

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Bob Belden called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Technology Eric Conklin, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Dr. Dave Pepsoski and members of the public.

Chairman Belden held a moment of silence in memory of the 2012 Sandy Hook tragedy.

The Special Chorus from BHS along with Choir Director John Lamendola and Band Director Stephen St. Georges had their students perform.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Erin Scalera, Denise Rice and Andy Corea spoke about the proposed Special Education Program review with Cooperative Educational Services (CES).

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Kailtyn Zezza gave an update on the happenings at BHS

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Tara Carr wrote regarding a WMS research study.

Andy Corea wrote regarding inaccurate meeting minutes and a request to revise.

Nick Schmidt wrote the CAPE Committee regarding Health Curriculum and Communications.

Andy and Irene Corea wrote requesting a no vote on the special education review

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting- 11/30/2022

After discussion, A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 6-0-1 to amend the minutes of the November 30, 2022 meeting to reflect that, under the second portion of public comment, to add more specifics that Andy Corea, Monique Matthews, Erin Scalera and Deb Cacace spoke about FERPA violations and the district's response.

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

B. Belden abstained.

The Board voted 6-0-1 to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2022 meeting as amended.

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

B. Belden abstained.

SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

Dr. Barile began his update with a moment of silence for HHES teacher Norma Plue who taught in the district since 1986.

The Superintendent gave an update on Flu & Covid and provided the Board with data provided by the school nurses from 8/30/22-12/12/2022. Dr. Barile said that he and Dr. Mahon have been participating in holiday reading to children at CES. The public budget hearing will be held on January 4, 2023 at BHS in the Media Center at 6:00pm. Dr. Barile reported that free lunches will come to an end on January 31, 2023.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy/Communications- 11/30/2022- Mrs. Brooks said the subcommittee two policies coming to the full Board for a final reading (first reading was June 15, 2022). Policy #6162.51, Survey of Students, will be discussed later in the Board meeting. Other items on the Policy/Communications subcommittee agenda were tabled due to time constraints and will be discussed at its next meeting on 12/21/2022.

Special Finance- 12/5/2022- Mrs. Fernandes said the subcommittee discussed the 2023-2024 operating budget. Dr. Barile reviewed the goals for the organizational discussion for the purpose of vetting the budget

Strategic Planning- 12/6/2022- Mr. Belden and Dr. Barile gave an update on the Strategic Planning process, initiatives and timeline going forward.

Facilities- 12/7/2022- Mrs. Greenstein said the subcommittee discussed the School Dude reports, capital projects and school security. The subcommittee received an update on water testing from Mr. Caldwell and an update on the building condition study from Mr. Post. New business discussion included the use of excess funds in the BHS cafeteria account. The subcommittee will meet at 5:00pm instead of 6:00pm on January 4, 2023.

Security Task Force- 12/8/2022- Mr. Belden said the task force entered into executive session to discuss a security matter. Mr. Conklin gave the task force an update on Securly and the “See Something, Say Something” apps. The task force discussed the All Hazards Security Plan and having one in place for CLES.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items listed 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

CANDELWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OCCUPANCY UPDATE

The Board received an update from David Cravanzola from O & G and Paul Checco from the Municipal Building Committee regarding the construction and potential moving schedule.

BOARD OF EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATES- JAN-JUNE 2023

After discussion regarding Mrs. Butow’s request to join another subcommittee (she is on Equity & Inclusion, currently not meeting), A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the subcommittee meeting date schedule from January-June 2023.

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

CAPITAL FUNDS

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to request the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to approve a transfer of capital funds in the amount of \$35,849 from project HH201 (HHES security upgrades) and \$20,366 from project CE201 (CES security upgrades) to project MS 203 (WMS security upgrades).
B. Belden, J. Greenstein, A. Foster, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks, M. Murphy and S. Butow voted aye.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM REVIEW

The Board received a proposal from Superintendent Dr. John Barile to conduct a special education program review with Cooperative Educational Services.

SUPERINTENDENT’S 2023-2024 BUDGET PROPOSAL

The Board received the 2023-2024 budget proposal as presented by Superintendent Dr. John W. Barile.

OLD BUSINESS

POLICY # 6172.1- GIFTED AND TALENTED

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #6172.1, Gifted and Talented, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on June 15, 2022.
B. Belden, J. Greenstein, A. Foster, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks, M. Murphy and S. Butow voted aye.

POLICY #4118.11- NON DISCRIMINATION

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the deletion of old Policy #4118.11, Non-Discrimination and adopt CABE’s version, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on June 15, 2022.
B. Belden, J. Greenstein, A. Foster, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks, M. Murphy and S. Butow voted aye.

POLICIES 6162.51, SURVEY OF STUDENTS & POLICY #6141.11, CURRICULUM RESEARCH/ EXPERIMENTAL PROJECTS

The Board continued its discussion of policy #6162.51, Survey of Students and discussed cross-referenced policy #6141.11, Curriculum Research/Experimental Projects. The Board will send this policy back to the Policy/Communications subcommittee for further discussion.

2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the 2023-2024 school calendar as recommended by Superintendent Dr. John Barile.
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 received a brief update on the Candlewood Lake Elementary School building project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andy Corea added addition comments to his initial public comment regarding the proposed Special Education Program review with Cooperative Educational Services (CES).

3 MAIN POINTS

1. Budget
2. CLES Update
3. Special Education Study

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chairman Belden adjourned the meeting at 9:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education