

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Scott McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

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

Mr. McCarthy announced that Greg Beck has officially resigned from his position as a Board of Education member.

Also Present: Superintendent Anthony Bivona, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone, Director of Special Services Charlie Manos, Director of Finance Business and Technology Operations Art Colley, BHS Principal Joe Palumbo, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, CES Principal Dr. Krys Salon and members of the staff and public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Zinser spoke about the audit and the budget

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

None

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

John and Jackie Garvey wrote about Greg Beck resigning, BOF and the budget process
The Board thanked Marianne Seeber and Mark Zerbe for their donation to the BHS Music Program
Ray DiStephan wrote about the Common Core
John Leopold wrote about Greg Beck resigning
Rich Saluga wrote about the FOI compliant to the BOE
Jane Bate wrote about the Common Core
Ron Orban wrote about budget concerns
Brian Frame wrote about Greg Beck resigning

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

S. Queenan moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting 12/18/13

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Mr. Bivona gave an update on upcoming budget forums/tapings.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy- 12/18/13- Mr. Katz said the subcommittee discussed bullying.

CONSENT AGENDA

S. Queenan moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

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

NEW BUSINESS

ROBOTICS TRIP

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and after a brief explanation by Sue Troupe, the Board voted 6-0 to approve that the Robotics Team 1099 have permission for overnight travel to District Competitions in Groton, CT (March 7th & March 8th), Southington, CT and Hartford, CT (March 27th & March 28th). If they win, permission is requested to travel to the District Championship at Agganis Arena at Boston University in Boston, MA (April 9th-April 11th) and if they win that, permission is requested to travel to the World Championship in St. Louis, MO (April 22nd-April 26th) as requested by School-to-Career Coordinator Sue Troupe.

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

OLD BUSINESS

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDED 2014-2015 BUDGET

The Board continued its discussion on the 2014-2015 budget. Board members discussed concern about having discussion regarding the budget with the final audit report not coming out until tomorrow.

2012-2013 AUDIT

The Board continued its discussion on the 2012-2013 audit. Mr. McCarthy gave an update on where we are with the audit. The report will be out to the Board of Finance tomorrow.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to adjourn its regular meeting and enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the performance of the Director of Finance and Technology Operations at 9:59 pm.

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

H. Shaker moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the performance of the Director of Finance and Technology Operations at 10:13 pm and invite Superintendent Bivona and Director of Finance, Technology and Operations Art Colley.
S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz and S. Harding voted aye.

Art Colley left the meeting at 11:40 pm.

V. Katz moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to come out of executive session at 11:40pm.

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

V. Katz moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to adjourn its regular meeting at 11:41pm.
S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz and S. Harding voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Morelli, Board Clerk

Susan Queenan, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education