

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY APRIL 2, 2014
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Scott McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Present: Scott McCarthy, Paul Checco, Susan Queenan, Victor Katz, Harry Shaker, Steve Harding and Tara Lerner

Also Present: Superintendent Anthony Bivona, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone, Director of Special Services Charlie Manos, Interim Business Manager Ed Arum, BHS Principal Joe Palumbo, HHES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, CES Principal Dr. Krys Salon and members of the staff and public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Kwas spoke about the non-tenured teacher letters. Mr. Kwas said there are 60 teachers in total.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

none

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Jen Falci - population study

Rich Saluga - BOE lack of professionalism and responsibility

Rich Saluga - Information request

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

S. Queenan moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular- 3/19/14

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, V. Katz, H. Shaker, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Mr. Bivona said the last day of school- Wednesday, June 18, 2014-

Update on flexibility plans for teacher evaluation- Dr Slone gave an update from the State.

COMMUNICATIONS

B & FC- 3/17/14 (verbal given at 3/19/14 BOE meeting)

CAPE- 3/18/14- Mr. Katz reported on the survey for World Language.

Policy- 3/19/14- Mr. Harding reported on the Bullying policy, credit card policy and the social networking policy.

CONSENT AGENDA

S. Queenan moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, V. Katz, H. Shaker, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

SETTING OF THE GRADUATION DATE FOR THE CLASS OF 2014

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 that the Board set the graduation date for the Class of 2014 for Saturday, June 21, 2014 at 4:00pm at the O’Neil Center, Western Connecticut State University.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, V. Katz, H. Shaker, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

DISCUSSION OF SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to discuss the contract of employment of non-tenured teachers and that they not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2013-2014 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise such person(s) in writing of this action.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, V. Katz, H. Shaker, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

2014-2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR

After discussion, S. Queenan moved, S. Harding seconded, to approve the changes to the school calendar for the 2014-2015 school year.

After discussion, S. Queenan moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to amend the agenda to approve the changes to the school calendar as discussed for the 2014-2015 school year.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, V. Katz, H. Shaker, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

S. Queenan moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the 2014-2015 school calendar with the recommended modifications listed below. (One more Professional Development Day to be added at the discretion of the Assistant Superintendent.)

- Friday, August 22nd- New Teacher Orientation
- Monday, August 25th- Wednesday, August 27th- Professional Development Days
- First day of school- Thursday, August 28th- full day of school
- Last day of school- Thursday, June 11th- half day of school
- Wednesday, November 26th- half day of school
- Friday, January 16th- full day of school
- Thursday, February 12th- full day of school
- Friday- February 13th- Professional Development Day

2014-2015 BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Board continued its discussion on the 2014-2015 budget. Mr. McCarthy gave an overview of where the district stands right now.

2012-2013 AUDIT

The Board and Superintendent Bivona continued their discussion on the 2012-2013 audit.

ADJOURNMENT

V. Katz moved, S. Queenan seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn its meeting at 9:46 pm
S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Morelli, Board Clerk

Susan Queenan, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education