

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
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, Dr. Mike Murphy, Sharon Butow Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Anna Mahon, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, Director of Special Services Amy DeNicola-Hickman, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Dr. Dave Pepsoski, CES Principal Deb Farias and members of the staff and public.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT- HHES

HHES presented their spotlight with staff and students regarding their Emotional Quotient (EQ) program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Monique Mathews spoke about Special Education Caseload

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE- KAITLYN ZEZZA

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Nick Schmidt wrote regarding the BOE voting process.

Marni McNiff and Denise Rice wrote regarding special education.

Dan Devorsetz wrote regarding the boys locker room project.

Jason Eddy wrote regarding a safety committee.

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- 9/21/2022

Special Board Meeting- 10/6/2022

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile updated the Board on upcoming school activities for Veteran's Day, the WMS French Exchange Program and WMS Walkathon and the BHS Michaels Cup- Exemplary Program Reward

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy/Communications- 9/21/2022- Mrs. Brooks said the subcommittee discussed the Transgender policy which will be discussed further. Comparability of Service and Title I- Parent Involvement will be coming later in the meeting for a first reading.

Strategic Planning- 9/29/2022 verbal report- Mr. Belden said facilitator Jonathan Costa and the committee discussed strategies and workshops.

Security Task Force- 10/6/2022- Mr. Belden said the committee discussed the status of hiring security personnel. They also discussed security items that have been enhanced over the last few years as well as a prioritized list of physical security items.

Facilities- 10/6/2022- Mrs. Greenstein said the subcommittee discussed School Dude reports, capital projects/capital plan, CLES Custodial staffing, the BHS Boys locker room and school security. New business included discussion on the plan for the HHES furniture/BOE Asset Disposal Policy, the HVAC grant and the CLES move.

Finance- 10/11/2022- Mrs. Fernandes said the subcommittee discussed the September financial reports.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes 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

DISTRICT ENROLLMENT REPORT

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

SPECIAL SERVICES CASELOAD REPORT

The Board received an update on the Special Services caseload presented by Director of Special Education Amy DeNicola-Hickman.

B. Belden moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to move the Candlewood Lake Elementary School update, in its entirety to this portion of the agenda.

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

CANDLEWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The Board discussed the Candlewood Lake Elementary School building project. MBC Chairman Paul Checco gave an update on the construction and potential moving schedule for CLES. The project has been delayed and another update will be given by O & G at the 11/16/2022 Board meeting.

Mr. Post provided the Board with the HHES Furniture Disposal Plan.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

The Board received a detailed report from Assistant Superintendent Dr. Anna Mahon the building principals regarding the School Improvement Plan.

GRANTS APPROVAL

A Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the attached list of grants as recommended by the Director of Business & Operations Ken Post and Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

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

2023-2024 BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS AND PRIORITIES

The Board received the 2023-2024 Budget Assumptions and Priorities as presented by Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

DELETION OF EXISTING POLICY #6161.3- COMPATIBILITY OF SERVICE/ADOPT CABA'S VERSION

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the deletion of existing Policy #6161.3- Compatibility of Service and adopt CABA's version, and, approve new Policy#6172.4, Title I for a first reading, as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee.
B. Belden, J. Greenstein, A. Foster, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks, M. Murphy and S. Butow voted aye.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR ATHLETICS

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the creation of cooperative arrangements consistent with state statutes for hockey and wrestling and further authorize the Superintendent to negotiate applicable written agreements with participating boards of education in such cooperative arrangements, and move that the Board approve the creation of cooperative arrangements consistent with state statutes for hockey and wrestling and further authorize the Superintendent to negotiate applicable written agreements with participating boards of education in such cooperative arrangements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Correa spoke about the bullying policy and student handbooks.

3 MAIN POINTS

1. HHES Spotlight
2. CLES and new school start times update
3. SIP Report

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chairman Bob Belden adjourned the meeting at 10:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education