

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
(ZOOM) REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2020
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

(Present via Zoom): Rosa Fernandes, Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Jen Laden, Michael Murphy, Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, Director of Special Services Gina Wygonik, Director of Instruction Deb Farias, Director of Technology Eric Conklin, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Melissa Labrosciano, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond and members of the faculty, staff and administration.

R. Fernandes moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to amend the agenda to move up new business item, 11A, to this portion of the meeting.

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

TECTON PRESENTATION

The Board received a presentation from Tecton regarding the WELL Certification for the new school. The Board asked Tecton to provide them with more information regarding the certification.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Tanvi Chennuru gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Heather Buckley wrote regarding school reopening and the return to 100% in person learning.

Monique Matthews wrote regarding the full reopening of schools.

Nancy Brown wrote regarding the cohort schedule.

Krystie Rondini wrote regarding the hybrid model.

Ron Jaffe wrote regarding active shooter drills.

Tatiana Preston wrote regarding curriculum and budget concerns.

Anna Prendi wrote regarding lunch distribution and mask breaks.

Tess Hegarty wrote regarding the Equity subcommittee.

Stacey Ogden wrote regarding school reopening.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting- 9/16/2020

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

Dr. Barile reported on the virtual Odyssey of the Mind program for this year. The Equity and Inclusion subcommittee will begin and Mrs. Foster gave an update on inquiries from interested parties. The Superintendent also gave an update on athletics, parent surveys and the budget development process for 2021-2022. The State is having discussion regarding snow days. Mrs. Dymond gave an enrollment update. Dr. Barile is having a meeting with the Education Commission on Friday, October 9th. Dr. Barile and Mrs. Brooks addressed questions regarding the schools coming back at 100%

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

CAPE- 9/17/2020- Mrs. Laden reported on student placement in world language at the middle and high school and processes and procedures related to World Language and Social Studies curriculum and student placement.

Policy/Communications- 9/16/2020- Mrs. Brooks said the subcommittee discussed a new Face Mask policy and the budget flyer for the 2020-2021 budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Foster moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items listed on the consent agenda.

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

NEW BUSINESS

STRATEGIC PLANNING MASTER PLANNING TIMELINE

The Board discussed the Strategic Planning Master Planning Timeline as presented by Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

POLICIES

POLICY #4118.237 (4218.237, 5141.8), FACE MASKS/COVERINGS

A. Foster moved J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy # 4118.237 (4218.237, 5141.8), Face Masks/Coverings, for a first reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee.

R. Fernandes, B. Belden, A. Foster, J. Greenstein, D. Brooks, 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. General update on the new school project**
- 2. Equity and Inclusion committee**
- 3. Recap of in person learning at 100%**

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

A. Foster moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations as it relates to collective bargaining and continuing its discussion of the Superintendent’s goals at 8:27pm.

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

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the meeting to order at 8:30 pm.

Present (via Zoom): Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Rosa Fernandes, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Mike Murphy, Jen Laden and Superintendent Barile.

The Board entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations as it relates to collective bargaining and continuing the discussion of the Superintendent’s goals.

Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Rosa Fernandes, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Mike Murphy and Jen Laden exited out of executive session at 9:02 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Without objection, Chairman Rosa Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education