

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2012
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER, BROOKFIELD, CT
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Chairman Ray DiStephan called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Present: Ray DiStephan, Susan Queenan, Paul Checco, Victor Katz and Scott McCarthy

Absent: Jane Miller and Harry Shaker

Also Present: Superintendent Anthony Bivona, 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.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

none

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Abramski wrote a letter regarding BHS

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

V. Katz moved, S. Queenan seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting- 9/5/12

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

The Superintendent gave a report on the CAS/CAPSS Convocation held on September 11th at the Aqua Turf and the SPDG grant written by Jack Devine. The grant provides professional development for CES, HHES and WMS for 3 years.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

B & FC- 9/10/12- Mr. Checco said the financials for July and August were approved. The subcommittee also discussed the HHES roof replacement project and capital projects. Mr. Colley updated the Board on the Retirement Benefits Advisory Committee regarding the funding of the pension.

P. Checco moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to amend the agenda to add a motion to recommend fully funding the pension as discussed.

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

V. Katz moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to support the recommendation of the Retirement Benefits Advisory Committee to fully fund the BOE portion of the Town of Brookfield Pension Plan.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

V. Katz moved, S. Queenan seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the items listed on the consent agenda as recommended.

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

NEW BUSINESS

WAIVER OF ATTENDANCE

S. Queenan moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve a Brookfield High School student, currently a junior, who has requested a waiver of attendance (early graduation.) The student will have satisfied all of their graduation requirements by January, 2013. This request is recommended by BHS Principal, Joseph Palumbo.

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

PRELIMINARY CMT REPORT

The Board received the preliminary CMT report as presented by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Boscio talked about the time students are given to eat lunch

EXECUTIVE SESSION

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations with respect to collective bargaining at 8:32pm.

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

V. Katz moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to come out of executive session and return to its regular meeting at 9:40pm.

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

V. Katz moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn its regular session at 9:40pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Morelli, Board Clerk

Susan Queenan, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education

