

**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Brookfield Public Schools**  
**REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2012**  
**BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER, BROOKFIELD, CT**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**MINUTES**

Chairman Ray DiStephan called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

**Present:** Ray DiStephan, Jane Miller, Susan Queenan, Paul Checco, Harry Shaker Victor Katz and Scott McCarthy

**Absent:** Superintendent Anthony Bivona

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

**RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS**

**Introduction of New Faculty Members**

Dr. Slone introduced the new faculty members listed below to the Board. Each introduced themselves to the Board and what building they are teaching in.

Center School: Cheryl Mammen, Shannon Pane, Gina Sandu, Nancy Sommerfeld

Huckleberry: David Cheris, Meghan Dischinger, Melissa Dymicki, Anne Heath, Stephanie Lounsbury

Whisconier: Teresa Garrity

Brookfield High: Sarah Bengtson, Peter Bundy, Donna DeLuca, Carol Held, Larry Maggiotto, Theresa Seroka

The Board welcomed Julia DePoi as the Student Representative for the Board of Education.

The Board took a brief recess to welcome the new staff.

P. Checco moved, S. Queenan seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to move public comment up on the agenda.

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

Wendy Youngblood spoke about the Selection of Instructional Material Policy/Regulation.

**OPENING DAY REPORT**

The Board heard a report from the four building principals and the Director of Finance, Technology and Operations, Director of Special Services and the Assistant Superintendent. Each principal gave an update on their enrollment and thanked their building staff for their hard work. Central office administration gave an update on other projects and programs going on in the district. They also spoke about their professional development and upcoming initiatives.

### **WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board received correspondence from Mrs. Teixeira regarding the HHES roof project.

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Julia gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

### **APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

J. Miller moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

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

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Dr. Slone gave an update on the first day of school and professional development. She thanked everyone for making the opening of school so successful.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ad hoc report- Ray DiStephan gave a report on the ad hoc meeting regarding the review of the educational and facility needs of Huckleberry Hill Elementary School.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

J. Miller moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations with respect to collective bargaining at 9:04pm.

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

R. DiStephan moved, J. Miller seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to come out of executive session and return to its regular meeting at 9:42pm.

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, V. Katz moved, S. McCarthy seconded the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn its regular meeting at 9:43pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Morelli, Board Clerk

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Susan Queenan, Secretary  
Brookfield Board of Education