

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
(ZOOM) REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 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.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT- HUCKLEBERRY HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Board received a presentation from Huckleberry Hill Elementary School on RULER and Writing Instruction/Celebrations in a digital world.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Tanvi Chennuru gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Ron Jaffe shared a Sesame workshop on racial justice.
Stavros Mirtsopoulos wrote regarding the transition to remote.
Ed and Cindy Demayo wrote regarding the transition to remote and Covid protocols
Susan Eggers wrote regarding meeting dates.
Kim Racjula wrote regarding the 2021-22 school year calendar.
Melissa Engengro wrote regarding students riding the bus.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting- 10/21/2020

Board Retreat- 10/22/2020

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

Dr. Barile gave an update on COVID and the plans for return to school. He reported on the PD offerings on 11/3/2020, and gave a follow up on remote option in lieu of snow days. The Superintendent also gave an update on Chromebooks, the Capital Plan, CIAC Winter Athletics and the BHS Athletic Advisory Team.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

None

NEW BUSINESS

CLASS SIZE REPORT

The Board received the Class Size report as presented by Dr. Maureen Ruby and the building principals.

ELL BY GRADE REPORT

The Board received an ELL Grade report as presented by Dr. Maureen Ruby.

HOME SCHOOL REPORT

The Board received a report on home schooling as prepared by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby.

SPECIAL SERVICES CASELOAD REPORT

The Board received an update on the Special Services caseload as reported by Director of Special Services Gina Wygonik.

BROOKFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS EQUITY VISION STATEMENT APPROVAL

A. Foster moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to adopt the following language at its Equity Vision Statement for the Brookfield Public Schools:

Brookfield Public Schools honors the uniqueness of each individual and embraces diverse backgrounds, values, and points of view to build a unified, safe, and welcoming school community that empowers students and prepares them for lives in a multicultural society. We believe it is our responsibility to seek out and address biases and ensure achievement regardless of gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, class, religious beliefs, or disability.

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

OLD BUSINESS

POLICIES

POLICY #4118.237 (4218.237, 5141.8), FACE MASKS/COVERINGS

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded to approve Policy # 4118.237 (4218.237, 5141.8), Face Masks/Coverings, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on October 7, 2020.

After discussion, B. Belden moved, A. Foster seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to amend the motion on the table to remove the parentheticals on the bottom of page D and delete the words “alternate position:”. R. Fernandes, B. Belden, A. Foster, J. Greenstein, D. Brooks, J. Laden and M. Murphy voted aye.

NEW SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE

The Board discussed the new school building project.

3 MAIN POINTS

1. Equity Statement
2. HHES Student Spotlight
3. Summary of Dr. Barile’s Superintendent Update

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mrs. Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 8:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education