

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2014
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL, MEDIA CENTER BROOKFIELD, CT
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Chairman Scott McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Dr. Genie Slone, Director of Special Services Charlie Manos, Interim Business Manager Ed Arum, BHS Principal Joe Palumbo, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, CES Principal Dr. Krys Salon and members of the staff, press and public.

PRESENTATION OF YEARBOOKS AND LITERARY MAGAZINE

The Board received copies of yearbooks and literary magazines from Huckleberry Hill Elementary School and Brookfield High School.

YEAR END REPORT FROM THE BROOKFIELD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Board received an end of the year update on the Brookfield Education Foundation by BEF President Colette Sturm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Glenn Rooney spoke about unauthorized spending.

Bob Zinser spoke about unauthorized spending.

Frank D'Acquila spoke about unauthorized spending

Rich Saluga spoke about stipend for travel expenses, FOI and extended duty/extra pay.

Pat Burnell spoke about the grad party

Paul Checco spoke on behalf of MBC/ Cadigan Park and the problems with parking while under construction.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

none

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Marnee McNiff

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Regular meeting- 6/4/14

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

ACTING SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Closing events school-wide- Dr. Slone spoke about the 8th grade moving up ceremony, grad party and graduation.

BHS Capstone- 130 students participated this year. Mr. Palumbo gave an overview on the Capstone. New website- the website is going live by the end of June and she thanked Kathy Colavito for all of her help.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

B & FC 6/2/14- Mr. Checco said the subcommittee approved the financials for May. They presented to the Board of Finance. They discussed capital projects and the RFP for food service, the new interim Business Manager and CIGNA.

CONSENT AGENDA

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, 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.

S. Harding moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to amend the consent agenda to add the approval of a leave for the 2014 2015 school year for Fiona Dunlap for the purposes of child rearing.

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

After discussion, V. Katz moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-1 to approve the consent agenda as recommended with the exception of the approval of the leave of absence for Fiona Dunlap.

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

S. Harding voted no

NEW BUSINESS

SELF-INSURED HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

After discussion, S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to enter into a joint agreement with the Town of Brookfield to enter into a self-insured health insurance plan beginning July 1, 2014.

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

FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT

S. Queenan moved, T. Lerner seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the management contract with Whitsons Food Service for one year beginning on July 1, 2014 as recommended by Interim Business Manager Ed Arum.

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

INTERIM BUSINESS MANAGER

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the contract for the new Interim Business manager for one year beginning July 1, 2014 as recommended by the current Interim Business Manager Ed Arum and Acting Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone. The new Interim Business Manager will be Gregg Miller.

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

BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MATH DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the Brookfield High School Math Department Chairman as recommended by Acting Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone. The new chairman will be Andrew Hill.

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

EDUCATOR EVALUATION REPORT

The Board received an update on the Educator Evaluations as presented by Acting Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone.

STATE OF THE SCHOOLS REPORT

The Board received a report on the State of the Schools as recommended by Acting Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone.

ADJOURNMENT

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn its regular meeting at 8:58 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Morelli, Board Clerk

Susan Queenan, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education