

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
(ZOOM) REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

(Present via Zoom): Rosa Fernandes, Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Jen Laden, 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, Director of Technology Eric Conklin, Director of Human Resources Terri Kavanagh, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Melissa Labrosciano, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond and members of the faculty, staff and administration.

Absent: Michael Murphy

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT- HUCKLEBERRY HILL

The HHES Student Council shared what they have done to help our HHES and Brookfield communities this school year.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Tanvi Chennuru gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Kim Racjula wrote regarding the school calendar

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting- 3/3/2021

Special Joint Meeting- 3/9/2021

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile gave an update on SBAC, the BHS re-opening plan for 5 days per week and an update on vaccines.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities- 3/3/2021- Mrs. Greenstein said the subcommittee discussed School Dude reports. They received an update on the WMS water, custodial staffing and capital projects. Miscellaneous discussion included the BHS locker room project and an update on the BHS mice situation.

Finance- 3/8/2021- Mr. Belden said the subcommittee discussed February financials, the 2021-2022 operating budget and the water at WMS.

Equity & Inclusion- 3/11/2021- Mrs. Foster said the committee discussed the completion of the committee charter and establishing the foundation for the work ahead.

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, J. Greenstein, D. Brooks, and J. Laden voted aye.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

BROOKFIELD YOUTH COMMISSION PRESENTATION

The Board received a presentation from the Brookfield Youth Commission.

HEALTHY FOOD OPTION CERTIFICATION

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 that Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Brookfield Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

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

HEALTHY FOOD-FOOD & BEVERAGE EXEMPTION

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 that the Brookfield Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held.

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

OLD BUSINESS

BOARD OF EDUCATION’S 2021-2022 ADOPTED BUDGET

The Board continued its discussion on the Board of Education’s 2021-2022 adopted budget. Dr. Barile presented a power point presentation on the ESSER II Grant.

CANDLEWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

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

3 MAIN POINTS

1. COVID Update- BHS Plan to Return 5 Days
2. ESSER II Grant/Budget
3. Candlewood Lake Elementary School Building Project

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection, Chairman Rosa Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 9:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education