

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2013
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER, BROOKFIELD, CT
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Chairman Ray DiStephan called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Present: Ray DiStephan, Jane Miller, Susan Queenan, Victor Katz, Scott McCarthy and Paul Checco

Harry Shaker arrived at 7:13pm

Also Present: Superintendent Anthony Bivona, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone, Director of Special Services Charlie Manos, Director of Finance Business and Technology Operations Art Colley, BHS Principal Joe Palumbo, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, CES Principal Dr. Krys Salon and members of the staff and public.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT OF STAFF AND STUDENTS- CENTER SCHOOL

The Board and Superintendent spotlighted the students from Center School and the Spanish program. Dr. Salon and Mikki Durkin showed a video of the program of Mrs. Sullivan's class.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Emily Menendez-Aponte spoke about her daughter being harassed and bullied in Huckleberry. The Board had detailed discussion.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Mackenzie Parascondola spoke about the happenings at Brookfield High School.

V. Katz moved, J. Miller seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to amend the agenda to move items 12A and 12B up to this part of the agenda.

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

NEW BUSINESS

WMS 8th GRADE TRIP

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a trip for the 8th grade to Washington, D.C. from April 2, 2014 to April 4, 2014 as recommended by WMS Principal Deane Renda.

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

DECA TRIP

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a trip for DECA to attend the Ultimate DECA Power Trip in Boston, MA from Friday, November 1, 2013 to Sunday, November 3, 2013 as recommended by BHS Marketing/Business teacher Pam Garrett and BHS Principal Joe Palumbo.

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

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Two parents wrote about student matters- Mrs. Ampeloquio and Mrs. Mieno

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting- 10/2/13

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

1. WMS Walkathon- Mr. Renda said 64% of students participated in the WMS walkathon. Many donations from parents and businesses were made. They raised \$20,456.00. The money is used for school cultural programs, teacher grants, dinner dance, moving up, etc.

2. Capital Improvement Funding 2013-2014- Mr. Bivona said he and Art Colley and Jane Miller went to the Board of Finance meeting on 10/9 to discuss capital which was denied.

3. PEGPETIA Video Grant- Mr. Colley wrote a grant which Brookfield received to update video broadcasting in the district and we will received \$68,466.50 in equipment.

4. HHES Update- Mr. Bivona gave an update on the items being addressed at HHES. He spoke about the drainage issues. Remedial work will be done.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

B & FC- 10/7/13- Mr. Checco reported that financials were approved. The subcommittee also spoke about the Brookfield Athletic Association. Mr. Shaker gave an update on the project and the Board had discussion.

Ad Hoc Committee- 10/2/13- Mr. DiStephan said the committee got the RFP for the demographic study. They also discussed the CES and WMS buildings.

CONSENT AGENDA

J. Miller moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended:

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

ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

Director of Finance Technology and Operations Art Colley gave an enrollment update as to where we are today. CES and BHS enrollment is down while HHES and WMS enrollment is up.

CAPT AND SAT TEST RESULTS

The Board received the CAPT and SAT test results from Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone. Dr. Slone gave a power point presentation.

HOME SCHOOLING REPORT

The Board received the home schooling report from Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone.

BUDGET GOALS

The Board discussed its budget goals for the upcoming 2014-2015 budget year. The Board asked to make the following items a priority:

- World Language- HHES and 3rd language at BHS
- Language Lab at WMS
- BHS Guidance counselors to visit colleges outside the tri-state area
- Maintenance mechanic
- WMS tables
- Capital- maintain facilities/gym floor
- Athletic Director position
- K-12 Foreign language curriculum director
- Custodial needs
- Class sizes
- Adequately staffed PE program
- Baseline impact testing on concussions
- BHS Auditorium

DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY POPULATION GROWTH ANALYSIS PROPOSAL

After discussion, J. Miller moved, S. Queenan seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the demographic study population growth analysis proposal as prepared by Milone and MacBroom. R. DiStephan, J. Miller, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, P. Checco, S. McCarthy and V. Katz, voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW TEACHER EVALUATION GUIDELINES- AMENDMENT

After discussion, J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 5-1-1 to approve the Teacher Evaluation Guidelines as amended to not include state testing as part of the teacher/administrator evaluation plan and to incorporate the new SEED rubric for school specialists for the 2013-2014 school year.

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

R. DiStephan voted no

H. Shaker abstained

ADJOURNMENT

V. Katz moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn its regular meeting at 10:42 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Morelli, Board Clerk

Susan Queenan, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education