

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

The Board would like to recognize the following Teachers of the Year:

Center Elementary School- Renee Richardson
Huckleberry Hill School- Meredith McGlynn
Whisconier Middle School- Jessica Recce
Brookfield High School- Laurie Lazorchak

The Superintendent would like to announce that Laurie Lazorchak from Brookfield High School has been selected as the District Teacher of the Year.

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

BHS: Jen Gioglio
WMS: Diane Cerasoli
HHES: Kristen Sheehan
CES: Natalie Martin
TSO: Ken Post

The Board would like to recognize the following Top 10 graduating seniors from Brookfield High School, Class of 2023 for their academic achievements:
Adeethya Shankar (*Brown University*), Rachel Tang (*Duke University*), Matthew Esneault (*University of Southern CA*), Ethan Mettler (*University of Connecticut*), Omkar Maralappanavar (*University of Connecticut*), Ayeisha Gener (*Northeastern University*), Elisa Eddy (*Syracuse University*), Katerina Anikeev (*University of Connecticut*), Nathan Schmitt (*Vassar College*), Kyle Dattner (*Cornell University*)

V. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

The Board and Superintendent would like to thank Kaitlyn Zezza for her service to the Board of Education as the student representative.

VI. BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION UPDATE

Recommended Action: that the Board receive an update from BHS Principal Marc Balanda regarding the format of the Class of 2023 graduation ceremony scheduled for Saturday, June 17, 2023.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board of Education welcomes public comment. Each speaker shall have up to three minutes to provide input to the Board. At the start of each regular meeting, a maximum of 20 minutes is allotted for comment on any item included on the agenda for that meeting. At the end of each regular meeting, time is allotted for comment on any item which is within the Board’s jurisdiction, which would also include overflow time for individuals who were not able to speak in the initial 20 minute time slot. Discussion of school personnel, individualized students or of individual members of the Board shall not be considered appropriate.

VIII. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

IX. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Recommended Motion: that the Board approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Special Meeting- 5/3/2023
Regular Meeting- 5/3/2023
Special Meeting- 5/22/2023

EXHIBIT A
EXHIBIT B
EXHIBIT C

X. SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

XI. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities- 5/3/2023
Finance- 5/8/2023
CAPE- 5/10/2023
Policy/Communications- 5/17/2023

EXHIBIT D
EXHIBIT E
EXHIBIT F
EXHIBIT G

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

Recommended Motion: that the Board approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended:

NEW HIRES

Ivy Walker (1.0) SPED LT Substitute for Shaina Stebbins at HHES, effective 5/15/2023
Alda Paloka (1.0) ABA Para for WMS, replacing Cassidy Riolo, effective 5/15/2023
Taryn Argenta (1.0) SPED Supervisor Prek-5, replacing Robin Riccatelli, effective 7/1/2023

RESIGNATIONS

Christian Ramos (1.0) Custodian at HHES, effective 5/12/2023
Laura Heckmann (1.0) Para at CES, effective 5/4/2023
Sydney Webb (1.0) Para at HHES, effective 5/3/2023
Ashlie Flores (1.0) ABA Para at WMS, effective 6/3/2023
Amy DeNicola-Hickman (1.0) Director of SPED, effective 6/30/2023
Mariah Rivera (1.0) Para at CES, effective 7/27/2023

April Financials

EXHIBIT H

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. CREC REPORT

Recommended Action: that the Board receive a report from Capitol Region Education Council (CREC) regarding the Special Education Review.

B. UNIVERSAL READING ASSESSMENT

Recommended Motion: that the Board approve mClass Dibels to become the universal screening assessment for K-3 reading and math for the 2023-2024 school year as recommended by the CAPE subcommittee and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Anna Mahon.

EXHIBIT H1

C. APPROVAL OF IDEA GRANT APPLICATION

Recommended Motion: that the Board approve the annual submission of the district IDEA Grant as required by State law.

D. FLEXIBILITIES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE CT GUIDELINES FOR EDUCATOR EVALUATION FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR.

Recommended Motion: that the Board approve the Flexibilities for Implementing the CT Guidelines for Educator Evaluation for the 2023-2024 School Year as recommended by the CAPE subcommittee and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Anna Mahon. **EXHIBIT I**

E. APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Recommended Motion: that the Board approve the attached list of field trips for the 2023-2024 school year as requested by BHS Principal Marc Balanda. **EXHIBIT J**

F. APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS FOR SPORTS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Recommended Motion: that the Board approve the attached list of sports field trips for the 2023-2024 school year as requested by Athletic Director Steve Baldwin. **EXHIBIT K**

G. POLICIES

1. POLICY 6146.1- GRADING/ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS/WEIGHTED GRADES

Recommended Motion: that the Board delete Brookfield's version of Policy #6146.1, Grading, Assessment Systems, Weighted Grades and adopt CAFE's version, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on May 3, 2023. **EXHIBIT L**

2. POLICY #6141.52, CHALLENGING CURRICULUM, (CRITERIA FOR IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE GRADE 8, 9 STUDENTS)

Recommended Motion: that the Board approve new required Policy #6141.52, Challenging Curriculum, (Criteria for Identification of Eligible Grade 8, 9 Students), for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on May 3, 2023. **EXHIBIT M**

3. POLICY #6141.51, ADVANCED COURSES OR PROGRAMS, ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ENROLLMENT

Recommended Motion: that the Board approved new required Policy #6141.51, Advanced Courses or Programs, Eligibility Criteria for Enrollment for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on May 3, 2023. **EXHIBIT N**

4. POLICY #6146, GRADUATION

Recommended Motion: that the Board approve the deletion of Brookfield’s Policy and Regulation #6146, Graduation, and adopt CAFE’s version of Policy #6146, Graduation, for a final reading, as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on May 3, 2023. **EXHIBIT O**

5. POLICY/REGULATION #1120, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Recommended Motion: that the Board approve the revisions to Policy and Regulation #1120, Public Participation, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on May 3, 2023. **EXHIBIT P**

6. BYLAW #9325, MEETING CONDUCT

Recommended Motion: that the Board approve the deletion of Brookfield’s Bylaw #9325, Meeting Conduct, and adopt CAFE’s version of Bylaw #9325, Meeting Conduct, for a final reading, as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on May 3, 2023. **EXHIBIT Q**

XIV. OLD BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF CURRICULAR TOOL- “ILLUSTRATIVE MATH”

Recommended Motion: that the Board approve the recommended curricular tool titled, “Illustrative Math” as the new K-8 curricular tool for math instruction being phased in beginning in the 2023- 2024 school year as recommended by the CAPE subcommittee and Dr. Anna Mahon, and as discussed at the May 3, 2023 Board of Education meeting. **EXHIBIT R**

B. BOARD OF EDUCATION’S BUDGET ESTIMATE 2023-2024

Recommended Motion: that the Board approve the reduction adjustments to the 2023-2024 budget, in the amount of \$126,275 as recommended by the Finance subcommittee, and that the Board adopt its budget in the amount of \$50,384,287, a 3.53% increase over the current budget, as voted on at the May 30, 2023 Town budget referendum.

C. CANDLEWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The Board will receive an update on the Candlewood Lake Elementary school building project.

D. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING LOCATION

Recommended Motion: that the Board authorize the Superintendent to move the location of the regular Board of Education meetings to Candlewood Lake Elementary School, starting with July, 2023 depending upon facility availability.

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3 MAIN POINTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

Recommended Motion: that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of finalizing the Superintendent's evaluation and contract, Assistant Superintendent's contract, Director of Business Operations contract, unaffiliated salaries and strategy and negotiations as it relates to collective bargaining.