

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 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, Victor Katz, Harry Shaker and Scott McCarthy

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, and members of the staff and public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jacob Maddux and Victoria Bilchik spoke about the book policy.
Brad Leverence gave an update on the happenings at BHS

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE
none

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Special Meeting – 9/19/12

Regular Meeting- 9/19/12

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Mr. DiStephan congratulated the Superintendent on being on the Board of Directors for EPAC as well as the President of the WSCA.

Budget planning- Mr. Bivona said the budget process will begin in the next week,

Mr. Bivona updated the Board on the new teacher/administration evaluation plan which will be implemented in the 2013 school year.

The Superintendent said the district is applying for a grant regarding the Apple Distinguished Program. The district will know by the end of the year if the grant is accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy- 9/18/12- Mrs. Miller said the subcommittee discussed new Policy #5145.2, Freedom of Speech/Expression and Policy/Regulation #6161.1, Selection of Instructional Materials.

CAPE- 9/25/12- Mr. Katz said the subcommittee discussed the SEM program in detail.

CONSENT AGENDA

none

NEW BUSINESS

WMS 8th GRADE TRIP

J. Miller moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a trip for the 8th grade to Washington, D.C. from Wednesday, April 3rd to Friday, April 5th, 2013 as recommended by WMS Principal Deane Renda.

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

2013-2014 BUDGET CALENDAR

The Board received the 2013-2014 budget calendar as recommended by Superintendent Anthony J. Bivona and Director of Finance, Technology and Operations Art Colley.

SUPERINTENDENT GOALS

The Board received a draft copy of the Superintendent's goals as recommended by Superintendent Anthony J. Bivona.

APPROVAL OF BAA CONTRACT

J. Miller moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the terms of tentative agreement between the Brookfield Board of Education and the Brookfield Administrators Association for a contract covering July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016.

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

POLICIES

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve new Policy #5145.2, Freedom of Speech/Expression for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

OLD BUSINESS

POLICIES

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-1-0 to approve Policy/Regulation #6161.1, Selection of Instructional Material for a second "first reading" as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

H. Shaker voted no

ADJOURNMENT

P. Checco moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn its regular meeting at 8:26pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Morelli, Board Clerk

Susan Queenan, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education

