

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2018
BROOKFIELDHIGHSCHOOLMEDIACENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Colette Sturm, Bob Belden, Joy Greenstein, Eve Sturdevant, Debbie Brooks and Rosa Fernandes and Jen Laden

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, Facilities Director Dan Caldwell and members of the administration, staff and public.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

The Board recognized the following Teachers of the Year:

Center Elementary School- Kelly Mohr
Huckleberry Hill School- Kara Alberse
Whisconier Middle School- Shannon Boshell
Brookfield High School- Mike Smith

The Superintendent announced that Mike Smith from Brookfield High School has been voted as the 2018 District Teacher of the Year.

The Board recognized the following Staff Members of the Year:

Center Elementary School- Barbara Fuller
Huckleberry Hill School- Monica Walsh
Whisconier Middle School- Aggie Burns
Brookfield High School- Lisa Mazzari
Town School Office- Eric Conklin

The Board recognized the following Top 10 graduating seniors from Brookfield High School, Class of 2018 for their academic achievements: Ahjeetha Shankar, Vanessa Blas, Anna Kurkijy, Eliza Lloyd, Sabrina Zavarelli, Natalie White, Brit Wallman, Carly Consalvo, Cameron, Gleichauf and Madison Betts.

PRESENTATION OF LITERARY MAGAZINE/YEARBOOK

The Board and Superintendent received copies and brief presentations of literary magazines and yearbooks from Huckleberry Hill Elementary School, Whisconier Middle School and Brookfield High School.

The Board took a brief recess at 7:56 pm and returned at 8:05 pm.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Deanna Pearson spoke about the budget cuts and the necessity of the Library clerk positions.
Sue Crean spoke about the budget cuts that could affect the Library positions.

VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Daniel Berryman gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

VII. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

The following people wrote about the budget- Christina Zimmerman, Ron Jaffe, Robert Weinstein, Carmine Rositano, Logan Sullender and Alison Dupre.
Shannon Sabella wrote about the calendar.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting- 5/2/18

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

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

The Superintendent thanked everyone for their help during the storm on May 15th. Dr. Barile said the State denied the waiver letter for the 180 days and explained the legislation behind the decision. The budget referendum is 6/12/18. Dr. Barile said the new flagpole is now installed at BHS. The softball team is in the State finals this Friday night. The response from parents regarding the Panorama survey hasn't been strong and Dr. Barile said the deadline has been extended.

X. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Strategic Facilities Steering Committee- 5/1/18- Tecton presented 10 possibilities for new or re-building of schools and it was narrowed down to 4. There will be a public forum on 6/7/18 at 7:00pm. Ms. Sturdevant read a list of damage done to the schools because of the storm on May 15th. and are waiting for insurance.

Finance- 5/14/18- Mr. Belden said the subcommittee discussed the MUNIS update, budget, student activities and the food service contract.

XI. CONSENT AGENDA

J. Greenstein moved, R. Fernandes 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.

XII. A. NEW BUSINESS- HEALTHY FOOD/BEVERAGE CERTIFICATION

1. Healthy Food Option:

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 that Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups.

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

2. Exemption for Food Items:

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 that The Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held.

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

3. Beverage Exemptions:

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 that The Board of Education will allow the sale to students of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting or extracurricular activity. The “school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held, and must be the same place as the food sales.

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

B. FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT EXTENSION

J. Greenstein moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the extension of the Whitsons Food Service contract for the 2017-2018 school year as recommended by Director of Business and Operations Ken Post.

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

C. STUDENT DATA PRIVACY POLICY

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy#3520.13 Student Data Protection and Privacy/Cloud-Based Issues for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on May 2, 2018.

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

D. 2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR/POSSIBLE MOTION

The Board discussed possible adjustments to the 2018-2019 school calendar.

After discussion, B. Belden moved, J. Laden seconded and the Board voted 7-0 to adjust the 2018-2019 school calendar to change the last day of school as scheduled to Wednesday, June 19, 2019 which builds 185 school days under the knowledge that if we do not have the snow days, dismissal would be earlier.

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

E. 2018-2019 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded to approve the 2018-2019 Board of Education meeting dates.

After discussion, C. Sturm moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to amend the motion to move the Board of Education meeting date from Wednesday, September 19, 2018, to Wednesday, September 26th, 2018.

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

F. SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE/SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 2018

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, to approve the subcommittee meeting schedule from September- December 2018.

After discussion, C. Sturm moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to amend the motion to move the Policy/Communications subcommittee meeting date from Wednesday, September 19, 2018, to Wednesday, September 26th, 2018.

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

G. LANGUAGE REVISION TO REGULATION #5114

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and after an explanation from Dr. Barile, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the language revision to Regulation, #5114, Removal, Exclusion, Suspension, Expulsion as recommended by Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

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

H. STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE BROOKFIELD SCHOOLS

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 that the Board grant permission to a family who have recently moved out of district to keep their three children enrolled in the Brookfield Public Schools for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year, as requested by Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

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

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF 2018-2019 BUDGET

The Board discussed 2018- 2019 budget considerations. Mrs. Sturm gave an overview of where the budget is at currently since failing the past 2 referendums. The total reduction currently is \$500,648. Dr. Barile gave a summary of efficiencies and the Board and administration discussed possible reductions. After detailed discussion, the Board agreed on reductions totaling \$446,650 and asked Superintendent Barile to find further reductions totaling \$53,998.

C. Sturm moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to reduce one secretarial position district-wide to be determined by administration

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

C. Sturm moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to reduce an elementary Art teacher by .4 FTE, an elementary Music teacher by .3 FTE and elementary Spanish teacher by .5 FTE to be determined by the administration.

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

Mrs. Greenstein listed upcoming events.

Without objection, Mrs. Sturm adjourned the meeting at 12:03 am

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Joy Greenstein, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education