

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Absent: Eve Sturdevant

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.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

The Board recognized the following Teachers of the Year:

Center Elementary School- Samantha Hannon
Huckleberry Hill School- Mollie Prizio
Whisconier Middle School- Marsi Boon
Brookfield High School- Ernesto Davila

The Superintendent announced that Samantha Hannon from Center Elementary School has been voted as the 2019 District Teacher of the Year.

The Board would like to recognize the following 2019 Staff Members of the Year:

Center Elementary School- Michelle Vettorino
Huckleberry Hill School- Deb Varotsis
Whisconier Middle School- Patricia Lynch
Brookfield High School- Diane Holmes
Town School Office- Joan Reynolds

The Board recognized the following Top 11 graduating seniors from Brookfield High School, Class of 2019 for their academic achievements:

Rachel Li (*Johns Hopkins University*), Sadie Smart, (*Swarthmore College*), Elizabeth Carrizzo, (*University of Connecticut*), Hailey Osika (*Vassar College*), Claire Henke (*Franklin & Marshall College*), Danielle Katz (*University of Connecticut*), Claire Lennon (*University of Vermont*), Camryn Schilling (*GAP Year*), Olivia Kappel (*Connecticut College*), Emily Devorsetz (*Northeastern University*), Josie Luizzi (*Wake Forest University*)

The Board and Superintendent thanked Madeline O'Connor for her service to the Board of Education as the student representative.

The Board took a brief recess at 7:39pm and returned at 8:02 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Ron Jaffe wrote regarding the new school project, the new Connecticut report card and a school based peer to peer suicide prevention.

Andrea Farrison wrote about bus transportation

Marisa Faleri wrote regarding her resignation

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting- 5/15/19

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile gave an update on the new school project; construction grant and input process. Mr. Post gave an update on the State budget. Dr. Barile gave an update on the kitchen inspections of all four schools and they received a perfect rating.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance- 5/13/19- Mr. Belden reported that the primary discussion of the subcommittee was discussing this year's budget. They also discussed about how the books are closed monthly.

Policy/Communications- 5/15/19- Mrs. Fernandes reported that 3 policies will be presented later in the meeting. The transportation policy is being further reviewed. The #4000 series will be adopted as whole by CABE. Communications discussion included the newsletter and promotional videos.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

HEALTHY FOOD/BEVERAGE CERTIFICATION

1. Healthy Food Option:

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 that, Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups.

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

2. Exemption for Food Items:

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 that the Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held.

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

3. Beverage Exemptions:

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 that the Board of Education will allow the sale to students of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting or extracurricular activity. The “school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held, and must be the same place as the food sales.

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

FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT EXTENSION

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the extension of the Whitsons Food Service contract for the 2019-2020 school year as recommended by Director of Business and Operations Ken Post.

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

POLICIES

POLICY #3534- EMPLOYEE/OFFICER BONDS

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, to approve Policy #3534, Employee/Officer Bonds for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

After discussion, J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve Policy #3534 to replace Policy #3533, Employee/Officer Bonds for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

POLICY 3542.45- VENDING MACHINES

J. Greenstein J. Laden moved, seconded, to approve Policy #3542.45, Vending Machines for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

After discussion, J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve Policy #3542.33, Food Sales other than National School Lunch Program which will replace Policy #3542.45, Vending Machines for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

POLICY #3152- SPENDING PUBLIC FUNDS FOR ADVOCACY

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve Policy #3152, Spending Public Funds for Advocacy for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

APPROVAL OF PERKINS GRANTS

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, to approve the concept and sustainability of the Perkins Innovation Grants submitted to the State Department of Education.

After a brief explanation by Marc Balanda, C. Sturm moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to table the motion of the approval of the concept and sustainability of the Perkins Innovation Grants submitted to the State Department of Education.

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

PARAPROFESSIONAL CONTRACT

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and after a brief explanation by Mrs. Sturm, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the successor contract between the Brookfield Board of Education and the Brookfield Paraprofessional Union.

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

OLD BUSINESS

BUDGET DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE MOTION

The Board discussed/approved the 2019- 2020 budget reduction considerations.

After discussion, B. Belden moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 that the Board accept the administrative recommended budget reductions as presented to the Board as official adjustments to the 2019-2020 budget.

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

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

Dr. Barile reported earlier in the meeting.

3 MAIN POINTS

1. Top 11/Teacher of the Year
2. New School Update
3. Budget Reductions

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Greenstein listed upcoming events

EXECUTIVE SESSION

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's goals/evaluation and strategy & negotiations as it relates to collective bargaining at 8:43 pm

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

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 8:47 pm.

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

Absent: Eve Sturdevant

Invited in: Superintendent Dr. John Barile and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby

The board entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's goals/evaluation and strategy and negotiations as it related to collective bargaining.

Superintendent Dr. John Barile and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby exit executive session at 9:30

Colette Sturm, Bob Belden, Joy Greenstein, Rosa Fernandes, Debbie Brooks, and Jen Laden exited out of executive session at 10:20

Without objection, Chairman Sturm adjourned the meeting at 10:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Joy Greenstein, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education