

**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Brookfield Public Schools**  
**REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017**  
**BROOKFIELDHIGHSCHOOLMEDIACENTER**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**MINUTES**

Chairman Bob Belden called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm.

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

**Absent:** Eve Sturdevant

**Also Present:** Superintendent John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Maureen Ruby, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, HHES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, and members of the staff and public.

**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT-HUCKLEBERRY HILL SCHOOL**

The Board and Superintendent spotlighted Huckleberry Hill Elementary School. Mollie Prizio's second grade students will share their nonfiction reports, including how they learned to paraphrase information, organize information under headings, write a bibliography, and write an "about the author" page.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Maddy Oldham and Steven Bristol spoke about the St. Baldrick's fundraiser on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

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

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

Christina Zimmerman: Budget Deliberations on 1/24/17

Joseph and Shelia Stamboni: Nominee Betsey DeVos

Rich Saluga: Details on Line 118-Extended Duty- Extended Duty Account

Barbara Nicolini: Request for a District ESOL Coordinator

Rolf Enger: Budget Comments

Ron Jaffe: Meeting Notices- A Few Comments About the Budget

Elizabeth Barnes: Substance Abuse Resource Page

Georgia Stabile: Consideration-Addition to Program of Studies

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

C. Sturm, moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Budget Roundtable- 6:00 pm 1/18/17

Regular Meeting- 1/18/17

Special Board Meeting 1/24/17

Special Board Meeting 1/26/17

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

S. Harding moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to move up item #12A, Approval of Key Club Conference in Springfield, MA.

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

### **BHS KEY CLUBTRIP TO SPRINGFIELD, MA**

C. Sturm moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve a trip to Springfield, MA from Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> to Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> to attend DECONN as requested by BHS teacher Jennifer Donovan and BHS Principal Marc Balanda.

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

### **SUPERINTENDENTS UPDATE**

Mr. Barile introduced Emily Lazorchak, Amar Patel and Bipasha Phadnisat the 3 BHS National Merit Scholar finalists. Emily Lazorchak is also the recipient of the Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

There is a substitute at CES teaching 1 Spanish lesson per week, Administrator negotiations begin tomorrow 2/16, There is a PD on Friday, the last day of school is currently Friday, June 16. BOF and BOS questions sent to the Board are being addressed. The Governor's budget proposal presents a major reduction in the ECS Grant- \$1.4 million dollars for Brookfield and 30% reduction in teacher pensions. Representative Steve Harding will host a Town Hall meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss this issue.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CAPE- 1/17/17-** Mrs. Sturm said most of the information in the minutes was discussed at the previous Board meeting. She stated that visits to other districts to see other World Language labs are upcoming.

**Communications- 2/6/17-** Mrs. Lerner said the subcommittee discussed the district Facebook page, video streaming using YouTube, parent portal/ report cards, procedure on weather emails to parents, early dismissal times for inclement weather, public inquiries and how to auto sync the district school calendar to smart phones.

**Ad Hoc Update-** Mrs. Lerner said there is nothing to report at this time.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

C. Sturm moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the items listed below on the consent agenda as recommended.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **REPORT ON STUDENT GROWTH DATA**

The Board received a report on Student Growth Data from Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby.

Mrs. Sturm listed upcoming events

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, Chairman Belden adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

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Colette Sturm, Secretary  
Brookfield Board of Education