

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR VIRTUAL MEETING - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020
7:00 p.m.
AGENDA

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Absent: Joy Greenstein

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Laura Orban asked questions regarding the reopening of school

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Jeremy Farrell, Tess Hegarty, Sahill Quaisar and Salihah Denman wrote regarding the subcommittee on race, equity and diversity.

Jenna Schettino wrote regarding virtual meeting security.

Kristine LeJava wrote regarding transportation.

Gillian Beswick and Ginny McCaffrey wrote regarding food service.

Monique Matthews wrote regarding social media.

Ron Jaffe wrote regarding a children's play about racism.

Laura Orban Jamie Klavans, Denise Herrera, Kristin and Gary Lanese, Courtney Matteson, Heather Buckley, Trina Capone, Thomas Shevlin, Melissa McFarland, Stacey McIvor, Ron Jaffe, Krystal Ramos, Olivia Quinsland, Melissa Mamudi, Catherine Naum, Christina Luongo, Evan and Jessica Juska, Nancy Brown, Shawn Sylvester, Chris and Charisse Payne and Kimberly Gerardi wrote regarding school reopening

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting- 7/15/2020

Special Meeting- 7/22/2020

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Barile gave a report on the reopening plan for the 2020-2021 school year. Dr. Ruby gave an overview of the professional development plan. Mrs. Dymond reported on the current enrollment numbers for Center School.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance- 7/13/2020 (8/12 verbal report)- Mr. Belden said the subcommittee went through the financial reports. They got an update on school opening costs. Mr. Post gave an update on items purchased for reopening and provided a report showing reopening costs.

Facilities- 7/15/2020 (8/12 verbal report)- Mrs. Foster said the subcommittee reviewed the 10 year capital plan, in particular, the BHS roof. Paving at BHS & WMS is complete as well as the WMS generator. They discussed the BHS roof and exhaust as well as the HVAC. The subcommittee received a staffing update and discussed reopening.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Foster moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as recommended.

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

NEW BUSINESS

NEW SCHOOL NAMING COMMITTEE

The Board discussed the formation of the new school naming committee for the new school. After discussion, R. Fernandes moved, A. Foster seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to establish a committee for naming the new school. Mike Murphy and Debbie Brooks will be the Board members on the committee.

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

OLD BUSINESS

DELETION OF CURRENT BROOKFIELD POLICY #6141.3 AND POLICY #6141.321 AND REPLACING IT WITH CABE POLICY #6141.321

A. Foster moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the deletion of current Brookfield Policy #6141.3 and current Brookfield Policy #6141.321 and replacing them with new proposed CABE Policy #6141.321 with revisions, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on July 15, 2020.

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

UPDATE OF CURRENT BROOKFIELD POLICY #6141.328

A. Foster moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve updating current Brookfield Policy #6141.328 for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on July 15, 2020.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE COMPOSITION

The Board continued its discussion on the subcommittee structure from September-December, 2020. After discussion, B. Belden moved, A. Foster seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 approve the subcommittee composition from September-December 2020 with the only change being that the CAPE subcommittee will meet on the third Thursday of every month instead of the third Tuesday.

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

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The Board received an update on the new school building project.

3 MAIN POINTS

1. Reopening
2. New School Building Project
3. Naming Committee for the New School

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

A. Foster moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy & negotiations as it relates to collective bargaining and, discussion and possible action regarding attorney client privileged communication addressing return to school issues and board communications at 8:45 pm.

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

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the meeting to order at 8:50 pm.

Present: Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Rosa Fernandes, Amy Foster, Mike Murphy and Jen Laden.

Absent: Joy Greenstein

The Board entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations as it relates to collective bargaining and discussion and possible action regarding attorney client privileged communication addressing return to school issues and board communications and invited Superintendent Barile and Attorney Dan Murphy to the meeting.

Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Rosa Fernandes, Amy Foster, Mike Murphy and Jen Laden exited out of executive session at 9:43 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection, Chairman Rosa Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 9:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education