

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

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Colette Sturm, Joy Greenstein, Eve Sturdevant, Jen Laden and Rosa Fernandes

Absent: Bob Belden and Debbie Brooks

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, Director of Special Services Dr. Christine Sipala, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Melissa Labrosciano, HHES Assistant Principal Dr. Dave Pepsoski, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, and members of the staff and public.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT- HUCKLEBERRY HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Board heard a presentation from HHES students regarding the fundraiser called “Socktober”

PUBLIC COMMENT

Olga Weitzman spoke about Para educators and read a poem

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE- MADELINE O’CONNOR

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

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Christina Zimmerman wrote regarding a request for a demographic study
Victor Bucci wrote regarding school grants

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

J. Greenstein moved, E. Sturdevant second, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting- 10/17/18

Special Board Meeting- 10/30/18

C. Sturm, Joy Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes and Jen Laden voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

Dr. Barile Eric Conklin to speak about district communications for the new school project. Superintendent Barile updated the Board on the 2019-2020 budget, The BHS Freshman Forum and meeting with the NEASC Visiting Team held on 10/23/18. The HRRA PowerPoint presentation received an honorable mention from the CABA Communications Awards. Dr. Barile and Dr. Sipala had a “coffee and” at Panera with 15 parents on 10/25/18. November 6th was a Professional Learning Day and many events will be scheduled for Veteran’s Day. Dr. Barile gave an update on Shepaug High School. The School Security Plan will be sent to the State by the end of the week.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

10/16- CAPE- Mrs. Laden said the subcommittee approved a new 9th grade pilot science book as presented by Marc Balanda. Dr. Ruby and Mrs. Farias gave an update on curriculum writing process and progress. Dr. Ruby discussed standards-aligned assessments and a project she initiated associated with her Yale fellowship.

10/17- Policy/Communications-Mrs. Fernandes reported on both Policy/Communications meetings (10/17 and 10/30). Work continues on the #3000 series and a Policy on homeschooled students entering the school district. The work on the brochure is now complete.

10/18- Security Task Force- Mrs. Sturm said the committee discussed security grants and the cost and implementation plan for current school year or budget planning for emerging theme need areas.

CONSENT AGENDA

J. Greenstein moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

C. Sturm, Joy Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes and Jen Laden voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

CLASS SIZE REPORT

The Board received the Class Size report as prepared by Dr. Maureen Ruby.

ELL BY GRADE REPORT

The Board received an ELL Grade report as presented by World Language Department Chair Kemen Holley.

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 Dr. Christine Sipala.

CSDE REVISED ED-099 CHILD NUTRITION AGREEMENT

J. Greenstein moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the revised ED099 CSDE Child Nutrition Program Agreement as requested by Director of Business and Operations Ken Post.

C. Sturm, Joy Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes and Jen Laden voted aye.

TEXTBOOK PILOT

J. Greenstein moved, E. Sturdevant seconded to approve the adoption of the HMH New Earth and Space Science text as proposed by the CAPE subcommittee and BHS Principal Marc Balanda.

C. Sturm, Joy Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes and Jen Laden voted aye.

After discussion, J. Greenstein moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to add the word “pilot” to the original motion.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the original motion as amended.

POLICIES

J. Greenstein moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the policies listed below for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee:

CABE version #3260- Sales and Disposal of Obsolete Books, Equipment & Supplies

CABE version #3281- School Fundraisers

CABE version #3435- Fraud Prevention & Investigation

CABE version #3232- Individuals With Disabilities Education Act Fiscal Compliance

CABE version #3516.5- Sex Offenders on School Property

CABE version #5122- Student Assignment to Classes

C. Sturm, Joy Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes and Jen Laden voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The Board discussed the new school building project. Mrs. Sturm said the new school project was unanimously approved by the Board of Selectmen and will be presented to the Board Finance.

POLICIES #3000 SERIES

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the following 9 policies in the #3000 series for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on October 3, 2018.

CABE version #3410- System of Accounts

CABE version #3326- Paying for Goods & Services

CABE version #3110- Budget Planning

CABE version #3517- Security of Buildings and Grounds

CABE version #3543.31- Office Services/Records and Reports- Electronic Communications Use and Retention

CABE version #3542.34- Nutrition Program

Delete Brookfield version and replace with CABE version #3516.4- Sex Offender Notification

Delete Brookfield version and replace with CABE version #3510- Operation and Maintenance of Plant.

Delete Brookfield version and replace with CABE version #3524.2- Green Cleaning Program.

C. Sturm, Joy Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes and Jen Laden voted aye.

3 MAIN POINTS

ELL update

Science pilot

Budget/staffing

Mrs. Greenstein listed upcoming events

EXECUTIVE SESSION

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the lawsuit filed by former Superintendent Anthony Bivona at 8:55pm

C. Sturm, Joy Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes and Jen Laden voted aye.

Chairman Colette Sturm invited Superintendent Barile into executive at 9:02 pm.

The Board exited executive session at 9:20.

J. Greenstein moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 that the Board authorize the Board Chair to work with counsel in negotiating and executing a resolution of the litigation matter discussed in executive session consistent with the Board's discussion therein.

C. Sturm, Joy Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes and Jen Laden voted aye.

Without objection, Chairman Sturm adjourned the meeting at 9:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Joy Greenstein, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education