

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

Also Present: 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, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Melissa Labrosciano, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, and members of the administration.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Cary Nadel, Elijah Huling and Meghan Letizia wrote regarding spring coaching stipends.

Laura Orban shared information about a school finance webinar.

Trina and John Capone, Irene Corea, Lisa Whalen, Roger and Kathryn Ciriello, Steve Dunn and Rich Angarano wrote regarding the budget.

Tom and Jennifer Mix, Jeff Kane, Bryan Muller and Julie Lewis wrote regarding the budget and athletics.

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- 5/6/2020

Special Meeting- 5/11/2020

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile sent videos of student achievement and shared a video which aired on Channel 8. He spoke about planning for the end of the year and the summer and a regional team has been organized for planning. The Leadership Team will be involved in a workshop with the Center for School Change.

The Leadership Team and community members will be part of a reopening planning team with a goal of having a plan by the end of June. The Superintendent also reported on celebrations and transitions for the end of the year while following CDC guidelines and Dr. Sullivan. Faculty and staff will begin over the next week to pick up belongings and student belongings pick up will follow. Mrs. Dymond gave an update on Kindergarten registration and bringing it to an on-line format.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities-5/6/2020- Mrs. Greenstein reported on the BHS locker room project and moving forward without funding from the Board of Finance and they will look for other funding. Phase 1 of the BHS HVAC project is complete. Two paving project are planned for WMS & BHS and the fire pump generator for WMS is on order. The BHS gym floors were resurfaced and Mitchell Oil came to pump water out from the CES water tank. They received a custodial staffing update. The subcommittee

discussed the NEASC report regarding capital needs and discussed cleaning equipment for next year and capital equipment for school kitchens.

Finance- 5/11/2020- Mr. Belden reported that the committee discussed the budget and under runs for this year. They talked about solution items for the budget.

Healthy Start Time -5/12/2020- Mrs. Laden said the subcommittee is ready to make a recommendation to the full Board. They have developed an executive summary and presentation to be shared at the 6/3/2020 Board meeting.

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, D. Brooks, J. Greenstein, 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, D. Brooks, J. Greenstein, J. Laden and M. Murphy voted aye.

2020-2021 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the 2020-2021 Board of Education meeting dates.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE/JULY-DECEMBER 2020

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded to approve the subcommittee meeting schedule from July-December 2020.

After discussion, B. Belden moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the July and August subcommittee meeting dates and will approve the September-December pending further discussion.

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

OLD BUSINESS

BOARD OF EDUCATION'S BUDGET ESTIMATE 2020-2021

The Board continued its discussion on the Board of Education's 2020-2021 adopted budget estimate.

After discussion, R. Fernandes moved, B. Belden seconded to approve the reductions to the 2020-2021 budget as recommended by Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

After further discussion, B. Belden moved, R. Fernandes seconded to amend the motion to take the savings from the insurance savings and revert the Cross Country Coach to keep it in the budget and to revert the Extended Duty reduction to keep it in the budget and put the remainder against Professional Development.

B. Belden proposed to amend the motion on the floor, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 5-2 to revert \$2,515 and keep the Cross Country Coach in the budget and revert \$3,324 to put back into Extended Duty.

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

Mrs. Holley had discussion with the Board on the World Language program.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The Board received an update on the new school building project.

3 MAIN POINTS

1. Budget
2. New School Update
3. School Reopening Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

Recommended Motion: that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation, unaffiliated salaries & contracts, and security procedures at 9:41pm.

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the meeting to order at 9:45 pm.

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

The Board entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation, unaffiliated salaries and contracts and security procedures.

Rosa Fernandes, Bob Belden, Jen Laden, Joy Greenstein, Debbie Brooks, Mike Murphy and Amy Foster exited out of executive session at 11:11 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Without objection, Chairman Rosa Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 11:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education