

**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Brookfield Public Schools**  
**SPECIAL MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018**  
**BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**MINUTES**

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

**Present:** Colette Sturm, Bob Belden, Joy Greenstein, Debbie Brooks and Jen Laden

**Absent:** Eve Sturdevant

Rosa Fernandes arrived at 7:39 pm

**Also Present:** Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, Director of Special Services Dr. Christine Sipala, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, CES Principal Dr. Krys Salon, Director of Instruction Deb Farias and members of the administration, staff and public.

**SPOTLIGHTS AND RECOGNITION**

**BHS DECA STUDENTS ENGRAVING BUSINESS**

The Board and Superintendent recognized and thanked Fiona Docherty, Bob Zapor and the students who have established their engraving company. Mr. Balanda and a few students spoke about the business, Everything Etch and Easy.

**VISION PROGRAM AT CES- LIONS CLUB PRESENTATION**

The Board and Superintendent heard a brief presentation on the vision program at CES. Dr. Salon, Brookfield Lions Club members Joe Rocky and Cathy Nielson came to present.

**BOARD RECOGNITION**

The Superintendent thanked the Board for all of their hard work during Board of Education appreciation month.

C. Sturm moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to move up items 12A, Odyssey of the Mind trip and item 11, Consent Agenda, to this portion of the meeting.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, D. Brooks and J. Laden voted aye.

**ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TRIP**

J. Greenstein moved, D. Brooks seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve a trip for the Odyssey of the Mind Team to travel to Ames, Iowa from Wednesday, May 23, 2018-Sunday, May 27, 2018 to participate in the World Finals Competition as requested by Odyssey of the Mind Advisor Sara Almeida.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, D. Brooks and J. Laden voted aye.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks and J. Laden voted aye.

The Board took a brief recess at 7:26 pm and returned at 7:45 pm

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

None

### **WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

Ron Jaffe- articles

Monique Matthews wrote about concerns regarding the reorganization

Anne and Jonathan Eckman wrote regarding the walk out

Ray DiStephan wrote regarding the walk out

Maureen Sharkey wrote regarding an incident

Katherine Boniello wrote regarding an incident and the CES fence

Chris Delia wrote regarding an incident

Dejair Gualberto wrote regarding a student matter

Allison Brown wrote regarding security

### **APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

J. Greenstein moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Special Meeting-3/12/18

Special Meeting with BOF- 3/15/18

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks and J. Laden voted aye.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Dr. Barile updated the Board on snow days/calendar. He spoke about reorganization (SPED and STEM), 4 teams going to worlds for OM this year, the boys swim team are Class S State Champs. He gave a report on the D.C. trip which he attended and the BOF has a public hearing tomorrow night. Mrs. Sturm gave an update on where the budget stands.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance- 3/12/18-** Mr. Belden reported on the February financials, check registers, MUNIS update, 2018-19 operating budget, the student activity account, payroll and AP controls (business controls), balance sheet accounts update and an audit update.

**Strategic Facilities 3/19/18-** Mrs. Brooks reported on the public forum 3/27. 52 people attended, 51 people live-streamed and 396 online responses to the survey. The steering committee meets again on 4/4. HHES portables are coming down and will be removed during spring break.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **SETTING OF THE GRADUATION DATE FOR THE BHS CLASS OF 2018**

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and after an overview from Principal Balanda, the Board voted 6-0 to set the graduation date for the Brookfield High School Class of 2018 for Saturday, June 23, 2018 at 5:30 pm at the O'Neill Center, WCSU.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks and J. Laden voted aye.

### **DISCUSSION OF SECURITY TASK FORCE/POSSIBLE MOTION**

The Board discussed establishing a security task force.

After discussion, C. Sturm moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to form a Board of Education Ad Hoc security task force.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks and J. Laden voted aye.

### **WMS PROPOSED SEQUENCE OF STUDY CHANGES FOR SOCIAL STUDIES**

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and after a presentation by Jason Milde and Jessica Garthwait from WMS, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the Whisconier Middle School proposed sequence of study changes for Social Studies as recommended by the CAPE subcommittee.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks and J. Laden voted aye.

Mrs. Greenstein listed upcoming events.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED**

J. Greenstein moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential matters protected by the attorney-client privilege and discussion regarding strategies and negotiations with respect to collective bargaining at 8:38 pm.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks and J. Laden voted aye.

C. Sturm called the meeting to order to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential matters protected by the attorney-client privilege and discussion regarding strategies and negotiations with respect to collective bargaining 8:42pm and invited Superintendent Dr. John Barile to join the meeting.

Superintendent Barile left the meeting at 9:20 pm

Without objection, Chairman Sturm adjourned the meeting at 10:26 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

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Joy Greenstein, Secretary  
Brookfield Board of Education