

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the meeting to order at 7:01p.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, staff and public.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT- BHS

Brookfield High School highlighted the ASL program.

Ron Jaffe from Brookfield CARES presented developmental asset preliminary data.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Maansi Barnwal gave an update on the happenings at BHS

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Shari Syranovski wrote about Special Education
Ron Jaffe wrote about public comment at meetings
Melissa Yager wrote about Special Education
Mike McGorty wrote about security in the new school

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting 1/22/2020

Special Joint Meeting- 2/13/2020

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile spoke about having office hours for the public. Erica Hayes from CT School Finance 101 will be doing a presentation on 2/24/2020. The district will begin to develop plans for Parent University.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy/Communications- 1/22/2020- Mrs. Brooks talked about policies in the #4000 series coming to the Board for a first reading.

CAPE- 1/28/2020- Mrs. Laden talked about the proposed revisions to the BHS Program of Studies coming to the Board for approval.

Finance- 2/10/2020- Mr. Belden said meeting discussion was dedicated to preparing for the joint meeting with the BOF and BOS and the transportation contract.

Personnel & Negotiations- 2/10/2020- Mrs. Fernandes said the committee went into executive session to discuss collective bargaining.

Healthy School Start Times- 2/11/2020- Mrs. Laden said Steve Baldwin reported on start and end times for student athletes. They discussed the importance of including student opinion in the process. Mrs. Laden will draft sections of the communications plan for the committee to review at their next meeting.

Facilities- 2/13/2020- Mrs. Greenstein said they reviewed the School Dude reports and discussed pairing & monitoring heating units in classrooms. They discussed the vandalism in the bathrooms at BHS. Three members of the public spoke during public comment to express their support for the BHS locker room project. The committee took a tour of the BHS locker room. They invited Eddie from Tecton to come to their next facilities meeting to discuss the locker room.

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

DELETE POLICY #4118.52, USE OF WEB TOOLS- REPLACE WITH CABE POLICY #4118.51, SOCIAL NETWORKING AND CABE POLICY #4118.4, ELECTRONIC MAIL

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the deletion of Policy #4118.52, Use of Web Tools, and replace it with CABE Policy #4118.51, Social Networking, and CABE Policy #4118.4, Electronic Mail for a first reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee.

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

POLICY #4118.5, ACCEPTABLE COMPUTER NETWORK USE

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the revisions to Policy #4118.5, Acceptable Computer Network Use for a first reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee.

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

POLICY #4118.6, CELL PHONE DISTRICT-ISSUED COMMUNICATION DEVICE

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the revisions to Policy #4118.6, Cell Phone District-Issued Communication Device for a first reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee.

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

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE PROGRAM OF STUDIES

A. Foster moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the proposed revisions to the Program of Studies as recommended by the CAPE subcommittee, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby and BHS Principal Marc Balanda.

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

OLD BUSINESS

POLICY #3451, PETTY CASH

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #3451, Petty Cash, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on January 8, 2020.

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

POLICY #3542, FOOD SERVICE

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #3542, Food Service, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on January 8, 2020.

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

POLICY #3542.31, FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #3542.31, Free and Reduced Lunch, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on January 8, 2020.

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

POLICY #4117.4 DISMISSAL/SUSPENSION OF NON-TENURED TEACHERS

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy # 4117.4, Dismissal/Suspension of Non-Tenured teachers for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on January 22, 2020.

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

BIDDING PROCEDURE WAIVER

A. Foster moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to waive the bidding requirements set forth in Board Policy# 3320 and Regulation# 3320.1 and extend its contract with All Star Transportation for a period of two years as recommended by Director of Business and Operations Ken Post.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION'S ADOPTED BUDGET 2020-2021

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

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

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

3 MAIN POINTS

- 1. Survey**
- 2. ASL**
- 3. Budget**

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 to discuss the Superintendent’s mid-year goals and strategy and negotiations as it relates to collective bargaining at 8:31 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 8:38 pm.

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

Superintendent Dr. John Barile was invited in at 8:39 pm.

The Board entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent’s mid-year goals and strategy and negotiations as it relates to collective bargaining. Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Rosa Fernandes, Bob Belden, Jen Laden, Joy Greenstein, Debbie Brooks, Mike Murphy and Amy Foster exited out of executive session at 9:13 pm.

Without objection, Chairman Rosa Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 9:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education