said there are 177 students currently registered for kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year.

COMMUNICATIONS

B & FC- 4/2/12- Mr. Checco and Mr. Colley gave an update on the subcommittee meeting held on 4/2/12.

CONSENT AGENDA

S. McCarthy 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, S. McCarthy and V. Katz voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

SETTING OF THE GRADUATION DATE FOR THE CLASS OF 2012

P. Checco moved, S. Queenan seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to set the graduation date for the Class of 2012 for Saturday, June 16, 2012 at 5:00pm at the O’Neil Center, Western Connecticut State University.

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

PERKINS INNOVATIVE GRANT

S. Queenan moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to direct the Superintendent to proceed in applying for the Carl D. Perkins Innovative Grant and support its ongoing initiatives.

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

OLD BUSINESS

2012-2013 BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Board continued its discussion on the 2012-2013 budget. Board members shared their views on how the budget should be reduced by \$235, 545 as voted on at the Board of Finance meeting on 3/28/12. The Board of Finance will have a public hearing on the budget on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 7:30pm in the BHS auditorium.

ADJOURNMENT

S. Queenan moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn its special meeting at 8:45pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Morelli, Board Clerk

Susan Queenan, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education

