

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Absent: Bob Belden and Eve Sturdevant

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-HUCKLEBERRY HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Board and Superintendent spotlighted Huckleberry Hill Elementary School and their presentation on the Living Museum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

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

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

David Sweet wrote regarding concerns with the softball program at the high school.
Monique Matthews wrote regarding special education program concerns.
Shari Styranovski wrote regarding special education program concerns.
Marcia Wilkins wrote regarding resources compiled by the Brookfield Energy Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Jeff Kitching from Ed Advance gave the Board an overview on the programs and services they offer. Mr. Renda and Dr. Sipala gave an update on Unified Sports and that WMS will receive the Ann Malafronte Rookie Middle School award. Dr. Barile showed a video on the award that Dr. Ruby received as the UCONN Neag School of Education Alumni Award- 2019 Outstanding Administrator. Dr. Barile said the audit for 17/18 is clean. Mr. Post updated the Board on time and attendance.

C. Sturm moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to move the approval of Board minutes to after the Superintendent's update.

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

RegularMeeting-3/6/19

Special Meeting- 3/12/19

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

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities- 3/6/19-Mrs. Greenstein said the subcommittee discussed School Dude and Hillyard. They received an update on the CES cafeteria floor and the WMS portable walkway. Current project updates included the BHS press box, water project, HVAC, boys locker room, generator and the WMS roof. A girl scout troop wrote an email regarding the installation of hand sanitizers in all classrooms, cafeterias and gymnasiums.

Finance- 3/11/19- Mrs. Sturm said the subcommittee discussed the February financial reports and the shortfall in Excess Cost Grant funding. They discussed the 2019-2020 budget and the Town Financial report

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TRIP

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and after an overview by Sara Almeida, the Board voted 5-0 to approve a trip for the Odyssey of the Mind Team to travel to Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI from Tuesday, May 21, 2019-Sunday, May 26, 2019 to participate in the World Finals Competition as requested by Odyssey of the Mind Advisor Sara Almeida.

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

NEXT GENERATION ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT 17-18

The Board received the 17-18 Next Generation Accountability power point report from Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby.

WALKTHROUGH PROTOCOL UPDATE

The Board received a power point update on district walkthrough protocol as presented by Director of Instruction Mrs. Deb Farias.

DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

The Board received a power point update regarding district technology and the technology committee as presented by Director of Technology Eric Conklin.

LETTER TO THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to authorize the Board Chairman to send a letter to the Municipal Building Committee regarding Tecton Associates.

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

EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS NEW SCHOOL PROJECT DRAFT

The Board received the DRAFT Educational Specifications for the new elementary school project from Superintendent Dr. John Barile in preparation for formal Board of Education approval on April 3, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

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. Unified Sports
2. Odyssey of the Mind
3. Reports- achievements/celebrations

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Greenstein listed upcoming events

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing a confidential student matter at 9:18 pm.

C. Sturm, J. Greenstein, E. R. Fernandes, J. Laden and D. Brooks voted aye.

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 9:23 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, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Ruby, and Director of Special Services Dr. Christine Sipala

The Board entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing a confidential student manner.

Adjournment: Without objection, Chairman Colette Sturm adjourned the meeting at 10:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Joy Greenstein, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education