

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2012
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Ray DiStephan called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Present: R. Distephan, J Miller, Susan Queenan, P. Checco and Scott McCarthy
Victor Katz arrived at 7:18pm

Absent: Harry Shaker

Also Present: Superintendent Anthony Bivona, Director of Finance, Technology and Operations Art Colley, Director of Special Services Charlie Manos, BHS Principal Joe Palumbo, HHES Mary Rose Dymond, CES Principal Carrie Kilian and members of the staff and public.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

The Superintendent and the Board recognized the following Teachers of the Year: Center Elementary School, Deborah Farias, Huckleberry Hill Elementary School, Mary Giannakakos, Whisconier Middle School, Sue Crean and Brookfield High School, Sydnye Cohen. The Board presented the teachers with a scroll.

The Superintendent and the Board recognized the following Top 10 graduating seniors from Brookfield High School, Class of 2012 for their academic achievements and present them with an award: Rebecca Almeida, Erica Demboski, David DePoi, Jennifer Kline, Louis Levine, Maeva Metz, Elaina Sutula, Kayla Theriault, Joel Wamser and Alexandra Willey. The Board presented the students with a gift.

The Board and Superintendent recognized Jack Dunn for his time as student representative for the Brookfield Board of Education. The Board presented Jack with a gift.

PRESENTATION OF YEARBOOKS AND LITERARY MAGAZINE

The Board and Superintendent received complimentary copies of yearbooks from Brookfield High School, Whisconier Middle School and Huckleberry Hill Elementary School. Literary Magazines from Whisconier Middle School and Brookfield High School will be ready in a few days.

The Board took a brief recess and returned at 8:20pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Clara Willey spoke about the grad party

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

None

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received correspondence from David Propper and Glenn Rooney

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting- 5/16/12

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

The Superintendent updated the Board on the trip to the Glastonbury Public Schools to visit the World Language program on 5/17/12. He also spoke about the Apple meeting at BHS on 5/23/12. Mr. Bivona talked about Newsweek's ranking of Brookfield High School and, along with BHS Principal Joe Palumbo, provided some clarification to the ranking. He also told the Board that he attended the Innovation Expo in Hartford held on 5/19/12.

The 2012 Recognition Reception was held on 6/5/12 where the 25 years of service staff, teachers of the year and retirees were honored. Beth Alger has retired after 16 years of service and Jack Regan has retired after 39 years of service.

COMMUNICATIONS

CAPE- 5/15/12 (verbal report given at the 5/16/12 BOE meeting)

Policy- 5/16 Mrs. Miller said that 6 policies will be brought to the Board later in the meeting for elimination/approval.

CONSENT AGENDA

J. Miller moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

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

NEW BUSINESS

WMS PROGRAM OF STUDIES CHANGE

After discussion, J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 5-1-0 that the Board approve the Addendum to the WMS Program of Studies, instituting a course on Digital Literacy (Skills 21) as a replacement of the Family and Consumer Science course as recommended by the CAPE subcommittee and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone.

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

POLICIES

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve Policy/Regulation #4112.5/4212.5, Security Check/Fingerprinting for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve Policy #4112.6/4212.6, Personnel Records for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve new Regulation #4112.51/4212.51, Prior Employment Reference Checks for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the elimination of Policy #6672.2, Education Evaluation and Remedial Assistance for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve new Policy/ #6171.2, Preschool Special Education for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve new Policy #6171.3, Placement of Special Education Students (out-of district) for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

HHES ROOF REPLACEMENT

J. Miller moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the specifications for the Huckleberry Hill Elementary School roof replacement as recommended by the Business and Facilities subcommittee and the Director of Finance, Technology and Operations Art Colley.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

J. Miller moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter at 9:34pm.

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

V. Katz moved, R. DiStephan seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to come out of executive session and return to it regular meeting at 10:40pm

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

S. Queenan moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to adjourn its regular meeting at 10:41pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Morelli, Board Clerk

Susan Queenan, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education

