

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Bob Belden called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PRESENT:

Bob Belden, Joy Greenstein Amy Foster, Rosa Fernandes, Debbie Brooks, Dr. Mike Murphy, Sharon Butow Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Anna Mahon, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, Director of Special Education Amy DeNicola-Hickman, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Dr. Dave Pepsoski and members of the staff & public.

Without objection, Chairman Belden amended the agenda to move up Board recognition and New Business Item 12A, Sandy Hook Promise “See Something, Say Something” app for anonymous reporting, to this portion of the meeting.

Superintendent Barile thanked the Board for all of their hard work and dedication to the students and staff of the Brookfield Public Schools during Board of Education appreciation month.

CABE’s Area Director, Dan Cruson, presented the CABE Communications Award for the district’s submission of the Going Green presentation.

SANDY HOOK PROMISE “SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING” APP FOR ANONYMOUS REPORTING

The Board received a presentation on the Sandy Hook Promise, “See Something, Say Something” app for anonymous reporting as presented by the Sandy Hook Foundation representatives Myra Leuci and Mindy Lobb

PUBLIC COMMENT

Denise Rice spoke about resignations

Monique Matthews spoke about the CREC Audit

Erin Scalera spoke about the Special Education audit and resignations

Deborah Cacace continued Mrs. Scalera’s comments on the Special Education audit and resignations

Andy Corea spoke about the CREC Audit

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT- KAITLYN ZEZZA

Kaitlyn Zezza gave an update on the happenings at BHS

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Elena Lopez wrote regarding a social emotional learning assessment.

Kathleen Jowdy wrote regarding the Covid 19 vaccine.

Nick Schmidt wrote regarding the covid 19 vaccine, policy questions on opt out, cardiac screenings for athletes and school library search issues.

Denise Rice wrote regarding a complaint under policy 1312.

Marni McNiff wrote commending the Sandy Hook Promise initiative and the Special Education Review

Irene Corea and Andy Corea wrote regarding concerns with the Special Education Review proposal.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended: Regular Meeting- 2/15/2023.

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

Dr. Barile said the Equity & Inclusion committee will have a core meeting in April to discuss areas of focus and direction. After April break, the WMS French Student Exchange Program will begin with students staying with host families and visiting WMS for a week. Superintendent Barile gave an update on COVID/Flu numbers as well as an update on security. Dr. Barile reported that security training is currently going on and Wayne Rogalski will be the new armed school security officer. CIRMA provided the four schools with a free Vulnerability Assessment. The draft report with commendations and recommendations will be discussed with the Security Task Force in executive session at their next meeting.

Dr. Mahon provided the Board a follow-up to her presentation on February 15th on homework, study skills and rigor.

Without objection, Chairman Belden amended the agenda to move the second public comment to this portion of the meeting accommodate WMS student, Kyle McNally who spoke about special education concerns at Whisconier.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance- 2/13/2023- Mrs. Fernandes said the subcommittee discussed the January financial reports as well as a draft of the Pay Rate Guidelines.

Policy/Communications- 2/15/2023- Mrs. Brooks said the subcommittee discussed Policy #6162.51, Survey of Students, which will continued to be discussed at the next Policy/Communications subcommittee meeting on March 15th. Policies #5125, FERPA, #5131.911, Bullying, and #5144.1, Restraint & Seclusion, will be brought to the full Board for a first reading on March 15th. The subcommittee will further discuss the district’s policy, regulation and bylaw regarding public comment at its next meeting on March 15th. Communications items were tabled until the next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

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

STRATEGIC PLAN PRESENTATION & APPROVAL

After a power point presentation by Superintendent Dr. John Barile, A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan as recommended by Superintendent Dr. John Barile and the Strategic Planning Committee.

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM REVIEW UPDATE

The Board received an update from Superintendent Dr. John Barile regarding the Special Education Program Review.

BOARD OF EDUCATION’S 2023-2024 ADOPTED BUDGET

The Board continued its discussion on the Board of Education’s 2023- 2024 adopted budget.

CANDLEWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

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

3 MAIN POINTS

1. Sandy Hook Promise Presentation
2. Strategic Plan Presentation
3. Special Education Program Review

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection, Chairman Bob Belden adjourned the meeting at 9:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education