

**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Brookfield Public Schools**  
**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING, BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**COMMITTEE PUBLIC FORUM**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019**  
**HUCKLEBERRY HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Colette Sturm called the BOE meeting to order and Paul Checco called the MBC meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

**BOE Members Present:** Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Rosa Fernandes, Joy Greenstein, Jen Laden, Colette Sturm

**Absent:** Eve Sturdevant

**MBC Members Present:** Paul Checco, Josh Flowers, Rob Gianazza, Jack Ludwig

**Absent:** Danette Bottelsen, Carlos Cadena, William Perrone

**Tecton Members Present:** Jeffrey J. Wyszynski, AIA, Edward J. Widofsky, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, MCPPO Antonia Ciaverella, EDAC, WELL AP, LEED AP BD+C, Fitwel Ambassador Architectural Designer. Also present was Brad Park from Consulting Engineering Services (CES).

**Also Present:** Superintendent Dr. John Barile, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Melissa Labrosciano, HHES Assistant Principal Dave Pepsoski, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, First Selectman Steve Dunn, Selectman Sue Slater and members of the staff and public.

- **There were drawings on the walls with conceptual plans for the new school and surrounding property layout. Residents were asked to add sticky notes with questions or comments. Residents were also asked to give their suggestions for what the new school should be called.**
- **The public forum began with a presentation by personnel from Tecton Architects explaining what has happened in the process so far, and what lies ahead. Antonia Ciaverella spoke about WELL Building Standards, and Brad Park (CES) spoke about Energy Efficient building systems.**

After the presentation from Tecton Architects and Consulting Engineering Services, the public was asked if they had any questions or concerns. The following Brookfield residents spoke:

**Mel Butow, 12 Riverview Court** – Had two concerns. 1) We have approved a \$78M budget. How can we be guaranteed there will not be a budget over run? 2) If we have tremendous growth, will the school be prepared for the additional students?

**Logan Sullivan, 13 Apache Drive** – We have a wonderful garden at HHES which integrates with the curriculum. Could you speak to if that will be recreated, and where will it be incorporated?

**Marie Williams, 14B Patricia Lane** – She didn't see a space for Art and is hoping the space allotted will be adequate. She would hate to see Art on a Cart.

**Steve Harding, 21 Brookfield Meadows** – Would like to know the field availability during construction as soccer and baseball leagues need to coordinate their schedules accordingly.

**Loretta Donovan, 42 Candlewood Shores Road** – Member of the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) and suggested Tecton meet with the commission.

**Arthur DePoi, 93 Candlewood Lake Road** – There are chlorides in the water. Where is your water supply going to be coming from?

**Steve Dunn, 24 Lyndenwood Drive** – Would like more info on the Emergency Shelter provisions plan to provide info to the public.

**Barbara Murphy, 98 Candlewood Lake Road** – Concerned about the condition of the soil as years ago this property was a slaughterhouse.

**Catherine Malek, 4 Apache Drive** – Concerned about the traffic flow. Will the hours be staggered for the different grades?

**Kerri Pierz, 3 Gereg Glenn Road** – Would like to know more about the precautions taken for students in and around the current building during new school construction.

**Frank Kwok, 40 Deer Run Road** – What are the pros and cons of a "Living Roof"?

**Cheryl DePoi, 93 Candlewood Lake Road** – There is only one open space on the west side of Brookfield for passive recreation. Concerned about losing it.

**Tony Capiello, 135 Candlewood Lake Road** – Applauded efforts towards sustainability and high performance building standards. Would like to see recent details of trade studies not only for short term costs but over the lifetime of the schools.

**Josh Flowers, 7 Dorset Lane** – How is our State Representative going to increase our reimbursement rate?!

Colette Sturm stated all above questions and concerns will be answered in the next few days and will be posted on the New School Project Facebook page (search: BPS New School Project) and the New School Project webpage: [www.newschoolproject.brookfieldps.org](http://www.newschoolproject.brookfieldps.org). In addition, any additional questions can be sent to [newschoolproject@brookfieldps.org](mailto:newschoolproject@brookfieldps.org).

**ADJOURNMENT** – Without objection, Colette Sturm adjourned the BOE meeting and Paul Checco adjourned the MBC meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully, Submitted,  
Catherine Malek, Municipal Building Committee Secretary  
Lisa Gramling, Board of Education Clerk