

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
(ZOOM) REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021
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, Director of Human Resources Terri Kavanagh, 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.

BOARD RECOGNITION

The Superintendent thanked the Board for all of their hard work during Board of Education appreciation month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Tanvi Chennuru gave an update on the happenings at BHS

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Liam Enea and Marni McNiff wrote regarding a Youth Commission survey.
Laura Orban wrote regarding Open Choice.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile gave the Board an update on vaccinations at Brookfield clinics and Special Education Department parent training.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy/Communications- 2/17/2021- Mrs. Brooks said the subcommittee discussed new policy #0523, Equity and Diversity which is on the agenda for a first reading. They also had brief discussion regarding budget and Covid communications.

CAPE- 2/18/21- Mrs. Laden said the subcommittee received a presentation from the teacher librarians on their library audits regarding Equity in Action as well as a presentation on world language textbooks and materials and the elimination of "class rank" at BHS.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

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

NEW BUSINESS

POLICIES

EQUITY & DIVERSITY

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve new Policy # 0523, Equity & Diversity, for a first reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee.

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

TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

A Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the new World Language textbooks and materials to support the French program at BHS and the AP preparation in World Language as recommended by, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby, BHS Principal Marc Balanda and the CAPE subcommittee.

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

OLD BUSINESS

2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR ADJUSTMENT

A Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to adjust the dates for President's weekend for the 2021-2022 school year from February 14th-15th to February 21st-22nd, 2022.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION'S BUDGET 2021-2022

The Board continued its discussion on the Board of Education's 2021-2022 adopted budget.

CANDLEWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The Board received an update on the new Candlewood Lake Elementary school building project.

3 MAIN POINTS

1. Vaccines
2. Candlewood Lake Elementary School project
3. Special Education webinars for parents

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events

ADJOURNMENT:

Without objection, Chairman Rosa Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk