

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
(ZOOM) REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

(Present via Zoom): Rosa Fernandes, Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Jen Laden, Michel Murphy, Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, Director of Special Services Gina Wygonik, Director of Instruction Deb Farias, Director of Technology Eric Conklin, Director of Human Resources Terri Kavanagh, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Melissa Labrosciano, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, and members of the faculty, staff and administration.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT- WHISCONIER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Whisconier Middle School presented a PowerPoint of the WMS Diversity Coalition.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Tanvi Chennuru gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Debra Ann wrote regarding municipal elections.

Dan Folchetti wrote regarding school curriculum.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting- 5/5/2021

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile gave a COVID update and the Governors Executive Order extension. He reported on the status of the ESSER Grant as well as fall opening and public engagement. The National Honor Society will be on May 20th at 8:00pm. Whisconier Middle School

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities-5/5/2021- Mrs. Greenstein said the subcommittee reviewed the School Dude reports. They received a WMS water update and a custodial staffing update. The subcommittee discussed capital projects, the wall at WMS and an OSHA follow up. New business included discussion regarding sprinkler inspections and testing. Discussion with the Board included the BHS Locker Room.

Finance- 5/10/2021- Mr. Belden said the subcommittee discussed the financial reports and had brief conversation on the 2021-2022 operating budget, ESSER grants and the WMS wall project. New Business discussion included the food service contract renewal and bus contract bid.

Equity- 5/13/2021- Mrs. Foster said the committee discussed subgroups reports and an overview of equity frameworks. The five action groups split into breakout rooms to begin discussions on the above concepts and gathered back as a full group to discuss questions. They discussed summary and next steps.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

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

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF IDEA GRANT APPLICATION

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the annual submission of the district IDEA Grant as required by State law.

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

2021-2022 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES

A. Foster moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the 2021-2022 Board of Education meeting dates.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE/JULY-DECEMBER 2021

A. Foster moved, D. Brooks seconded to approve the subcommittee meeting schedule from July-December 2021.

After discussion, B. Belden moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to table the approval of the subcommittee meeting schedule for July-December 2021 until the next Board meeting.

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

WAIVER OF POLICY#4112.421/4212.421, PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG SCREENING

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to waive Policy #4112.421/4212.421, Pre-Employment Drug Screening as it relates to workers who are students within the Brookfield Public School System.

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

OLD BUSINESS

BOARD OF EDUCATION'S BUDGET ESTIMATE 2021-2022

The Board continued its discussion on the Board of Education's 2021-2022 adopted budget.

CANDLEWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

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

3 MAIN POINTS

1. BHS Boys Locker Room
2. Candlewood Lake Elementary School
3. COVID Update

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent’s evaluation, unaffiliated salaries & contracts at 7:53pm.

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

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the meeting to order at 7:55 pm.

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

Superintendent Dr. John Barile was invited in at 7:55 pm.

The Board entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent’s evaluation, unaffiliated salaries & contracts. Superintendent Dr. John Barile exited at 8:15 pm.

Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Rosa Fernandes, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Jen Laden and Mike Murphy exited out of executive session at 9:10 pm.

Bob Belden moved, Amy Foster seconded and the Board voted 7-0 to increase all unaffiliated salaries 2.25% for the 2021-2022 budget year with the exception of Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby and Director of Business and Operations Ken Post.

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

Bob Belden moved, Amy Foster seconded and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a retroactive 2.25% salary increase for the 2020- 2021 budget year for Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

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

Bob Belden moved, Amy Foster seconded and the Board voted 7-0 to table the discussion on the three remaining unaffiliated contracts until the next executive session.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection, Chairman Rosa Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 9:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education