

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Absent: Dr. Maureen Ruby

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, Director of Special Services Dr. Christine Sipala, Director of Instruction Deb Farias, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, BHS Assistant Principal Jules Scheithe, BHS Athletic Director Steve Baldwin WMS Principal Deane Renda, WMS Assistant Principal June Gordon, WMS Assistant Principal Ed Bednarik, HHES Principal Melissa Labrosciano, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, and members of the staff, press and public.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The special chorus performed the National Anthem

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Crean spoke about the paraprofessional community
Tim Riddle spoke about pay and benefits for paraprofessionals
Marci Boon spoke about the importance of paraprofessionals

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE- MADELINE O'CONNOR

Madeline O'Connor gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Chris Dalo wrote regarding the bus tracking app
Ron Jaffe shared an article on mental health and school-based health centers

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Moved, seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Budget Roundtable 11/7/18-6:00pm
Regular Meeting- 11/7/18
Special Meeting- 11/26/18

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile reported on the NEASC visit which is now complete. BHS is waiting for the final report. He spoke about the BEF Gala, a Lacrosse donation via a connection made by Mrs. Greenstein and USA Lacrosse. All four school had a moment of silence on 12/5 in observance of the passing of George H.W. Bush. Dr. Barile shared the new school building project video at the HHES & WMS faculty meetings. The Superintendent thanked the Board of Education for taking the time to visit and talk with staff at the schools. He congratulated Mike Smith as being the district teacher of the year as he and Dr. Ruby were in Hartford for the Teacher of the Year Ceremony.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities- 11/7- Mrs. Sturdevant gave an update on the BHS HVAC unit, the BHS press box and locker room
Finance- 11/12- Mr. Belden gave an update on the October financial report which included discussion on special education transportation, as well as an update on sales tax and special education funding cooperative.
Security Task Force- 11/15- Mrs. Sturm gave an update on security capital items. Dr. Barile said he had a follow up meeting with the Principals regarding security.

CAPE- 11/20 (Informational materials attached)- Mrs. Laden reported on the BHS graduation requirement for physical education. Mrs. Holley presented survey results for an additional world language. Dr. Ruby reported on Open Court World Analysis Kits Grades 4-5 and reviewed the guidelines of the Professional Development Grant Program.

Personnel & Negotiations-11/28- Mrs. Sturm had nothing to report as the meeting was held in executive session
Policy/Communications- 11/28- Mrs. Fernandes gave an update on the discussion of Policy# 5144.1, Restraint & Seclusion. The Communications portion of the meeting talked about the 2019-2020 budget and the new school project.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

SETTLEMENT REPORT

The Board of Education received a report regarding the financial arrangements of the settlement agreement between Anthony Bivona and the Brookfield Board of Education.

2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Board received the draft 2019-2020 school calendar as recommended by Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

BOARD SUBCOMMITTEES

After changing the location for the Facilities subcommittee meetings from TSO to BHS, J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve its subcommittee structure and other Board representation (Magnet School, BEF, Education Connection, Brookfield Cares, RBAC) from January-June, 2019.

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

REQUEST TO ESTABLISH BUDGETS

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a request to establish budgets for the following accounts: Chromebooks, Building Use Revenue and corresponding expense accounts as recommended by the Finance subcommittee.

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

APPROVAL OF PARA-EDUCATOR POSITIONS

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve 2 ABA para-educator positions and one traditional para-educator position to be funded by the Federal IDEA Grant as requested by Superintendent Dr. John Barile and recommended by the Personnel & Negotiations subcommittee.

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

ADOPTION OF ASL

After a power point presentation by World Language/ELL Curriculum Leader Kemen Holley, J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden Seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the adoption of ASL as an additional World Language at BHS, offering ASL 1 and ASL 2, as recommended by the CAPE subcommittee.

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

APPROVAL OF OPEN COURT WORLD ANALYSIS KITS GRADES 4-5

After discussion with Director of Instruction Deb Farias, J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the adoption of the Open Court Word Analysis kits for Grades 4 and 5, as recommended by the CAPE subcommittee.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S 2019-2020 BUDGET PROPOSAL

The Board received the 2019-2020 budget proposal as presented by Superintendent Dr. John W. Barile.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

Mrs. Sturm gave an update on the new school building project. The Board of Finance unanimously approved the project and the Board of Selectmen have moved the project forward to a Town meeting scheduled for January 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the BHS Auditorium. The only action item is to set a referendum date which is recommended to be on March 5, 2019.

3 MAIN POINTS

1. ASL
2. 2019-2020 Budget
3. Upcoming Schedule on New School Project

Mrs. Greenstein listed upcoming events

Without objection, Chairman Sturm adjourned the meeting at 9:36 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Joy Greenstein, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education