

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER, BROOKFIELD, CT
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Chairman Scott McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Present: Scott McCarthy, Paul Checco, Susan Queenan, H. Shaker, Victor Katz, Tara Lerner and Steve Harding

Also Present: Superintendent John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby, Director of Finance Al Cameron, Director of Special Services Charlie Manos, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, CES Principal Dr. Krys Salon and members of the public.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT-BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

The Board and Superintendent spotlighted the students from Brookfield High School in the DECA and Marketing Program. BHS Principal Marc Balanda introduced DECA Advisor Pam Garrett and her students who gave a presentation.

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to amend the agenda to move item 13A to this part of the agenda.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

DECA TRIP TO FLORIDA

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a trip for DECA to attend the DECA Sports Entertainment Marketing Conference from Wednesday, February 3, 2016 to Sunday, February 7, 2016 as requested by DECA Teacher Pam Garrett and BHS Principal Marc Balanda.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

Susan Queenan, Victor Katz and Scott McCarthy spoke about their time on the Board. Superintendent Barile presented the three Board members with gifts for their service.

The Board took a brief recess and returned at 7:58 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Frame thanked the Board for their hard work and dedication and asked that communication stay open.

Rich Saluga extended good wishes to outgoing and incoming BOE members and thanked the Board for their commitment.

Letters of thanks were written and read by Susan Queenan to the Board by Michelle Vaccaro, Lindsay Vaccaro and Mia Vaccaro.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Nick O'Connor gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

None

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

S. Queenan moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

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S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Mr. Barile said an invitation went out to a parents, principals and curriculum members to start putting together a Math curriculum committee K-9. The Superintendent and Dr. Ruby will be attending the Teacher of the Year Ceremony where Nancy D'Amora will be honored at the Bushnell on November 10th. The auditorium roof at BHS should be done by Friday, November 6th.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

B & FC- 11/2- Mr. Checco reported that the subcommittee looked at subcommittee rates. HR Specialist Terri Kavanagh reported at the B & FC meeting that the rates for substitutes should be raised to be competitive in the DRG, to \$90. The BHS roof should be substantially completed by this Friday. A scope will be developed for lighting and sound in the auditorium for anticipated completion by the spring. Mr. Tibolla is coordinating the replacement of the stage floor with the completion of the roof. We have received a proposal for the BHS water project and its being reviewed. Security is being looked at for TSO but schools need to be completed first. School dude will now have costs associated with maintenance going on at the buildings. Milone and MacBroom will come back to report on completing their study per their contract. The subcommittee had a discussion on the ED001. They reviewed financials and talked about the roundtable as well as Blum Shapiro and their scope of work.

CONSENT AGENDA

S. Queenan moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the consent agenda as recommended.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

S. Queenan moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to amend the consent agenda to add the approval of the financial reports as requested by Director of Business and Operations Al Cameron.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

S. Queenan moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the consent agenda as amended.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

WMS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

S. Queenan moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a trip for the 8th grade to Washington, D.C. from March 22, 2016 to March 24, 2016 as requested by WMS Principal Deane Renda.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

CLASS SIZE REPORT

The Board received the Class Size report as presented by Dr. Maureen Ruby.

SWIM TEAM TRIP

S. Queenan moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a trip for the BHS swim team to train in Orlando, Florida from February 12, 2016 to February 17, 2016 as requested by Swim Team Coach Brian Reiff and BHS Principal Marc Balanda.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

WHITSONS CONTRACT

S. Queenan moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to authorize the Superintendent of Schools or the Director of Business and Finance to sign contract “Amendment Number 1”, extending the existing contract between Whitsons School Nutrition Corp. and the Brookfield Public Schools from October 31, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

P. Checco moved, T. Lerner seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to amend the agenda to add the approval of an increase for substitutes to \$90 as recommended by the Business and Facilities subcommittee.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

P. Checco moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to authorize Superintendent John Barile and Director of Business Al Cameron to increase the pay for substitutes to \$90 in accordance with DRG B averages, and as presented by Human Resource Specialist Terri Kavanagh and as recommended by the Business and Facilities subcommittee.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

Mr. Checco thanked Steve Baldwin for all he is doing prior to his transition to Brookfield as the new Athletic Director.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the administrator’s contract at 8:37pm.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

S. Queenan moved, T. Lerner seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the administrator’s contract and invited Superintendent John Barile and Assistant Superintendent Maureen Ruby to join the meeting at 8:53 pm.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

S. Queenan moved, T. Lerner seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to come out of executive session and return to regular session at 9:08 pm.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

S. Queenan moved, T. Lerner seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn its regular meeting at 9:09 pm.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Susan Queenan, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education