

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER, BROOKFIELD, CT
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Chairman Scott McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Paul Checco arrived at 7:10 pm

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, and members of the public.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT-WHISCONIER MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Board and Superintendent spotlighted the students from Whisconier Middle School in the 8th grade Science program. Adam Kozak and his students made a presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cathy Malek spoke about the comments made at the Board meeting last week and addressed the substitute issue at HHES. She also spoke the First Selectman's "Brookfield Matters" and the surplus and videos on the website.

Ron Jaffe spoke about ELL students and the Board of Education student representative having more of a role. He said that the election is coming up and asked for people to vote.

Dawn DeCosta spoke about the BHS Drama program and asked that the roof and stage be fixed.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Nick O'Connor reported on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

None

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Special Meeting 10/7/15

Regular Meeting- 10/7/15

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

The Superintendent gave an update on the roof at BHS. And also gave an update on the HHES administrative coverage. The 2014-2015 audit is still on going. Mr. Manos gave an update on the American Psychology Association grant and collaboration with Dr Lowmis from WCSU and a regional crisis intervention team. He also gave an update on unified sports. Mr. Barile and Dr. Ruby spoke about alignment of assessments. Mr. Barile gave an update on the Town emergency drill today and the communication survey. The Superintendent sent out a “save the date” to people running for the Board of Education for 2 workshops to be held on November 17th and December 8th. He recognized Deane Renda who was asked by the Connecticut Association of Schools to represent all Connecticut administrators at the Association of Middle Level Educators annual conference in Ohio and he thanked Mr. Renda for his 20+ years in the Brookfield School district. Principals have submitted their budgets to central office and are in the process of planning the 2016-2017 budget.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS- None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

HOME SCHOOL REPORT

The Board received a report on home schooling as presented by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR POSITION

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and after discussion, the Board voted 7-0 to appoint Steven Baldwin to the position of Dean of Students/Director of Athletics within the BAA bargaining unit.

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

PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSION/GOALS

The Board entered into a preliminary budget discussion to include budget goals/assumptions. Mr. Barile gave an overview on the specific assumptions.

S. Queenan moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to amend the agenda to add a revision to the 2015-2016 school calendar from November 25, 2015.

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

S. Queenan moved, S. Harding seconded, and after discussion, the Board voted 7-0 to amend the 2015-2016 school calendar to remove the PLC time from November.

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

Susan Queenan listed upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT

S. Queenan moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn its regular meeting at 8:37 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