

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Present: Colette Sturm, Joy Greenstein, Rosa Fernandes, Jen Laden and Debbie Brooks

Absent: Eve Sturdevant and Bob Belden

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, Director of Special Services Dr. Christine Sipala, Director of Instruction Deb Farias, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Melissa Labroschiano, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, and members of the staff, press and public.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT- BHS

Brookfield High School highlighted the Friends of Rachel Club.

C. Sturm moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to move up items 12A, Robotics and B, DECA to this part of the meeting.

C. Sturm, Joy Greenstein, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and Debbie Brooks voted aye.

ROBOTICS TRIP

J. Greenstein moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and after a brief overview, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the following trip(s) for the Robotics Team as requested by Robotics Advisor Jason DiStasio and BHS Principal Marc Balanda.

1. Wilby High School in Waterbury, CT from Friday, March 8, 2017 to Sunday, March 10, 2019 for a Robotics District event,
2. Western New England University in Springfield, MA from Friday, March 22, 2019 to Sunday, March 24, 2019 for a Robotics District event and
3. WPI in Worcester, MA on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 to Saturday, April 13, 2019 for the New England District Championship, if the team qualifies.

C. Sturm, Joy Greenstein, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and Debbie Brooks voted aye.

DECA ICDC TRIP

J. Greenstein moved, D. Brooks seconded, and after a brief presentation, the Board voted 5-0 to approve a trip for DECA to attend the International Career Development Conference in Orlando, FL from Friday, April 26, 2019-Wednesday, May 1, 2019 as request by BHS Business Teacher and DECA Advisor Fiona Docherty and BHS Principal Marc Balanda.

C. Sturm, Joy Greenstein, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and Debbie Brooks voted aye.

C. Sturm moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to receive a presentation from the Brookfield Youth Commission.

C. Sturm, Joy Greenstein, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and Debbie Brooks voted aye.

BOARD RECOGNITION

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Madeline O'Connor gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

The Board took a brief recess at 7:35 pm and returned at 7:42 pm

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Howard Lasser wrote regarding the new school project

Lauren Dellea wrote regarding the PTO

Jessica Juska wrote regarding Mr. Marchena and his fabulous Winter Concert

Ron Jaffe wrote regarding a YouTube video and an article on vaping, an article on Flakka, a correspondence regarding a website on the Jessie Lewis Choose Love movement, and a correspondence on teacher coding.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Public Forum 1/16/19

Regular Meeting- 1/16/19

Special Meeting- 2/5/19

C. Sturm, Joy Greenstein, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and Debbie Brooks voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile thanked everyone for their support in passing the new school referendum. He spoke about the upcoming student artwork exhibition at the Brookfield Craft Center from 3/9-3/31. He gave an update on the last day of school which is currently June 19th, and briefly addressed the subject regarding regionalization. Mr. Post gave an update on teacher retirement, time & attendance, offering school breakfast and on-line payments. Dr. Barile addressed Columbus Day 2020 as a possible work day and said he received a preliminary report that the 17-18 audit for the Brookfield Public Schools is clean.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Security Task Force- 1/11/19 & 2/22/19- Mrs. Sturm said the committee finished tying up loose ends as far as hardening the schools. Mr. Caldwell will check prices for some items on the capital list for security upgrades. They also discussed threat assessment and some apps/software that are available to help protect students.

Finance- 1/14/19 & 2/11/19- Mrs. Laden reported on December and January financials. Updates included Special Education, Non-Lapsing fund, bus contract, 2019-2020 budget, Regional Efficiencies Group update, 2 budget transfers requests and BOE Revenues.

Policy/Communications- 1/16/19- Mrs. Fernandes reported on new Policy #3542.43, Lunch Charging and 3171.1, Non-Lapsing Education fund. The subcommittee discussed the new school project mailer as part of the communications portion of the meeting.

Facilities- 2/6/19- Mrs. Greenstein said the subcommittee received a presentation from Hillyard. They received an update on current projects; BHS press box, BHS water project, BHS Auditorium HVAC, the closeout of the WMS paving project and the BHS boiler. Miscellaneous discussion included the CES Cafeteria floor repair, the new school project and the WMS portables walkway.

CONSENT AGENDA

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the items listed below on the consent agenda as recommended.

C. Sturm, Joy Greenstein, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and Debbie Brooks voted aye.

BUDGET TRANSFER

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve 2 budget transfers as requested by Director of Business and Operations Ken Post.

C. Sturm, Joy Greenstein, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and Debbie Brooks voted aye.

POLICY #3542.43- LUNCH CHARGING

J. Greenstein moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve Policy # 3542.43, Lunch Charging, for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

C. Sturm, Joy Greenstein, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and Debbie Brooks voted aye.

EMPLOYEE PENSION

J. Greenstein moved, D. Brooks seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to authorize the Superintendent to execute the participating employer adoption document concerning continued participation of the BOE in the Town of Brookfield's 457 plan.

C. Sturm, Joy Greenstein, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and Debbie Brooks voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

POLICY #3160- TRANSFER OF FUNDS

J. Greenstein moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve Policy#3160, Transfer of Funds, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on January 16th 2019.

C. Sturm, Joy Greenstein, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and Debbie Brooks voted aye.

BOARD OF EDUCATION'S BUDGET ESTIMATE 2019-2020

The Board continued its discussion on the Board of Education's 2019-2020 adopted budget estimate.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

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

3 MAIN POINTS

1. New School Project
2. Regionalization
3. BHS Student presentations/ student success/leadership/community

Mrs. Greenstein listed upcoming events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

J. Greenstein moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of receiving a mid- year update on the Superintendent’s goals and to review a confidential student matter at 8:42 pm.

C. Sturm, Joy Greenstein, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and Debbie Brooks voted aye.

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 8:50 pm

Present: Colette Sturm, Joy Greenstein, Rosa Fernandes, Debbie Brooks and Jen Laden

Absent: Bob Belden and Eve Sturdevant

Invited in: Superintendent Dr. John Barile

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Without objection, Chairman Colette Sturm adjourned the meeting at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Joy Greenstein, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education