

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Bob Belden called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Bob Belden, Joy Greenstein Amy Foster, Rosa Fernandes, Dr. Mike Murphy, Debbie Brooks Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Anna Mahon, Director of Special Education Amy DeNicola-Hickman, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Dr. Dave Pepsoski and Assistant Principal Dr. Danielle Rudl, CES Principal Deb Farias and members of the staff & public.

ABSENT- Sharon Butow

PUBLIC COMMENT

Monique Matthews spoke about a petition

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT- CENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Center School will be spotlighted the scientists in Mrs. Knapp's Kindergarten class with a presentation by her students.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT- KAITLYN ZEZZA

Kaitlyn Zezza gave an update on the happenings at BHS

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Denise Rice wrote regarding a complaint.

Jeffrey Katz wrote regarding building conditions at the high school.

Marni McNiff wrote regarding the CREC survey and focus groups.

Sara Coffey wrote regarding school security positions.

Nick Schmidt wrote regarding cardiac screenings for athletes and explicit books at the BHS library.

Jennifer Pink wrote regarding increasing substitute pay.

Michele Santos wrote regarding Connectkids transportation.

Jamie Klavans, Monique Matthews, Lindsey Davis and Irene Corea wrote regarding the CREC focus groups.

Tanya Stanley and Debbie Pizzo wrote regarding the BHS library circulation.

Howard Lasser wrote regarding meeting dates.

Kerri Colombo wrote supporting vetted access to library resources.

Jamie Klavans wrote regarding mental health and the lack of support in the high school

Andy Corea wrote regarding the failure to oppose an SRO's accelerated rehabilitation application.

Monique Matthews wrote regarding a special ed petition.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting- 3/15/2023

Special Meeting- 3/15/2023

B. Belden, J. Greenstein, A. Foster, R. Fernandes, M. Murphy and D. Brooks voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

The Superintendent gave an update on the BHS International Science & Engineering Fair and said that 2 of our 11th graders have projects qualifying. Dr. Barile wished the para educators a Happy Para educators Day and gave an update on kindergarten enrollment. Dr. Rudl gave a presentation on the pikmykid app.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance- 3/13/2023- Mrs. Fernandes said the subcommittee discussed check registers, February financials and the 2023-2024 operating budget. New business included a discussion regarding pay rate guidelines.

Security Task Force- 3/30/2023- Mr. Belden said the committee spent most of the meeting in executive session. In public session the committee discussed the accomplishments over the course of the 2022-2023 school year.

Mrs. Greenstein gave a brief update on the BHS boy’s locker room project.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

B. Belden, J. Greenstein, A. Foster, R. Fernandes, M. Murphy and D. Brooks voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

POLICIES

POLICY #5118.111, CHILDREN OF NON RESIDENT STAFF/QUALIFIED TUITION REDUCTION

A Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve Policy #5118.111, Children on Non-Resident Staff/Qualified Tuition Reduction, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on February 15, 2023.

B. Belden, J. Greenstein, A. Foster, R. Fernandes, M. Murphy and D. Brooks voted aye.

BOARD OF EDUCATION’S ADOPTED 2023-2024 BUDGET

The Board continued its discussion on the Board of Education’s 2023-2024 adopted budget, if necessary.

CANDLEWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The Board received an update on the Candlewood Lake Elementary School building project. Mrs. Fernandes shared the most recent pictures of the construction with the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Monique Matthews spoke about a petition
Debbie Pizzo spoke about books
Sarah Amaral spoke about books
Jillian Doherty spoke about books
Austin Monteiro spoke about morals
Howard Lasser spoke about the Craft Center, meeting dates and books
Tayna Stanley spoke about library
Laura Orban spoke about books
Aaron Zimmer spoke about books
Tara Peterson spoke about books
Mary Cappiello spoke about books
Irene Corea spoke about the condition of the BHS guidance wing roof
Sara Coffey spoke about books
Krysten Ventresca spoke about library books
Elena Lopez spoke about library books
James Hoffman spoke about library books
Alan Villaverdo spoke about library books
Pat Bossio spoke about books
Andy Corea spoke about contract negotiations

3 MAIN POINTS

1. CES Spotlight
2. Candlewood Lake Elementary School Update
3. Public Comment Book Discussion

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations as it relates to collective bargaining and discussion and possible action regarding attorney/client privileged information and draft agreement with the Brookfield Police Department at 9:06 pm.

Chairman Bob Belden called the meeting to order at 9:15 pm.

Present: Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Rosa Fernandes, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein and Mike Murphy

Absent: Sharon Butow

Superintendent Dr. John Barile and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Anna Mahon were invited in at 9:15 pm.

The Board entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations as it relates to collective bargaining and discussion and possible action regarding attorney/client privileged information and draft agreement with the Brookfield Police Department.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Anna Mahon exited executive session at 9:41 pm.

Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Rosa Fernandes, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein and Mike Murphy exited executive session at 10:35 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Chairman Bob Belden adjourned the meeting at 10:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education