

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
SPECIAL MEETING - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER, BROOKFIELD, CT
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Chairman Scott McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Also Present: Acting Superintendent Ralph Iassogna, Assistant Superintendent Genie Slone, Director of Special Services Charlie Manos, Interim Director of Finance and Operations Gregg Miller, Interim BHS Principal Mark Jewett, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, CES Principal Krysalon and several members of the public.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Cynthia Radke sent a letter of thanks.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DRAFT OF THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Board received and discussed a draft copy of the 2015-2016 school calendar. They will have further discussion at the January 7, 2015 Board of Education meeting.

DRAFT OF THE 2015 SUBCOMMITTEE CALENDAR

The Board received a copy of the 2015 subcommittee meetings from January to June, 2015.

APPROVAL OF POLICY #1324, OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS SOLICITING FUNDS

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 0-6 to approve Policy #1324, Outside Organizations Soliciting Funds, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on November 5, 2014. The subcommittee will make changes as discussed and bring this back to the Board on January 7, 2015.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted no.

OLD BUSINESS

CONTINUATION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S BUDGET PRESENTATION 2015-2016

Dr. Slone gave an overview on Personnel/Curriculum part of the budget. Special Services Director Charlie Manos, Facilities Supervisor Tom Tibolla, and Technology Coordinator Kathy Colavito also provided an information summary and answered questions with regard to their respective departments.

The Board also asked the Superintendent for the following considerations/costs as we move forward in the budget process:

Hire an HVAC mechanic
Add more languages
World Language lab at BHS and WMS
Hire a consultant for upcoming program evaluations
Make sure supplies and equipment are adequate for staff
Adding personnel to custodial staff
Replace cuts made at BHS, Business, Art, Spanish
Additional staff for the Technology department
Breakout of merit increases and new staff
Implement/replace enrichment program
Add funds for “unknowns” (contingency)
Keep money for Brookfield Cares survey
College coach
Leave pay to participate in the budget for 2015-2016
Purchase track uniforms for kids
Reinstate 3rd world language
More information requested regarding subs

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

ADJOURNMENT

P. Checco moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to adjourn its meeting at 9:45 pm
S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, V. Katz, S. Harding and T. Lerner voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Susan Queenan, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education