

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2018
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER, BROOKFIELD, CT
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Colette Sturm, Bob Belden, Joy Greenstein, Debbie Brooks, Jen Laden and Rosa Fernandes

Absent: Eve Sturdevant

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, Director of Special Services Dr. Christine Sipala, Director of Instruction Deb Farias, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Melissa Labroschiano, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, Facilities Director Dan Caldwell and members of the staff and public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE- MADELINE O'CONNOR

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Ray DiStephan wrote regarding the HR position

Ron Jaffe wrote about class size in the proposed building project presentation and shared an article about building a school from scratch.

John Breen wrote about the 50th reunion for BHS

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting- 10/3/18

C. Sturm, B. Belden, Joy Greenstein, D. Brooks, R. Fernandes and Jen Laden voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile said the budget process has begun. Walkthroughs are currently being done. The new building project presentation was held on 10/16. Shepaug High School will be accepting area students for the 19-20 school year. BHS is having a 50th reunion next year and NEASC is coming from December 2nd -5th. Mr. Balanda gave an update on both. Dr. Barile gave an update on the WCSA pre-election meeting with State Legislators/ Candidates on key issues of regional efficiencies and unfunded mandates.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities- 10/3- Mrs. Greenstein said the subcommittee discussed the BHS HVAC, storm damage update, School Dude and the Energy Conservation Project. New business included an update on the maintenance mechanic position, the November facilities meeting date, and ongoing projects.

Finance – 10/9- Mr. Belden gave an update on the August financial reports, check registers, sales tax and fund balance update and a special education update.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

C. Sturm, B. Belden, Joy Greenstein, D. Brooks, R. Fernandes and Jen Laden voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The Board discussed the new school building project. Mrs. Sturm gave an overview. The Board discussed how to communicate the new building project to the public.

NEW BUSINESS

DISTRICT ENROLLMENT REPORT

The Board received a district enrollment report from Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSION/GOALS

The Board entered into a preliminary budget discussion to include budget assumptions and priorities. Dr. Barile will revise and re-distribute as requested by the Board.

3 MAIN POINTS

1. New school
2. Enrollment report
3. Budget priorities

Mrs. Greenstein listed upcoming events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the lawsuit filed by former Superintendent Anthony Bivona and confidential student matter at 8:50 pm

C. Sturm, B. Belden, Joy Greenstein, D. Brooks, R. Fernandes and Jen Laden voted aye.

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 8:54 PM.

Present: Colette Sturm, Bob Belden, Joy Greenstein, Rosa Fernandes, Debbie Brooks and Jen Laden

Absent: Eve Sturdevant

Invited in: Dr. John Barile

Without objection, Chairman Colette Sturm adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Joy Greenstein, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education