

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

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

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

CABE AWARD- EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNICATION

Michelle Ku from CABE came to present the three awards from CABE's Excellence in Communications Awards.

CENTRAL OFFICE SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Barile introduced the TSO staff who were critical in implementing MUNIS. Mr. Post introduced Joan Reynolds, Eric Conklin, Terri Kavanagh, Hoy Ea, Cyndi DeMaglie, Carol Ann D'Arcangelo and Michelle Kinsman.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Olga Weitzman spoke about her concern over the reduction of the Special Education secretary. Dr. Ken Maurici spoke about the safety of the schools and what the "walk out" means.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Daniel Berryman gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Pam Kurtz wrote about the budget
Irene Corea wrote about the budget
Jeanne Jaquith wrote about the budget
Andrea Urvina wrote about the budget
Christina Zimmerman wrote about the budget
Ray DiStephan wrote about the budget and security
Ron Jaffe wrote about the budget and shared 3 articles
Laura Orban shared an article
Glenn Rooney wrote about Medicaid
Kathryn Sudol wrote about security concerns
Moniques Matthews wrote about security concerns
Victor Bucci wrote about school facilities

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Special Meeting 1/17/18
Regular Meeting- 1/17/18
Special Joint Meeting- 2/6/18

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile updated the Board on the upcoming SEPTA meeting, HHES Principal search, enrollment as well as classroom visits/walkthroughs. He also spoke about regional co-op ideas with area towns (two areas discussed were SPED transportation and technology purchases). Superintendent Barile spoke about the new cameras in the BHS gym and gave a health (flu) update. Dr. Barile and the Board had a conversation regarding school security which included what is already in place and what more can be implemented.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Strategic Facilities- 1/24/18- Mrs. Sturdevant said Eileen Koch will be the newest member of the committee. Tecton will be presenting their preliminary findings at the public forum on March 27th at 7:00 pm at BHS. Mrs. Sturdevant would like a Facebook page separate from what the schools have to get the information out regarding the study. Mrs. Sturdevant and Mrs. Fernandes will meet with Eric Conklin to put a plan in place.

Policy/Communications- 1/31/18- Mrs. Fernandes said the subcommittee is going through the #3000 series. The subcommittee reviewed the Naloxone regulation. Communication discussion included talking points for all Board members to be on the same page with. The subcommittee will be working on the budget flyer.

Finance- 2/13/18- Mr. Belden said they discussed January financials including budget adjustments. They also discussed MUNIS payroll update and the BOF request for additional items as well as Capital and the WCSA regional efficiencies group. They received an update on the audit and the Town meeting last week. They discussed student activities and balance sheet accounts.

CONSENT AGENDA

J. Greenstein moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items listed below on the consent agenda as recommended.

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

NEW BUSINESS

REVISION PERMISSION

J. Greenstein moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 that the Brookfield Board of Education authorize Dr. John Barile, Superintendent of Schools, to provide written authorization on behalf of the Board to ReVISION Learning Partnership, Inc. to reference the Brookfield Public Schools in its publication tentatively titled “Feedback to Feed Forward: Leading Learning Through Observation and Feedback“ to be published by Corwin in June, 2018 in the substantive form as presented to the Board in January 2018, with non-exclusive distribution rights.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE BUILDING PROJECT

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the project #018-0055 , Brookfield High School roofing project and direct the Superintendent to assist the Town in filing documents to complete the reimbursement.

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

BUDGET TRANSFER

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$1,196,865 related to Special Education, Tecton funding, Curriculum Administration and insurance as explained by Director of Business and Operations Ken Post.

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

BOARD OF FINANCE REQUEST

The Board of Education discussed the Board of Finances’ request for the Board of Education to provide additional budget investments.

After discussion, B. Belden moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board vote 7-0 to authorize Chairman Sturm, on behalf of the Board, to submit a list of investments to the Board of Finance consistent with the discussion of the Board and work out the details with Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

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

REPORT ON STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board received an update report on the Strategic Coherence Plan as presented by Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

Mrs. Greenstein listed upcoming events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

J. Greenstein moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations as it relates to collective bargaining and Superintendent mid-year goal update at 8:40pm.

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

C. Sturm called the meeting to order to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations as it relates to collective bargaining and Superintendent mid-year goal update at 8:45pm and invited Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby, Director of Business and Operations Ken Post and Director of Special Services Dr. Christine Sipala to join the meeting.

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

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby, Director of Business and Operations Ken Post and Director of Special Services Dr. Christine Sipala left the meeting at 10:02 pm.

Without objection, Chairman Sturm adjourned the meeting at 10:08 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Joy Greenstein, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education