

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

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

PRESENT:

Rosa Fernandes Bob Belden, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Debbie Brooks, Jen Laden, Mike Murphy Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby (via Zoom), Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, Director of Technology Eric Conklin and members of the public.

R. Fernandes moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-1 to amend the agenda to move public comment to the end of new business.

R. Fernandes, B. Belden, A. Foster, D. Brooks, J. Laden and M. Murphy voted aye.
J. Greenstein voted no.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE- WELCOME BEN BOGUES

Ben gave a brief update on the happenings at BHS

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Casey Clarkson wrote regarding meeting procedures.

Ann Marie Kearney wrote regarding 504 issues.

Peter Gerardi wrote regarding quarantines.

Liz Rey, Christine & Michael Lennon, Gillian Beswick, Michele Vaccaro, Gillian Verrastro and Scott Dale wrote regarding masks.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. Foster moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting- 8/18/2021

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile reported on the first day back to school and thanked everyone for a successful beginning and that today is the first day of Kindergarten. He spoke about the welcome back convocation and congratulated Mr. Post for the submission of the EFS. The district received approval of the ARP ESSER Grant for \$828,000. Center School kindergarten enrollment is right on target. The September 15 Board meeting will have introduction of new staff and an opening day report from the principals. The Superintendent spoke about Executive Order 13B regarding vaccination status for covered workers. Dr. Barile introduced Dr. Garcia to speak and to take questions from the Board regarding safety in the school regarding COVID.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Foster moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended

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

NEW BUSINESS

SUMMER TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

The Board received an update on summer technology projects as presented by Technology Director Eric Conklin.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke about masking/unmasking:

Logan Sullender, Ron Jaffe, Tara Carr, Tony Jarol, Lisa Zollbrecht, Jeffrey Schirota, Eileen Koch, Hope Sullivan, Mary Cappiello, Kerri Columbo, Ray DiStephan, Howard Lasser, Emma Schweder, Laura Orban, Nadezhda Anikeev, Kathleen Carter Jowdy (presented correspondence to Dr. Barile, on file at TSO)

CANDLEWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The Board received an update on the Candlewood Lake Elementary School building project.

3 MAIN POINTS

1. Technology Update
2. ARP ESSER Grant
3. Teacher Vaccination Status

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED/POSSIBLE MOTION

R. Fernandes moved, A. Foster seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's goals at 8:28pm.

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

Chairwoman Rosa Fernandes called the meeting to order at 8:37 pm.

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

The Board entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's goals.

Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Rosa Fernandes, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Jen Laden and Mike Murphy exited out of executive session at 9:10 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chairwoman Rosa Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education