

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022
7:00 P.M.
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
MINUTES

Chairman Bob Belden called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT:

Bob Belden, Joy Greenstein, Amy Foster, Rosa Fernandes, Debbie Brooks, Jen Laden, Mike Murphy Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby and Director of Business & Operations Ken Post Special Education Director Gina Wygonik, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Interim Principal Dr. Dave Pepsoski, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond and members of the staff and public.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT- HUCKLEBERRY HILL

HHES students gave a presentation on how they are using technology in the classroom.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Ben Bogues gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Deborah Cacace wrote regarding the 4th grade class.

Erin Scalera wrote regarding an FOIA request.

Stephanie Lounsbury wrote regarding an employee concern.

Shari Styranovski wrote regarding concerns at BHS.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting- 3/2/2022

Special Meeting- Expulsion Hearing- 3/4/2022

Special Joint Meeting- 3/8/2022

Special Meeting- Continued Expulsion Proceedings- 3/11/2022

B. Belden, J. Greenstein, A. Foster, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks, M. Murphy and S. Butow voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile gave an update on COVID and the Special Education Director search. He spoke about threat assessment training for administrators and said the last day of school as of now is Monday, June 20th.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities- 3/2/2022- Mrs. Greenstein said the subcommittee discussed the School Dude reports. They received an update on the water and wall at WMS, capital projects, the building condition study and custodial staffing. New business included the CLES cleaning protocol and staffing and miscellaneous discussion included the Board of Selectmen's capital budget that was submitted to the Board of Finance. Mrs. Greenstein gave a report on the boy's locker room project.

Strategic Planning- 3/8/2022- Mr. Belden said the committee will schedule a date for the formation meeting of the planning committee in late May.

CAPE-3/9/2022- Dr. Murphy said the subcommittee discussed the interview process for hiring a new Director of Special Education and Assistant Superintendent.

Equity & Inclusion- 3/10/2022- Mrs. Foster said that Mrs. Holley and Mr. Hill are still gathering programmatic and achievement data which will be forthcoming. The members of the Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee engaged in mock presentations of their BOE presentations for Teacher Quality and Stakeholder Equity. Afterwards, the members engaged in a feedback session with each other, and made edits to the presentations, in preparation for the March 16th BOE meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

B. Belden, J. Greenstein, A. Foster, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks, M. Murphy and S. Butow voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

EQUITY & INCLUSION PRESENTATION

The Board received a presentation from the Equity & Inclusion Committee and had discussion with the Board.

HEALTHY FOOD OPTION CERTIFICATION

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 that Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Board of Education or governing authority 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, 2022, through June 30, 2023. 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, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups and;

HEALTHY FOOD-FOOD & BEVERAGE EXEMPTION

that the Board of Education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and 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 food and beverage 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 and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales.

B. Belden, J. Greenstein, A. Foster, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks, M. Murphy and S. Butow voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

BOARD OF EDUCATION’S 2022-2023 ADOPTED BUDGET

The Board continued its discussion on the Board of Education’s 2022-2023 adopted budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Warren Fentress spoke about COVID testing

CANDLEWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The Board received an update on the new Candlewood Lake Elementary school building project.

3 MAIN POINTS

1. HHES Spotlight
2. Equity & Inclusion Presentation
3. Summary of Candlewood Lake Elementary School

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection, Chairman Bob Belden adjourned the meeting at 8:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education