

**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Brookfield Public Schools**  
**REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023**  
**BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**MINUTES**

Chairman Bob Belden called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Bob Belden, Joy Greenstein Rosa Fernandes, Debbie Brooks, Dr. Mike Murphy, Sharon Butow, Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Anna Mahon, Director of Business Operations Ken Post, Director of Special Education Bill Roland, WMS Principal Deane Renda, and members of the staff & public.

**ABSENT**

Amy Foster

Mr. Belden made a statement regarding comments he made about “This Book is Gay” at the Special Board of Education meeting on July 12, 2023.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Denise Rice and Erin Scalera spoke about the CREC report

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

Adriana Hackett wrote regarding a thank you letter for Dr. Barile and Dr. Mahon and also from Andrea Paltauf thanking them for their leadership

Erin Scalera, two correspondence regarding FOIA requests about legal fees

Jillian Doherty in support of the book, “This Book is Gay”

Ann Dupree regarding book banning

Aga Stepniak wrote regarding the opt-out process for books.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

J. Greenstein moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting- 6/7/2023

Special Meeting- 6/15/2023

Special Meeting- 6/22/2023

Special Meeting- 7/6/2023

Special Meeting- 7/12/2023

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

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Barile gave an update on school projects and we are underway with the summer school and ESY programs. Dr. Barile and Dr. Mahon have begun the work on the District Implementation Plan. Kindergarten enrollment is currently at 156. The new law regarding age for Kindergarten enrollment will take effect at the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year. Superintendent Barile gave an update on the technology work in the district and Dr. Mahon gave an update on summer hiring.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE-**Mrs. Fernandes gave a report on three finance subcommittee meetings (Special Finance- 6/5/2023, Finance- 6/12/202, Finance- 7/10/2023). The report included discussion of the 2023-2024 operating budget, May financials, food service RFP and BOE year end reports.

**FACILITIES- 6/7/2023-** Mrs. Greenstein said the subcommittee discussed the School Dude reports, the BHS Guidance wing roof and maintenance vehicle and received an update on capital projects. The subcommittee received a report on the building condition study, and were updated on the BHS A/C in the Media Center, custodial staffing and the WMS water notice. New business discussion included Fire Marshal inspections and the CLES head custodian union proposal. Miscellaneous discussion included removal of furniture from HHES and the WMS portables, facilities subcommittee members as the Board representatives for custodial negotiations and teachers bringing rugs into the new school

**CAPE- 7/12/2023-** Dr. Murphy said the committee discussed the proposal for a new AP World History textbook being brought to the full Board for approval. Dr. Mahon gave a summer projects update including DESSA trend analysis data, student assessment score analysis, curricular work with illustrative math and ELA adjustments (5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade), and professional development calendar and pathway planning.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

J. Greenstein moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **STUDENT REQUEST FOR NON-RESIDENT ATTENDANCE**

J. Greenstein moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and after a brief summary regarding this recommendation, the Board voted 6-0 to approve a student request for non-resident attendance as recommended by Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

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

### **AP HISTORY TEXTBOOK APPROVAL**

J. Greenstein moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and after a brief presentation from BHS Humanities Curriculum leader Dr. Liz Spencer, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the following AP History textbook to be used as a curricular tool and instructional resource for the AP World History class beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, as recommended by the CAPE subcommittee and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Anna Mahon:

*Traditions and Encounters - A Global Perspective on the Past, Bentley, Ziegler, Streets-Salter, Benjamin, 7th Edition, AP Edition, 2023, McGraw-Hill.*

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

### **BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

J. Greenstein moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and after a brief overview from Mr. Post, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the budget adjustment in the amount of \$397,579, to account for the supplemental appropriation approved by the Boards of selectman and finance as recommended by the finance subcommittee.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **UPDATE FROM SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR, MR. BILL ROLAND- CREC REPORT FOLLOW UP**

The Board received an update and PowerPoint presentation on the CREC report regarding the Special Education review, given to the Board on June 7, 2023, as presented by Special Education Director Bill Roland.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeremy Farrell spoke about the book decision  
Linda Davies spoke about the lawsuit against Brookfield

### **CANDLEWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT**

The Board received a detailed update from Dr. Barile on the Candlewood Lake Elementary School building project. Mrs. Fernandes presented a PowerPoint with the latest pictures of the new school.

## **3 MAIN POINTS**

1. CREC Report
2. Update on CLES
3. Mrs. Greenstein's facilities update

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Mrs. Greenstein listed upcoming events

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED**

J. Greenstein moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent’s contract at 8:38pm.

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

B. Belden moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to come out of executive session at 9:50pm.

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

B. Belden moved, Rosa Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve Dr. John Barile’s performance assessment and the Board authorizes Bob Belden to deliver it to Dr. Barile.

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

B. Belden moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to extend Dr. John Barile’s contract for an additional year until June 30, 2026 as well as increase his salary by 3% for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

B. Belden moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to authorize Bob Belden to sign Dr. Barile’s contract, consistent with the terms.

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

Without objection, Chairman Belden adjourned the meeting at 9:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

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Joy Greenstein, Vice Chair  
Brookfield Board of Education