

**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Brookfield Public Schools**  
**REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020**  
**(HYBRID) BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**MINUTES**

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

**Present (in person):** Rosa Fernandes, Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Jen Laden, Michael Murphy, Superintendent Dr. John Barile and Director of Technology Eric Conklin,

**Also Present (via Zoom):** 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, Athletic Director Steve Baldwin and members of the faculty, staff and administration.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tatiana Preston spoke about the middle school Spanish program  
David Pinto spoke about the middle school Spanish program

**INTRODUCTION OF CERTIFIED STAFF MEMBERS**

The Board was introduced to the new staff for the 2020-2021 school year.

**OPENING DAY REPORT**

The Board heard an opening day report from the four building principals and each of them thanked their staff for their hard work.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Tanvi Chennuru was introduced as the new student representative for the Board and she gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

Jamie Klavans wrote regarding school reopening.  
Peter Gerardi wrote regarding food allergies in the classroom.  
Nancy Brown wrote regarding the cohort schedule.  
Nicole Ferdinand wrote regarding Spanish classes.  
Salihah Denman wrote regarding the diversity subcommittee.  
Tatiana Preston wrote regarding Spanish placements.

**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- 9/2/20

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

## **SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE**

Dr. Barile gave an update on the school day SAT scheduled for 10/14/2020, enrollment, participation in the National School Lunch Program and he and Steve Baldwin spoke about Unified Sports. Brookfield High School has been named as a Special Olympic Unified Sports High School.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Facilities- 9/2/2020-** Mrs. Greenstein gave an update on the 10 year capital improvement list and a custodial staffing update.

**Finance- 9/14/2020 (verbal report) -** Mr. Belden gave an update on how the district ending for the prior school year in terms of spending. They spoke briefly about the current budget the tracking of Special Education costs. Mr. Belden updated the Board on COVID spending.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

A Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items listed 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**

### **2021-2022 BUDGET PLANNING CALENDAR**

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the 2021-2021 budget calendar as recommended by the Finance subcommittee 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.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT**

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

## **3 MAIN POINTS**

1. Opening Day Reports
2. National School Lunch Program
3. New School Update

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 Superintendents proposed goals at 8:23pm.

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 8:25 pm.

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

The Board entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's proposed goals.

Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Rosa Fernandes, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Mike Murphy and Jen Laden exited out of executive session at 8:57 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Without objection, Chairman Rosa Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

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Amy Foster, Secretary  
Brookfield Board of Education