

**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Brookfield Public Schools**  
**REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018**  
**BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER, BROOKFIELD, CT**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**MINUTES**

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

**Absent:** Eve Sturdevant and Dr. Maureen Ruby

**Also Present:** Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, Director of Special Services Dr. Christine Sipala, Director of Instruction Deb Farias, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Melissa Labroschiano, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, Facilities Director Dan Caldwell and members of the staff and public.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE- MADELINE O'CONNOR**

Madeline O'Connor gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

Howard Lasser wrote regarding the proposed building project  
Pravenn Tokas wrote regarding sports facilities

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

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

Special Meeting- 9/5/18

Regular Meeting- 9/5/18

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Dr. Barile introduced Ann Uberti to the Board. She is Dr. Barile's intern working on her Superintendent certification.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Facilities- 9/5/18-** Mrs. Greenstein reported the money to replace the BHS A/C heating unit is in place. Steve Dunn has granted permission for the re-allocation of the 2015-16 capital improvement funds to be used for this project.

**Finance- 9/11/18-** Mr. Belden reported that the results from the prior year, unaudited, show an underrun of approximately \$190,000. The audit won't start until December/January. The subcommittee looked at current spending. Mr. Post will report at the next subcommittee meeting on the savings achieved through unexpected teaching staff turnover during the summer. They discussed Special Education Transportation and Special Education costs. They discussed Medicaid reimbursement, the BHS rooftop unit and the determination of charging sales tax on fundraising activities.

**Security Task Force- 9/21/18-** Mrs. Sturm said the committee came up with a summary based on the committee's meeting with the building principals, i.e., more streamlined emergency response, flowcharts and communications.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the items listed on the consent agenda as recommended.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **2019-2020 BUDGET PLANNING CALENDAR**

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the 2019-2020 budget calendar as recommended by the Finance subcommittee and Director of Business and Operations Ken Post.

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

#### **17-18 SCHOOL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN RESULTS**

The Board received an annual assessment update as presented by the four school principals.

#### **SUMMER FACILITIES PROJECT UPDATE**

The Board received a summer facilities project update as presented by Facilities Director Dan Caldwell.

#### **NEW SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE**

Mrs. Sturm discussed the next joint Board of Finance, Selectmen meeting on 10/16 regarding the new school building project.

### **3 MAIN POINTS**

1. Facilities Projects Update
2. Standardized Test Reports
3. October 16, 2018- BHS Auditorium- New School Project Presentation to the Boards of Selectmen and Finance

Mrs. Greenstein listed upcoming events

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED**

J. Greenstein moved, seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing unaffiliated salaries and the lawsuit filed by former Superintendent Anthony Bivona at 9:01.

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

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 9:05 pm.

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

**Absent:** Eve Sturdevant

**Invited in:** Superintendent Dr. John Barile

Chairman Sturm adjourned the meeting at 10:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

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Joy Greenstein, Secretary  
Brookfield Board of Education