

**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Brookfield Public Schools**  
**REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 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 Labroschiano, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, and members of the administration, staff, students and public.

**RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS**

The Board recognized the following Teachers of the Year:

Center Elementary School- Elisa Larson  
Huckleberry Hill School- Wesley Marchena  
Whisconier Middle School- Kim Marshall  
Brookfield High School- Heather Biancheri

The Superintendent announced that Wesley Marchena has been voted as the 2020 District Teacher of the Year.

The Board recognized the following 2020 Staff Members of the Year:

Center Elementary School- Abby Silva  
Huckleberry Hill School- Maggie Heaton  
Whisconier Middle School- Mandy Yusko  
Brookfield High School- Carol Ann D’Arcangelo  
Town School Office- Eric Conklin

The Board recognized the following Top 10 graduating seniors from Brookfield High School, Class of 2020 for their academic achievements:

Irfan Ajmeri - Northeastern University  
Faaiz Quaisar - UCLA  
Camyrn Spero - Vassar College  
Jamie Hiatrides - Villanova University  
Courtney Spero - Vassar College  
Maansi Barnwal - Johns Hopkins University  
Jackson Boodry - Johns Hopkins University  
Molly Birdsall - Vanderbilt University  
Sophia Forlenza - Fordham University  
Kevin Tang - Northeastern University

The Board and Superintendent thanked Maansi Barnwal for her service to the Board of Education as the student representative.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Maansi Barnwal gave an update on the happenings at BHS

### **WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

Kimberly Abreu, Lynn Parchinski, Martha Balloch, Tina Lepore and Dan Keefe wrote regarding BHS graduation.

Ron Jaffe shared an article from the Child Mind Institute

### **APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

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

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

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Dr. Barile updated the Board on the School Reopening Team who will have their kick off meeting on June 5, 2020. He reported on the post COVID ordering of supplies and equipment. Mrs. Dymond gave an update on Kindergarten registration and the Board also received a report regarding on-line registration.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS-** None

### **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**

#### **HEALTHY SCHOOL START TIME PRESENTATION/POSSIBLE MOTION**

The Board received a presentation of the Healthy School Start Time proposal as recommended by the Healthy School Start Time Committee and Mrs. Jen Laden.

After discussion, A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the changes in school start times beginning in 2022 as recommended by the Healthy Schools Start Time Committee.

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

#### **2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE MOTION**

The Board discussed the 2020-2021 school calendar. After an overview by Dr. Barile, R. Fernandes moved, J Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the changes to the 2020-2021 school calendar to reflect the revisions made by Superintendent Barile.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT**

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

### **3 MAIN POINTS**

1. Top 10 Graduates/Recognition of Staff and Students
2. Healthy Schools Start Time
3. 2020-2021 School Calendar

### **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 9:25 pm.

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

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the meeting to order at 9:29 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.

Rosa Fernandes, Bob Belden, Jen Laden, Joy Greenstein, Debbie Brooks, Mike Murphy and Amy Foster exited out of executive session at 10:06 pm.

Bob Belden moved, Amy Foster seconded and the Board voted 7-0 that the Board approve contract extensions for Director of Business and Operations Ken Post for one year through June 2021, and for Superintendent Dr. John Barile and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby for an additional year through June 2023, that the Board grant Superintendent Dr John Barile an additional 5 vacation days per calendar year and that the Board table all salary increase discussions until such time as the Board has a better clarity on a reopening plan.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Without objection, Chairman Rosa Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 10:09 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

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Amy Foster, Secretary  
Brookfield Board of Education