

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2017
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

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

Present: Bob Belden, Paul Checco, Colette Sturm, Harry Shaker, Tara Lerner, Steve Harding and Eve Sturdevant

Also Present: Superintendent John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Maureen Ruby, Director of Finance Ken Post, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, CES Principal Dr. Krys Salon and members of the staff and public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nick O'Connor spoke about the elimination of the BHS writing center advisor.

Steven Kawulicz spoke about the elimination of the BHS writing center advisor.

Emma Gianoplus spoke about the elimination of the BHS writing center advisor.

Zachary Mangold spoke about the elimination of the BHS writing center advisor.

Joy Greenstein asked questions about the budget proposal (Grade 5 model and K-2 Spanish)

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Earl de los Santos gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Ron Jaffe wrote about teaching mental health.

Ray DiStephan wrote about K-12 World Language Program

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

C. Sturm moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 4-0-3 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting 12/21/16

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm and T. Lerner, voted aye.

H. Shaker, S. Harding and E. Sturdevant abstained

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ad Hoc Report-Mrs. Lerner said the next meeting will be held on January 11, 2017 at 5:30 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS

SHERMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST

C. Sturm moved, T. Lerner seconded, and after discussion with Superintendent Barile, the Board voted 7-0 to formally decline the request of the Sherman Public Schools to permit Sherman students to enroll at Brookfield High School for the 2017-2018 school year.

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, H. Shaker, T. Lerner, S. Harding and E. Sturdevant voted aye.

REVIEW OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S 2017-2018 BUDGET

The Board reviewed the 2017-2018 budget as presented by Superintendent John W. Barile on 12/21/16. Mr. Belden gave an overview and Mr. Barile gave a recap of the budget presentation. He spoke about the 4th grade to 5th grade transition and proposed 5th grade model. Superintendent Barile gave the Board a summary sheet which he explained. Mr. Post also gave an overview. Mr. Balanda spoke about the writing center and will get back to the Board with more information on what other districts are doing with their centers.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed the Pay-Rate Guidelines as discussed by the Business and Facilities Subcommittee.

B. Belden moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to amend the agenda to add the motion to approve the pay rate guidelines.

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, H. Shaker, T. Lerner, S. Harding and E. Sturdevant voted aye.

C. Sturm moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the Pay Rate Guidelines as recommended by the Business & Facilities subcommittee.

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, H. Shaker, T. Lerner, S. Harding and E. Sturdevant voted aye.

The Board had discussion on the fund balance.

Mrs. Sturm listed upcoming events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

C. Sturm moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to enter into executive session to discuss a confidential student matter, legal action of former Superintendent Anthony Bivona and discussion with regard to collective bargaining at 8:50 pm.

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, H. Shaker, T. Lerner, S. Harding and E. Sturdevant voted aye.

B. Belden moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to invite Superintendent Barile into executive session at 8:58 pm

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, H. Shaker, T. Lerner, S. Harding and E. Sturdevant voted aye.

The Board exited executive session and returned to regular session at 9:30 p.m.

C. Sturm moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 6-0-1 that, the Board of Education, having received Mr. Walman's request for reimbursement of legal fees and reviewed documentation and findings provided by Superintendent Barile, has concurred with the Superintendent's decision and agreed to take no further action in the matter.

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, T. Lerner, S. Harding and E. Sturdevant voted aye.

H. Shaker abstained

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chairman Belden adjourned the meeting at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Colette Sturm, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education