

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT:

Rosa Fernandes Bob Belden, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Debbie Brooks, Jen Laden, Mike Murphy Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, Athletic Director Steve Baldwin, Director of Technology Eric Conklin and members of the staff and public.

WMS SPOTLIGHT

WMS staff and students presented a report on RULER and Wellness Wednesday.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Ben Bogues gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Jamie Klavans and Marianne Gaffey wrote regarding masks.

Ryan Roudenis, Shannon Layda, Anna Prendi and Michelle French wrote regarding quarantine guidelines.

Monique Matthews wrote regarding bus issues.

Nicole Rogers, Eve Sturdevant, Glenn Rooney and Brianna Ruocco wrote regarding the September 15th meeting.

Jen Augusto and Nicole Rogers wrote regarding public comment procedures. Erin Scalera wrote regarding Covid numbers.

Nicholas Schmidt wrote regarding meeting minutes and agendas.

Kim Gerardi wrote regarding busing concerns and mitigation strategies.

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- 9/15/2021

Special Meeting- 9/29/2021

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile talked about the recent TikTok challenges. He gave an update on COVID including vaccinations, dashboard, the Governor's recent executive order and updates that have gone to the community. The Superintendent reported that Brookfield won three honorable mentions for the CABA Communications Awards. He spoke briefly about strategic planning and congratulated Deane Renda on being inducted into the Danbury Old Timers Athletic Association.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities- 9/1/2021- Mrs. Greenstein said the subcommittee discussed the School Dude reports and received updates on WMS water, custodial and summer cleaning, capital projects and the WMS wall. New business discussion included the BHS floor tiles, BHS A/c in the Media Center and the BHS office roof.

CAPE- 9/8/2021- Mrs. Laden said the subcommittee joined a presentation at BHS regarding the after school grant program written by Dr. Ruby.

Finance- 9/13/2021- Mr. Belden said the subcommittee received a budget update and discussed the June financial reports. Old business included updates on 21/22 financial/special education costs, ARPESSER and the bussing RFP. New business included discussion on the ARP IDEA grant, 22-23 budget calendar and transition to CLES budget. BHS facilities issues were discussed earlier in the facilities report.

Policy- 9/15/2021- Mrs. Brooks said the subcommittee discussed the face mask and bullying policies. They also discussed the audit of the policy manual recently completed by CAFE as well as communications regarding Candlewood Lake Elementary School.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Foster moved, B. Belden 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, J. Laden and M. Murphy voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

POLICY/COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE CAFE AUDIT RECOMMENDATION/ POSSIBLE MOTION

The Board discussed the Policy Audit recommendations and three policy revision options from CAFE as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee and Superintendent Dr. John Barile. After discussion, R. Fernandes moved, A. Foster seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve CAFE's customized policy service (first recommendation) at a total cost of \$10,800, to be paid over a three year period at a cost of \$3,600 per year, beginning in the 2021 2022 school year.

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

CANDLEWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The Board discussed the Candlewood Lake Elementary School building project.

3 MAIN POINTS

1. WMS Spotlight
2. COVID Update
3. After School Grant

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events

PUBLIC COMMENT

Inga Stepniak spoke about mask wearing

Geri Hopper spoke about the September 15th Board meeting

Lisa Zollbrecht spoke about how will students with IEP's be addressed and serviced

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection, Chairman Rosa Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 8:26 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education