

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

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 Melissa Labroschiano, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, and members of the staff, press and public.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT- CENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Board and Superintendent spotlighted the students from Center Elementary School who shared a video of Kindergarten students engaged in the Forces and Motion Smithsonian Science Unit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shari Styranovski spoke about class size in special education.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

None

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Ron Jaffe shared an article about financial education.

Monique Matthews wrote regarding special education board policy and applicable law.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting- 3/20/19

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile spoke about the kick off meeting to plan the healthy school start time committee. Dr. Ruby gave an update on Trauma Sensitive Schools training.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

CAPE-3/19/19- Mrs. Laden said the subcommittee spoke about PDEC and curriculum development regarding standards based grading in grades K-4 and 5-12. Dr. Ruby gave an update at the committee meeting on RULER.

Policy/Communications- 3/20/19- Mrs. Fernandes said the subcommittee reported on the Service Animal policy. They discussed the Non lapsing fund policy, updated the safety policy as well as the

insurance policy and budget publication/adoption. The subcommittee discussed the website layout and the budget flyer.

Security Task Force- 3/22/19- Mrs. Sturm said the subcommittee discussed contacting the State police regarding security assessment. Eric Conklin gave an update on GoGuardian and had a video conference regarding an upgrade to the PA system. The task force will now meet every few months instead of every month.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

BHS CHORUS/BAND TRIP TO VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

J. Greenstein moved, D. Brooks seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a trip for the BHS Band/Chorus to travel to Virginia Beach, VA from Thursday, June 6, 2019 to Sunday, June 9, 2019 as requested by BHS band and chorus teachers John Lamendola and Stephen St. Georges.

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

APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE TEACHER EVALUATION AND SUPPORT PLAN

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and after a presentation by the PDEC committee, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the revisions to the 2019-2020 Evaluation and Support plan as recommended by the PDEC committee, the CAPE subcommittee and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby, to be submitted to the CSDE.

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

J. Greenstein moved, D. Brooks 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 at the end of the 2018-19 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.

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

POLICIES

POLICY #3171.1- NON-LAPSING EDUCATION FUND

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #3171.1, Non-Lapsing Education Fund, for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

POLICY #3516- SAFETY

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #3516, Safety, for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

POLICY #3130- BUDGET PUBLICATION/ADOPTION

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #3130, Budget Publication/Adoption, for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

OLD BUSINESS

EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS NEW SCHOOL PROJECT FINAL

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the FINAL Educational Specifications for the new elementary school project from Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION'S BUDGET ESTIMATE 2019-2020

The Board continued its discussion on the Board of Education's 2019-2020 adopted budget estimate. Dr. Barile gave a power point presentation with suggested reductions.

After discussion, B. Belden moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 that the Board present the proposed reductions as having been evaluated by the Board and is a preliminary list of reductions that the Board is considering; and that the Board has asked the administration to come back at its May meetings to finalize the list.

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

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

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

3 MAIN POINTS

1. 2019-2020 Budget
2. Educational Specifications for the new school building project
3. K-2 Science and Math

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Greenstein listed upcoming events

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing a confidential student matter at 9:25 pm.

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

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 9:29 pm.

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

Invited in: Superintendent Dr. John Barile

The Board entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing a confidential student matter.

Adjournment: Without objection, Chairman Colette Sturm adjourned the meeting at 9:43pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Joy Greenstein, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education