

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2014
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER, BROOKFIELD, CT
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Chairman Scott McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

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

Also Present: Acting Superintendent Ralph Iassogna, Assistant Superintendent Genie Slone, Director of Special Services Charlie Manos, Interim Director of Finance and Operations Gregg Miller, Interim BHS Principal Mark Jewett, WMS Principal Deane Renda and members of the public.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

The Board recognized Mr. and Mrs. Lopp who donated home and away jerseys for the BHS Freshman Girls Field Hockey team.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Allen spoke about the weight room at BHS

Jim Fisher spoke about the weight room at BHS

Coach Rick Angorano spoke about the weight room at BHS

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

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

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

Mr. Renda introduced 6th, 7th and 8th graders from who attended the Science Olympics at Laurelton Hall. Mr. Renda introduced Katherine Haase and a group of students who spoke about the Nicaragua collection.

APPROVAL OF WMS 8TH GRADE TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a trip to Washington, D.C. for the 8th graders at WMS from Tuesday, March 31, 2015 to Thursday, April 2, 2015.

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

S. Queenan moved, S. Harding 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.

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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Mr. Iassogna gave an update on Brookfield's efforts to prevent Hazing/Bullying.

Mr. Iassogna also thanked the Lopp family for the donation of the jerseys for the Freshman Field Hockey team.

Mr. Iassogna updated the Board on the initiatives brought forward by the Brookfield Cares Parent Forum. He also updated the Board on the smell of smoke from a burned out motor at WMS which forced an evacuation with students.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy- 10/15/14

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF NURSES CONTRACT

S. Queenan moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the terms of the tentative 4-year settlement agreement between the Brookfield Board of Education and the Brookfield Nurses from 7/1/2013- 6/30/2017 as discussed in the non-meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF POLICY #1324, SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FOR A FIRST READING

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #1324, Solicitation of Funds for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

CLASS SIZE REPORT

The Board received a class size report from Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone.

SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE

The Board received an update on Special services by Director of Special Services Charlie Manos.

APPLICATION APPROVAL/IMMIGRANT CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAM GRANT

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Dr. Slone to apply for the Immigrant Children and Youth Program Grant.

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

OLD BUSINESS

2014-2015 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Iassogna reported that the district potentially faces a projected \$400,000 deficit in the 2014-2015 school year. To help offset that possibility, Mr. Iassogna proposed imposing an immediate spending freeze, as well as seeking a supplemental appropriation from the Town to cover legal costs associated with unanticipated legal expenses. A discussion ensued. The spending freeze will be implemented immediately and the supplemental appropriation will be discussed further.

2015-2016 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Iassogna provided the Board with an overview as to how he would present the 2015-2016 budget. He cited that the principals and department heads will present their respective budgets and answer any questions the Board may have. The Superintendent stated that the Budget Book will be streamlined and user-friendly; and will reflect what the district actually needs and not what it wants or wishes to have.

The 2013 IRS audit will begin December 8th.

ADJOURNMENT

V. Katz moved, T. Lerner seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn its regular meeting at 9:41 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