

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
(ZOOM) REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

(Present via Zoom): Rosa Fernandes, Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Jen Laden, Michael Murphy, Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, Director of Special Services Gina Wygonik, Director of Instruction Deb Farias, Director of Technology Eric Conklin, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Melissa Labrosciano, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond and members of the faculty, staff and administration.

R. Fernandes moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to amend the agenda to move up new business item, 11A, to this portion of the meeting.

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

TECTON PRESENTATION

The Board received a presentation from Tecton regarding the WELL Certification for the new school. The Board asked Tecton to provide them with more information regarding the certification.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Tanvi Chennuru gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Ron Jaffe shared articles from Publishers Weekly and the Journal Enquirer and shared a video regarding slavery and indigenous peoples.

Tatiana Preston wrote regarding the AIS program.

Tammy Sylvester wrote with questions about quarantine.

Jessica Juska wrote regarding the switch to full remote.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting- 10/7/2020

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Superintendent Barile gave an update on weather related emergency days and the Board retreat. Dr. Barile read a statement regarding COVID and the decision to close the schools.

R. Fernandes moved, A. Foster seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to move up item 7A, Tecton presentation follow up, to this portion of the agenda.

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

TECTON PRESENTATION FOLLOW UP

The Board continued its discussion with Tecton regarding the WELL Certification for the new school.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities- 10/7/2020 & Special Facilities- 10/14/2020- Mrs. Greenstein said the subcommittee reviewed the School Dude reports and the most recent proposal from Tecton for the BHS boy's locker room project. They also reviewed the Capital Improvement plan to bring to the Board. The subcommittee discussed custodial staffing and the reopening plan including exhaust fans, ventilation, desks and desk shields. Miscellaneous discussion included mice at BHS.

Finance – 10/12/2020- Mr. Belden said the subcommittee meeting was dedicated to the discussion of this year's budget. They discussed the current coverage in the budget primarily due to COVID costs, the salary line, staffing, Special Education spending and COVID expense.

CAPE- 10/15/2020- Mrs. Laden said the subcommittee received a presentation from Andrew Hill and Bob Zapor regarding Whitebox Learning Software in Technology Education courses as well as a presentation from Deane Renda regarding a Grade 7 Social Studies unit, "America: The Birth of a Revolutionary Mindset".

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

2021-2022 BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS AND PRIORITIES

The Board received the 2021-2022 Budget Assumptions and Priorities as presented by Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

DISTRICT ENROLLMENT REPORT

The Board received a district enrollment report from Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

2021-2022 DRAFT SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Board received the 2021-2022 DRAFT school calendar as recommended by Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

After discussion, J. Greenstein moved, A. Foster seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the 2021-2022 school calendar.

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

PRIORITIZED 2021-2022 AND UPDATED 10-YEAR PRIORITIZED CAPITAL PROJECTS DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

The Board discussed the 2021-2022 and updated 10-year Prioritized Capital Projects List.

After discussion, B. Belden moved, A. Foster seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the 10-year capital improvement plan as recommended by the Facilities committee for delivery to the Town for their purposes, and authorize the Superintendent to work with the First Selectman to advance forward the \$1,322,824 that is in year two of the plan into year one if it's agreed with the First Selectman and the Superintendent that that's warranted.

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The Board discussed the new school building project. Dr. Murphy gave an update on the newly formed new school naming committee.

3 MAIN POINTS

1. Dr. Barile's COVID Update
2. Review of 2021-2022 Budget Priorities
3. Approval of 10-year Capital Plan

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mrs. Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 9:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education