

**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Brookfield Public Schools**  
**SPECIAL MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018**  
**BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**  
**6:30 P.M.**  
**MINUTES**

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

Eve Sturdevant arrived at 6:39 pm

**Absent:** Jen Laden

**Also Present:** Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, Director of Special Services Dr. Christine Sipala and members of the administration, staff and public.

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

Laura Orban wrote regarding the walk-out  
Ken Marici wrote regarding the walk-out  
Giorgia Stabile wrote regarding the walk-out  
Ron Jaffe sent three articles  
Victor Bucci wrote regarding the budget

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting-2/21/18  
Special Meeting- 3/8/18  
C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, R. Fernandes, and D. Brooks voted aye.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Dr. Barile gave an update on the current snow days and the process on how the decision is made. He gave a follow up on school security, the Washington, D.C. trip and an update on the HHES interviews

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Policy/Communications- 2/21/18-** Mrs. Fernandes gave an update on the #3000 series currently being worked on.

**CAPE- 2/27/18-** Mrs. Greenstein gave an update on the social studies curriculum at the middle school. The subcommittee also discussed elementary team teaching pilot proposal, and update on the Next Generation Accountability report given by Dr. Ruby and emotional intelligence work.

**Strategic Facilities Steering Committee Update-** Mrs. Sturdevant said the Strategic Facilities Steering Committee will be meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the presentation on March 27<sup>th</sup> for the public forum.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, R. Fernandes, and D. Brooks voted aye.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ROBOTICS TRIP**

J. Greenstein moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve a trip for Robotics to attend the Robotics New England Championship in Boston, MA (by qualification) from Wednesday, April 11, 2018 to Saturday, April 14, 2018 as requested by BHS Robotics Advisor Scott Zucca.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, and D. Brooks voted aye.

### **SECRETARIES CONTRACT**

#### **APPROVAL OF SECRETARIES CONTRACT**

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the terms of the 3-year agreement between the Brookfield Board of Education and the Brookfield Secretaries Association from July 1, 2017-June 30, 2020.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, and D. Brooks voted aye.

### **NURSES CONTRACT**

#### **APPROVAL OF NURSES CONTRACT**

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the terms of the 3-year agreement between the Brookfield Board of Education and the Brookfield Nurses Association from July 1, 2017-June 30, 2020.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, and D. Brooks voted aye.

### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST**

J. Greenstein moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the leave request of Sarah Bengtson as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools for the 2018-2019 school year - consistent with the provisions of Article 12, Section 1. of the July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2020 Collective Bargaining Agreement between The Brookfield Board of Education and The Brookfield Education Association.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, and D. Brooks voted aye.

### **5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLANNER**

The Board received the 5-year Strategic Planner as presented by Superintendent Dr. John W. Barile. The Board and administration had discussion.

### **REORGANIZATION PROPOSAL**

The Board received a reorganization proposal and brief power point presentation from Superintendent, Dr. John W. Barile. The Board and administration had discussion.

After discussion, J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to establish a new STEM Department Head position at Brookfield High School through the elimination of the Brookfield High School Science Department Head position and the Brookfield High School Math Department Head position.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, and D. Brooks voted aye.

After discussion, J. Greenstein moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to establish two new district level Supervisor Special Education Administrator Leadership positions and one new School Psychologist position through the elimination of the three teacher level Department Chairs for Special Education.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, and D. Brooks voted aye.

Mrs. Greenstein listed upcoming events.

Without objection, Chairman Sturm adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

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Joy Greenstein, Secretary  
Brookfield Board of Education