

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Rosa Fernandes, Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Jen Laden and Michael Murphy

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby and Director of Business & Operations Ken Post.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Adonai Sebastian, Kiana Shabazz-Williams, Angela Hessenius, Liz Murphy, Elijah Huling, Steph Ferrarie, Mary Kate Kloeblen and Haley Goodrich spoke about education regarding Black Lives Matter.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Ron Jaffe shared information on available resources during school closure and a link to a Sesame Street virtual town hall addressing racial justice.

Adonai Sebastian, Hayley Goodrich, Tess Hegarty, Bridget Hegarty and Jack Hegarty wrote regarding a statement from the School district on current events and racial injustices.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting- 6/3/2020

Special Meeting- 6/11/2020

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile thanked the people that spoke at public comment. He gave a Kindergarten and extended school year enrollment update. Dr. Barile updated the Board on the graduation ceremony. Debbie Brooks and Amy Foster spoke about the eighth grade moving up ceremony. The Superintendent gave an update on school reopening. Dr. Barile shared information on his participation in a call with Governor Lamont.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities- 6/3/2020- Mrs. Greenstein said the subcommittee reviewed the NEASC report. WMS paving has begun and the fire pump generator has been commissioned. Roof maintenance at WMS and BHS has begun. Mr. Caldwell gave the subcommittee and update regarding the open head custodian positions and COVID cleaning protocols.

Finance- 6/8/2020- Mr. Belden said the subcommittee discussed the update on the financial status for the current year and its implications for next year.

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

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the attached list of field trips for the 2020-2021 school year as recommended by BHS Principal Marc Balanda.

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

APPROVAL OF FIELDTRIPS FOR SPORTS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the attached list of sports field trips for the 2020-2021 school year as requested by Athletic Director Steve Baldwin.

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

APPROVAL OF DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PHASE

A. Foster moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the Design Development phase of the New School Project as presented by Tecton Architects as the basis for the Construction Documents Phase.

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

FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT EXTENSION

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the extension of the Whitsons Food Service contract for the 2020-2021 school year as recommended by Director of Business and Operations Ken Post.

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

OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE...DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE MOTION

The Board discussed its value statement regarding race and diversity as an open letter to the community. After discussion, R. Fernandes moved, A. Foster seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve its value statement regarding race and diversity as an open letter to the community.

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

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

3 MAIN POINTS

1. New School Project
2. Addressing Racism
3. Reopening Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

A. Foster moved, seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent’s evaluation at 8:28 pm.

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the meeting to order at 8:32 pm.

Present: Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Rosa Fernandes, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Mike Murphy and Jen Laden.

The Board entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent’s evaluation.

Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Rosa Fernandes, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Mike Murphy and Jen Laden exited out of executive session at 9:09 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection, Chairman Rosa Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education