

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

Jen Laden arrived at 8:12 pm

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

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT- CENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Board and Superintendent will spotlight the students from Center Elementary School. Dr. Salon prepared a power point presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Daniel Berryman gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Ron Jaffe sent 3 articles

Jessica Juska wrote about the security task force

The following people wrote about the last day of school:

Becky Carvell, Kelley Hopkins-Alvarez, Shannon Sabella, Dana Colla, Helen Pearson, Denise Rice, Elaine Donnelly, Lisa Carrozza, Meredith O'Connor, Elizabeth Egge, Lisa Miller, Kristin Joshi, Beth Panepinto, Sujata Sequeira, Jeanie Verboncoeur, Joe & Michelle Vettorino, Laura Roscigno, Erin & David Sweet and Christina Cumberton

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes listed below as amended.

Special Meeting- 4/2/18

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile gave an overview of systems in place. Dan Caldwell prepared a power point presentation with the projects completed during April break.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel & Negotiations- 3/27/18- Mrs. Sturm said the subcommittee went into executive session to discuss unaffiliated personnel and salaries.

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Facilities- 4/4/18- Mrs. Sturdevant said all of the projects done during spring break were completed and done under budget.

Strategic Facilities- 4/4/18- Mrs. Sturdevant reported on the surveys. The numbers will be reported on May 1st. She will see who is able to attend the Senior Center meeting on 5/22 at 1:00 pm. June 7th is the next public forum on the facilities studies.

Finance- 4/9/18- Mr. Belden said the subcommittee discussed March financials and check registers. They discussed the MUNIS update, 2018-2019 proposed operating budget and balance sheet accounts update. New business included free and reduced lunch update and special education costs. Miscellaneous discussion included student activity accounts and common budget reporting.

CONSENT AGENDA

J. Greenstein moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

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

NEW BUSINESS

CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The Board discussed the school calendar as it relates to the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.

After discussion, J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 5-2 to approve moving the last day of school for the 2017-2018 school year to Friday, June 22nd, keeping in alignment with the State law which requires students to attend school for 180 days.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks and J. Laden voted aye.

J. Greenstein and Eve Sturdevant voted no.

Mrs. Sturm gave a town by town comparison of surrounding districts and their school calendars.

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

J. Greenstein moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to 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 listed in Exhibit H at the end of the 2017-18 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.

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

DISCUSSION OF 2018-2019 BUDGET

The Board discussed 2018-2019 budget considerations.

STUDENT REQUEST FOR NON-RESIDENT ATTENDANCE

The Board discussed a student request for non-resident attendance. It will be discussed in executive session.

Mrs. Greenstein listed upcoming events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

J. Greenstein moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy & negotiations, unaffiliated salaries and a student request for non-resident attendance at 8:57pm .

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

Chairman Colette Sturm called the executive session meeting to order and invited Superintendent Dr. John Barile to join them at 9:02 pm.

Superintendent Dr. John Barile exited the Executive session at 9:10 pm.

C. Sturm moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to deny the request of the student seeking to attend the Brookfield Public Schools as a non-resident for the reasons discussed in the executive session and consistent with Board of Education Policy #5118, Non-Resident Attendance.

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

C. Sturm moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a 2% salary increases for unaffiliated employees of the Brookfield School District for the 2018-2019 fiscal year with the exceptions of the HR Specialist, Accounting Supervisor, Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent, which will be handled separately.

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

C. Sturm moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a 3% salary increases for the HR Specialist and Account Supervisor of the Brookfield School District for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

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

C. Sturm moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a 1 year contract extension for the position of Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent until June 30, 2021, and a one year contract extension for the position of Business of Operations until June 30, 2019.

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Without objection, Chairman Sturm adjourned the meeting at 9:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Joy Greenstein, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education