

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2022
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, Amy Foster, Rosa Fernandes, Debbie Brooks, Mike Murphy and Sharon Butow, Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, and members of the staff and public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke about school security: Ron Jaffe, Joy Greenstein, Joyce Boucino, Aaron Zimmer, Monique Matthews, Shannon Riley and Jennifer Ackerly. Colette Sturm spoke about the BHS Pillars presentation.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Leslie Ruggiero and Andrea Distephan wrote regarding school safety and security. Trina Capone wrote regarding portables, school security officers and Open Choice. Laura Orban wrote regarding the Security Task Force and ASSO. Jessica Juska wrote praising her child's teacher. Steve Harding and Lisa Cohen wrote regarding ASSO. Jennifer Ackerly wrote regarding school safety and funding plans. Kerri Colombo wrote regarding school security and climate. The Brookfield Youth Commission wrote regarding the Security Task Force. Ray Distephan wrote regarding task force recommendations.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting- 6/15/2022

Special Joint Meeting with the MBC-7/11/2022

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Barile gave an update on summer school, ESY and preparations for school opening. He shared the BOE retreat date of Tuesday August 16, 2022 and the next regular Board meeting Wednesday August 17, 2022 which will include a presentation about CLES and a security forum with Chief Puglisi. He also said that the board approved technology package for CLES has been submitted to the State for approval. Center school principal Deb Farias gave an update on kindergarten enrollment and the fall opening schedule. Mrs. Greenstein gave an update on facility projects at each school.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance-6/13/22, 7/11/22- Mrs. Fernandes said that the committee spoke about the current year's budget overage and will need to ask the Boards of Finance and Selectmen for a special appropriation.

Security Task Force Special Meeting-6/15/22, 6/21/22, 7/7/22 & 7/14/22- Mr. Belden said the task force had lengthy discussions at each meeting. They also reviewed staffing and received input from the Brookfield Youth Commission.

Policy/Communications- 6/15/22- Mrs. Brooks said the committee discussed the new mandated policies on exclusionary time out, gifted and talented program, and non discrimination.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

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

NEW BUSINESS

BHS PILLARS W/CIFC PRESENTATION

The Board received an update from the Connecticut Institute for Communities.

B. Belden moved J. Greenstein seconded and the Board voted 7-0 to formally approve the implementation of the partnership between the BHS Pillars and CIFC at Brookfield High School.

POLICIES

1. NEW POLICY #5144.2 USE OF EXCLUSIONARY TIME OUT

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve new Policy #5144.2, Use of Exclusionary Time Out, for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

2. NEW POLICY #6172.1 GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENT PROGRAM

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve new Policy #6172.1, Gifted and Talented Student Program, for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

3. POLICY #4118.11 NON DISCRIMINATION

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to delete the old version of Policy #4118.11, and approve CABES's version of Policy #4118.11, Non-Discrimination, for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

OLD BUSINESS

POLICY #5144.4- PHYSICAL EXERCISE AND DISCIPLINE OF STUDENTS

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #5144.4- Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on May 4, 2022.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CANDLEWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The Board received an update on the Candlewood Lake Elementary School building project from Rosa Fernandes and Superintendent Barile.

3 MAIN POINTS

1. BHS Pillars/CIFC presentation
2. CLES
3. School security

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

A.Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters concerning security strategy or the deployment of security personnel, or devices affecting public security at pm.

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

Chairman Bob Belden called the meeting to order at 8:54 pm

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

Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Director of Business and Operations Ken Post and Brookfield Police Chief John Puglisi were invited in at 8:54 pm.

The Board entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters concerning security strategy or the deployment of security personnel, or devices affecting public security.

Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Sharon Butow, Rosa Fernandes, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Mike Murphy, Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Director of Business and Operations Ken Post and Brookfield Police Chief John Puglisi exited the executive session at 11:04 pm.

B.Belden moved, R.Fernandes seconded and the Board voted 7-0 to approve, conditional upon funding, adding 2 SROs hired by the Brookfield Police for each elementary school.

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

B.Belden moved, R.Fernandes seconded and the Board voted 5-2 to approve, conditional upon funding, the hiring by Brookfield Police of one ASSO for after school hours at Brookfield High School and the hiring by Brookfield Public Schools of 5 additional unarmed security personnel for monitoring cameras, check-in at front doors, and patrolling the campus at each school.

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

B.Belden moved, R.Fernandes seconded and the Board voted 7-0 to request funding support for this proposal from the Board of Selectmen.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chairman Bob Belden adjourned the meeting at 11:28 pm.