

**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Brookfield Public Schools**  
**REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**MINUTES**

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the virtual meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**Present:** Rosa Fernandes, Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Jen Laden and Michael Murphy

**Also Present:** 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, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Melissa Labrosciano, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, and members of the administration.

**TECTON PRESENTATION**

The Board and Superintendent received a presentation from Tecton Architects regarding the BHS Boys Locker Room.

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

Laura Orban wrote regarding the budget.

Ron Jaffe shared an article from the Search Institute.

Kimberly Abreu, Marissa LeFave, Jennifer Ramos-Marrero, Elio Petta and Gina Sacharewitz wrote regarding reimbursement for the 8th grade Washington DC trip.

Kerri Colombo wrote regarding school lunch pick ups

**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, D. Brooks, J. Greenstein, J. Laden and M. Murphy voted aye.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Dr. Barile gave an update on COVID 19 to include a video on public safety done by the CIAC students including Jamie Hiatriades. Dr. Ruby and Mr. Baldwin spoke about getting feedback from students with distance learning. He shared an update regarding spring and end of the year activities. He spoke about the many email updates to the community and thanked everyone for their patience. He spoke about the CES parade, PPE equipment donated to our first responders from the schools, rescheduled blood drive and possibly bringing the food pantry items to the high school. The BHS track is still open.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **DISCUSSION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION UPON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS CONCERNING THE INSTITUTION OF TEACHER NONRENEWALS PURSUANT TO CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SECTION 10-151.**

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 that the Board move that, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151, the Brookfield Board of Education non-renew the teaching contract of the non-tenured teachers at the end of the 2019-20 school year as recommended by the Superintendent, and; further move that the Superintendent be directed to communicate this action of the Board in writing to the non-tenured teachers and that the Superintendent be authorized to respond on behalf of the Board to any requests for a hearing, if required by law, or for other data which may be forthcoming from the teacher and/or his/her representative pursuant to applicable provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151; and that the Superintendent be directed that any response to a request for a hearing, if a hearing is required by law, indicate that such hearing is to be before the Board or, at the Board's discretion, a subcommittee of the Board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **POLICIES**

#### **BYLAW WAIVER**

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to waiver Bylaw #9311, Policies, for the purpose of adopting new Policy# 6146.19, Credit For On-Line Courses.

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

### **ADOPTION OF NEW POLICY #6146.19 CREDIT FOR ON-LINE COURSES**

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve new Policy #6146.19, Credit for On-Line Courses as recommended by Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

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

### **BIDDING PROCEDURE WAIVER**

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to waive the bidding requirements set forth in Board Policy 3320 and Regulation 3320.1 and waive its purchasing policy for the purposes of locking in heating oil and diesel fuel for the 2021-2022 fiscal year as recommended by Director of Business and Operations Ken Post.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **POLICIES**

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #4118.52, Use of New Web Tools, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on March 4, 2020.

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

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #4118.112, Sexual Harassment, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on March 4, 2020.

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

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #4118.113, Harassment, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on March 4, 2020.

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

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #4118.24, Staff/Student Non-Fraternization, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on March 4, 2020.

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

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #4134, Tutoring, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on March 4, 2020.

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

### **2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR/POSSIBLE MOTION**

The Board discussed the current 2019-2020 school calendar. After discussion, R. Fernandes moved, A. Foster seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the changes to the 2019-2020 school calendar and end the school year on Friday, June 19, 2020 which is 186 teacher days and 178 students days.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION'S BUDGET ESTIMATE 2020-2021**

The Board continued its discussion on the Board of Education's 2020-2021 adopted budget estimate. After discussion, R. Fernandes moved, A. Foster seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the proposed reductions as listed and provided by Superintendent Dr. John Barile and Director of Operations Ken Post.

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

### **NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT**

The Board received an update on the new school building project. The project continues to move forward.

### **3 MAIN POINTS**

1. BHS Boys Locker Room project
2. Distance Learning/Student Input
3. Budget

**UPCOMING EVENTS-** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, Chairman Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 9:12 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk