

**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Brookfield Public Schools**  
**REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019**  
**BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**MINUTES**

Superintendent Dr. John Barile called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

**Present:** Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Rosa Fernandes, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Jen Laden and Michael Murphy

**Also Present:** Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, Director of Special Services Gina Wygonik, Director of Instruction Deb Farias, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Melissa Labrosciano, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, and members of the administration, staff and public.

The BHS Chamber chorus performed God Bless America

The BHS Chamber Chorus along with Choir Director John Lamendola and Band Director Stephen St. George each gave a holiday performance.

**ROLL CALL**

Superintendent Barile asked for nominations for the position of Chairman for the Brookfield Board of Education.

J. Laden nominated Rosa Fernandes for the position of Chairman.

By a 7-0 roll call vote, Rosa Fernandes was elected as Chairperson for the Brookfield Board of Education.

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

Chairman Fernandes asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman for the Brookfield Board of Education.

J. Greenstein nominated Bob Belden for the position of Vice Chairman.

By a 7-0 roll call vote, Bob Belden was elected as the Vice Chairman for the Brookfield Board of Education.

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

Chairman Fernandes asked for nominations for the position of Secretary for the Brookfield Board of Education. Debbie Brooks nominated Amy Foster for the position of Secretary.

By a 7-0 roll call vote, Amy Foster was elected as the Secretary for the Brookfield Board of Education.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tatiani Preston spoke about bringing a gymnastics program to BHS.

**V. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Maansi Barnwal spoke about the happenings at BHS.

**VI. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

Ron Jaffe shared an article regarding vaping and classroom content and transforming a school through arts integration.

Jill & Gene Ropiak wrote regarding assessment requests

Crystal Wyatt wrote regarding new student registration and bus route

Rob Blick wrote regarding the new school project

Greg Dembowski shared the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development from the Western Connecticut Council of Governments

**VII. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

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

Budget Roundtable- 11/6/19

Regular Meeting- 11/6/19

Special Joint Meeting-BOE & MBC- 11/19/19

Board Retreat- 11/20/19

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

**VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Dr. Barile discussed the Developmental Assets Survey being complete for Grades 7-12, Healthy School Start Times Survey, 2019 Teacher of the Year Ceremony, Office of Grants and School Construction Priority List and the Iroquios Expanded Compressor Project.

**IX. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Facilities-11/6/19** (verbal report given at the 11/6/19 BOE meeting)

**Finance- 11/11/19-** Mr. Belden reported on the student activity fund, the proposed budget, the transportation contract and special education costs.

**Healthy School Start Times-11/13/19-** Mrs. Fernandes reported that the Superintendent and Principal of Wilton High School came to the committee meeting to share their experience. The committee discussed survey deployment issues and response rate. Athletic Director Steve Baldwin was asked to be a full committee member.

**Security Task Force- 11/15/19-** Mrs. Fernandes said Athletic Director Steve Baldwin gave a report on the Safe School Zone- fields report review. The task force discussed BHS after school security.

**CAPE- 11/19/19-** Mrs. Laden said Mr. Balanda presented on the impact of mastery based diploma assessment, 2020, 2021 schedule proposal and addressed proposed scheduling changes for BHS. Mrs. Farias gave an update on the roll out of professional learning for parents regarding the K-4 standards-aligned reporting for ELA and Math. Dr. Ruby provided an update on the word of the week program. Math labs at WMS are piloting ST Math.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**BOARD SUBCOMMITTEES**

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to discuss and approve its subcommittee structure and other Board representation (Magnet School, BEF, Education Connection, Brookfield Cares, RBAC, MBC) from January-June, 2020.

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

**SPECIAL EDUCATION COST OVERRUNS**

The Board discussed the 2019-2020 Special Education cost overruns. Discussion was had by the Board and administration.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S 2020-2021 BUDGET PROPOSAL**

The Board received the 2020-2021 budget proposal as presented by Superintendent Dr. John W. Barile. Discussion was had by the Board and administration.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT**

The Board received an update on the new school building project. Mrs. Fernandes spoke about the last public forum.

**3 MAIN POINTS**

1. Budget
2. Special Ed
3. New BOE Officers

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events

Without objection, Mrs. Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 10:23 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

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Amy Foster, Secretary  
Brookfield Board of Education