

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Chairman Bob Belden called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT

Bob Belden, Rosa Fernandes, Amy Foster 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 Education Bill Roland, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, CLES Principal Dr. Dave Pepsoski, CLES Assistant Principal Dr. Danielle Rudl, and members of the staff & public.

ABSENT

Joy Greenstein

Rosa Fernandes arrived at 7:08pm

PUBLIC COMMENT

Austin Monteiro spoke about the Equity & Inclusion subcommittee
Tara Carr spoke about the parent portal

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Andy Corea wrote regarding an FOIA on contract extensions
Tara Carr wrote regarding library book limitations
Sandra Fox wrote regarding challenged books
Laurie Lazorchak wrote with gratitude regarding her teacher of the year recognition
Irene Corea wrote regarding the BHS guidance wing roof repairs

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting- 7/19/2023

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Barile gave an overview on the BPS strategic plan. Dr. Mahon gave a brief update on new teacher orientation. Dr. Barile gave the Board a kindergarten enrollment update, as well as an update on technology. Dr. Rudl gave a power point presentation on the summer school program. The Superintendent spoke about the library book limitation protocol and an opening update on CLES.

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION'S UPDATE

Mr. Roland gave a brief update on the Special Education Department.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy- 7/19/2023- Mrs. Brooks said the subcommittee discussed Policy #6162.51, Survey of Students and Policy #6563, School Library Media. Communications discussion included future communications to parents and staff regarding CLES.

Facilities- 7/19/2023- Mr. Belden said the subcommittee discussed the building condition study, the BHS Guidance wing roof and maintenance vehicle. The subcommittee received an update on capital projects and the BHS Media Center A/C.

Equity & Inclusion- 8/1/2023- Mrs. Foster said the committee discussed the status and possible dissolution of the Equity & Inclusion subcommittee.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and after a brief update from Dr. Mahon, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

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

NEW BUSINESS

TRIP TO FRANCE- APRIL 2024

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and after a brief presentation from Curriculum Specialist WL/ESOL Katherine Abrego, the Board voted 6-0 to approve a trip to France as recommended by World Language/ ML Curriculum Leader Katherine Abrego and Brookfield High School Principal Marc Balanda.

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

DISSOLUTION OF THE BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE EQUITY & INCLUSION/POSSIBLE MOTION

The Board discussed the dissolution of the Board Subcommittee Equity & Inclusion.

After discussion, A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to dissolve the Equity & Inclusion subcommittee.

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

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BROOKFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE BROOKFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and after discussion, the Board voted 5-1 to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Brookfield Public Schools and the Brookfield Police Department regarding concealed carry for off duty Brookfield Police Department officers.

B. Belden, A. Foster, R. Fernandes, M. Murphy, and S. Butow voted aye.

D. Brooks voted no

CANDLEWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The Board received an update on the Candlewood Lake Elementary School building project from Dr. Pepsoski, Dr. Rudl and Dr. Barile.

3 MAIN POINTS

1. Dr. Rudl's Summer School Program presentation
2. Trip to France, April, 2024
3. CLES

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chairman Belden adjourned the meeting at 9:01pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education