

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Bob Belden called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Bob Belden, Joy Greenstein, Amy Foster, Rosa Fernandes Debbie Brooks, Jen Laden, Mike Murphy Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby and Director of Business & Operations Ken Post.

BOARD RECOGNITION

The Superintendent thanked the Board for all of their hard work during Board of Education appreciation month.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Ben Bogues gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Debbie Spennicchia wrote about mask optional date.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Special Meeting- 2/14/2022

Regular Meeting- 2/16/2022

Special Meeting- 2/23/2022

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile reported on the 600 Chromebooks delivered to the district. He gave a COVID update which included test kit distribution, mask optional and vaccination status. Dr. Barile is providing information to the First Selectman's office for the State of the Town report. The district has posted the jobs for the Director of Special Education and Assistant Superintendent. Reading celebrations are going on in the schools. The last day of school currently is Monday, June 20th. There is a special budget meeting scheduled between the Board of Education and the Board of Finance on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Media Center at Brookfield High School.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance- 2/14/2022- Mrs. Fernandes said the subcommittee discussed in detail the January financials.

Policy/Communications- 2/16/2022- Mrs. Brooks said the subcommittee continued discussion on Policy #6563, School Library Media. Three policies in the #3000 series were discussed and will be brought to the Board for a first reading 3/2/2022. Mrs. Brooks is working on the budget flyer for the 2022-2023 budget and will bring it to the next Policy/Communications meeting for discussion.

Strategic Planning- 2/23/2022- Mr. Belden said the committee discussed the initial planning process with EdAdvance Executive Director Jonathan Costa. They will meet again on March 8th.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

POLICIES

NEW POLICY #3541.5 RECORDS & REPORTS, TRANSPORTATION COMPLAINTS, NEW POLICY #3542.22 FOOD SERVICE PERSONNEL CODE OF CONDUCT AND NEW POLICY #3542.41 FOOD SERVICE SCHOOL LUNCH SERVICE

A Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #3541.5, Records & Reports, Transportation, Policy #3542.22, Food Service Personnel Code of Conduct and Policy #3542.41, Food Service School Lunch Service, for a first reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee.

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

OLD BUSINESS

REVIEW OF THE BOOK “DRAMA” APPEAL/POSSIBLE MOTION

The Board received a report and recommendation of the CAPE subcommittee regarding the book, “Drama”. Mike Murphy gave an overview on the timeline of the events regarding the book, “Drama”.

After discussion, M. Murphy moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 6-1 to retain the book, “Drama” by Raina Telgemeier, at the Huckleberry Hill Elementary School Library.

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

J. Greenstein voted no

BOARD OF EDUCATION’S 2022-2023 ADOPTED BUDGET

The Board continued its discussion on the Board of Education’s 2022-2023 adopted budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CANDLEWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

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

3 MAIN POINTS

1. Dr. Barile’s COVID update
2. HHES Book Reconsideration
3. Chromebooks

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection, Chairman Bob Belden adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education