

**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Brookfield Public Schools**  
**REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019**  
**BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER, BROOKFIELD, CT**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**MINUTES**

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

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

**Also Present:** 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, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Melissa Labroschiano, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, and members of the staff and public.

**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT-WHISCONIER MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Mr. Renda introduced WMS students who spotlighted Unified Theater.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Irene Correa spoke about special education budgeting and anonymous alerts.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Miriam Kaiser gave an update on the happenings at BHS

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

Jill Ropiak wrote regarding 2 requests for records.

Andy Corea wrote regarding a discussion of valuation and valuation with the BOE and a complaint.

Doris Coleman wrote regarding the new school project.

**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- 9/18/19

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Superintendent Barile gave an update on surveys, Developmental Assets (grades 7-12) and Healthy School Start Times. Dr. Barile also gave an update on his communication regarding the EEE virus and inclement weather. Dr. Barile announced Melissa Baldwin as the new K-5 Special Education Supervisor. Kaley O'Connor and members of Troop 50777 came to give an update on the hand sanitizer project.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CAPE- 9/17/19-** Mrs. Laden said the subcommittee received an update on the K-4 1.0 Standard Aligned report card presented by Deb. Farias. The committee received a presentation on the "Word of the Week" program and Pre-school curriculum by Dr. Ruby.

**Policy/Communications- 9/18/19-** Mrs. Fernandes reported the subcommittee approved 4 policies for approval. Communications portion of the subcommittee talked about the second new video.

**Security Task Force- 9/20/19-** Mrs. Sturm said there was no quorum so there was no meeting

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **18-19 SCHOOL IMPLEMENTATION PLANS**

The Board received an annual update regarding individual school plans as presented by each school principal.

#### **2020-2021 BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS AND PRIORITIES**

The Board received the 2020-2021 Budget Assumptions and Priorities as presented by Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

### **POLICIES**

#### **POLICY #5118, RESIDENCY**

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy # 5118, Residency, for a first reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee.

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

#### **POLICY #3410, SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTS**

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #3410, System of Accounts, for a first reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee.

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

#### **POLICY #3430, PERIODIC FINANCIAL REPORTS**

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #3430, Periodic Financial Reports, for a first reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee.

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

#### **POLICY #3432, BUDGET & EXPENSE REPORT/ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #3432, Budget & Expense Report/Annual Financial Statement, for a first reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee.

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

#### **HEALTHY SCHOOL START TIMES SURVEYS**

The Board received the Healthy School Start Times surveys as recommended by the Healthy School Start Times committee.

### **REQUEST FOR DISCRETIONARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

J. Greenstein moved, to deny the request for a leave of absence for HHES Nurse Nicole Werner.

C. Sturm moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to table the question.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **POLICIES**

##### **POLICY #3541, TRANSPORTATION**

J. Greenstein moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy # 3541, Transportation, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on August 21, 2019.

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

##### **POLICY # 3532, INSURANCE**

J. Greenstein moved, D. Brooks seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy # 3532, Insurance, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on August 21, 2019.

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

### **NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT**

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

### **3 MAIN POINTS**

1. New school forum
2. WOW (Word of the Week)
3. Surveys

Mrs. Greenstein listed upcoming events

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED**

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation concerning a teacher grievance, strategy and negotiations as it relates to collective bargaining and the Superintendent's goals.

C. Sturm moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to amend the motion to include pending litigation concerning BOE conduct at 9:19 pm.

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

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 9:24 pm.

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

**Invited in:** Superintendent Dr. John Barile at 9:24

The Board entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation concerning a teacher grievance, the superintendent's goals, and pending litigation concerning BOE conduct

Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Colette Sturm, Rosa Fernandes, Debbie Brooks, Bob Belden, Joy Greenstein, Eve Sturdevant and Jen Laden exited out of executive session at 10: 24 pm.

C. Sturm moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-1 to deny the request for a leave of absence for HHES Nurse Nicole Werner.

Colette Sturm, Rosa Fernandes, Bob Belden, Joy Greenstein, Eve Sturdevant and Jen Laden voted aye. Debbie Brooks voted no.

Without objection, Chairman Colette 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