

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

I. Chairman Bob Belden called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT:

Bob Belden, Joy Greenstein, Amy Foster, Rosa Fernandes, Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, Special Education Director Amy DeNicola-Hickman, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Assistant Principal June Gordon, HHES Interim Principal Dave Pepsoski, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond and members of the staff and public.

ABSENT: Debbie Brooks, Mike Murphy and Sharon Butow

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

The Board recognized the following Teachers of the Year:

Center Elementary School- Sarah Dougherty, Huckleberry Hill School- Kimberly Garcia, Whisconier Middle School- Kiley Evans and Brookfield High School- Stephanie Vivas

The Superintendent announced that Sarah Dougherty from Center School has been voted as the District Teacher of the Year.

The Board recognized the following Staff Members of the Year:

Center Elementary School- Frank Cordero, Huckleberry Hill School- Christian Ramos, Whisconier Middle School- Officer Sean Flynn, Brookfield High School- Karen Howe and Town School Office- Kristen Lanese

The Board recognized the following Top 10 graduating seniors from Brookfield High School, Class of 2022 for their academic achievements.

Jackson Sharp (*Dartmouth College*), Nora Gravgaard (*Michigan University*), Bailey Mahoney (*Vassar College*), Gregory Friedman (*University of Connecticut*), Samuel Kotran (*Undecided*), Samhita Shirsat (*University of Texas – Dallas*), Shruti Kelkar (*Case Western Reserve University*), Gary Ampeloquio (*New York University*), Benjamin Bogues (*Quinnipiac University*), William Fox (*Cornell University*)

The Board and Superintendent thanked Ben Bogues for his service to the Board of Education as the student representative.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Ben Bogues gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Debra Spenicchia, Ara Yapoujian, and Nick Schmidt wrote regarding new state wide standards for Health curriculum.

Jen Dzen wrote regarding a letter to the CT general assembly.

Ray Distephan wrote regarding school security

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and after discussion, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes listed below as amended.

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B. Belden, J. Greenstein, A. Foster and R. Fernandes voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile gave an update on school security and strategic planning

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 4-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

B. Belden, J. Greenstein, A. Foster and R. Fernandes voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

FLEXIBILITIES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE CT GUIDELINES FOR EDUCATOR EVALUATION FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR.

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 4-0 to approve the Flexibilities for Implementing the CT Guidelines for Educator Evaluation for the 2022-2023 School Year as recommended by the CAPE subcommittee and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby.

B. Belden, J. Greenstein, A. Foster and R. Fernandes voted aye.

RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SECURITY TASK FORCE

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 4-0 to re-establish the Security Task Force Committee (dissolution on July 15, 2020), as recommended by Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

B. Belden, R. Fernandes and S. Butow will be the three Board members on the committee.

B. Belden, J. Greenstein, A. Foster and R. Fernandes voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

BOARD OF EDUCATION'S BUDGET ESTIMATE 2022-2023

The Board continued its discussion on the Board of Education's 2022-2023 adopted budget. After brief discussion, B. Belden moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 4-0 to adopt the budget that was approved at referendum with the line item adjustments as presented by Mr. Post.

B. Belden, J. Greenstein, A. Foster and R. Fernandes voted aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CANDLEWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The Board received an update and a PowerPoint presentation on the progress on the Candlewood Lake Elementary school building project.

3 MAIN POINTS

1. Recognition of staff and students
2. Security update and Task Force
3. Candlewood Lake Elementary School

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 4-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation and contract at 8:16pm.

B. Belden, J. Greenstein, A. Foster and R. Fernandes voted aye.

Chairman Bob Belden called the meeting to order at 8:28 pm.

Present: Bob Belden, Rosa Fernandes, Amy Foster and Joy Greenstein

Absent: Debbie Brooks, Sharon Butow and Mike Murphy

Superintendent Dr. John Barile was invited in at 8:28 pm.

The Board entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation and contract.

Superintendent Dr. John Barile exited at 8:50 pm.

Bob Belden, Rosa Fernandes, Amy Foster and Joy Greenstein exited executive session at 9:25 pm.

Bob Belden moved, Rosa Fernandes seconded and the Board voted 4-0 to authorize the Personnel and Negotiations Subcommittee to finalize contract discussions with Superintendent Dr. John Barile consistent with discussion in executive session.

B. Belden, R. Fernandes, A. Foster and J. Greenstein voted aye.

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection Chairman Bob Belden adjourned the meeting at 9:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education