

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Bob Belden called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

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 Business & Operations Ken Post, Director of Special Services Charlie Manos, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Interim Principal Jules Scheithe, CES Principal Dr. Krys Salon, and members of the staff and public.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT- CENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Board and Superintendent spotlighted the students from Center Elementary School. Mrs. Orzalek brought a first grade class to perform.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

None

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Laura Orban wrote about standardized testing.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

C. Sturm moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting- 3/22/17

Special Meeting- 4/4/17

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Mr. Barile updated the Board on Mr. Reinhart's class just won the Fairfield County Math Team Challenge. He spoke about the Addams Family at BHS and 101 Dalmatians at HHES. Mr. Barile said Kindergarten registration is at 111 with 18 packets not returned. Representative Harding hosted a Town Meeting on Monday night and thanked Superintendent Barile and Mr. Belden for participating.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

B & FC- 3/13/17- Mr. said the subcommittee discussed the BHS water project and roof RFP, School Dude, architect RFP (Fuller & D'Angelo selected), CES floor, audit update, special education tuition, HHES smoke condition, WMS & HHES portables and Mrs. Lerner talked about the HHES plumbing situation.

Policy- 3/22/17- Mr. Checco reviewed methodology on #3000 series and presenting to the Board.
Ad Hoc Update- Mrs. Lerner said she is working on the RFP and looking for feedback.

CONSENT AGENDA

C. Sturm moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

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

NEW BUSINESS

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TRIP TO MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

C. Sturm moved, P. Checco seconded, and after an overview by Ben Jordan, the Board voted 7-0 to approve a trip for Odyssey of the Mind to represent the state at World Finals at Michigan State University, Wednesday, May 24th to Sunday, May 28th, 2017 as requested by Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator Dr. Ben Jordan.

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

SEAPERCH TRIP TO GEORGIA TECH

C. Sturm moved, P. Checco seconded, and after an overview by Ben Jordan, the Board voted 7-0 to approve a trip for two students to have an overnight field trip to attend National Finals at Georgia Tech from Friday, May 19th to Saturday, May 20th as requested by SeaPerch Coordinator Dr. Ben Jordan.

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

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.

C. Sturm moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 7-0, that, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151, the Brookfield Board of Education non-renew the teaching contract of the non-tenured teachers listed in Exhibit H at the end of the 2016-17 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 listed in Exhibit H 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.

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

DISCUSSION OF 2017-2018 BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS/ANTICIPATED MOTION

The Board and Superintendent discussed 2017-2018 budget considerations. Mr. Barile provided a memo with potential budget reductions. Extensive discussion was had among the Board and administration regarding possible reductions. The Board collectively agreed that they do not want to cut any teaching positions, existing or proposed (i.e.- proposed reading at WMS & BHS, 6th Grade teacher, HHES band, WMS athletics) or increase class size. They asked the administration to come back with non-instructional personnel/items that could possibly be reduced. A special Board meeting will take place on Thursday, April 27th at 7:00 in the BHS Media Center to continue the conversation.

Mrs. Sturm listed upcoming events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

C. Sturm moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations with respect to collective bargaining and attorney-client privilege /payroll dispute at 9:00 pm.

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

B. Belden moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to invite Superintendent John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby and Director of Business and Operations Ken Post enter into executive session at 9:04 pm.

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

The Board exited executive session at 9:50 p.m.

C. Sturm moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to discontinue pursuit of the recovery of employee advance wages at 9:51 p.m.

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

Without objection, Bob Belden adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Colette Sturm, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education