

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING- BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Bob Belden called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Special Education Amy DeNicola-Hickman, Director of Technology Eric Conklin, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Dr. Dave Pepsoski, Accounting Supervisor Joan Reynolds, and members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Erin Scalera, Monique Matthews and Andy Corea spoke about the Special Education budget.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

None

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Nancy Power wrote regarding temporary masking.

Andy Corea wrote regarding the Superintendent's outside consulting activities and potential conflicts, cover up concerns and a performance review request, inaccurate meeting minutes and, integrity issues.

Irene Corea wrote regarding tonight's public budget forum.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting- 12/14/2022

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile began his update with a presentation by Dr. Mahon regarding the K-3 Reading Legislation- Program update. The Superintendent gave an update on the burst pipe at BHS on Christmas Day. Dr. Barile talked about the "Note from your School Nurse" school message that went to families and gave an update on the Special Education Program Review. A brief video was shown regarding the progression of the WMS wall repair.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance- 12/12/2022- Mrs. Fernandes said the subcommittee discussed check registers, the November, 2022 financial report and the Superintendent's proposed 2023-2024 operating budget.

Special Finance- 12/19/2022- Mrs. Fernandes said the subcommittee reviewed and discussed questions that were asked regarding the Superintendent's proposed 2023-2024 operating budget.

Policy/Communications- 12/21/2022- Mrs. Brooks said the subcommittee welcomed Sharon Butow as its newest subcommittee member (she is replacing Mike Murphy who will now be on the Equity & Inclusion committee). The subcommittee discussed Policy#5118.111, Non Resident tuition and will bring recommendations to the full Board at its February 15th meeting. Policy#5125, FERPA, Policy#5144.1, Restraint & Seclusion, and Policy #5131.911, Bullying are in the hands of the attorney and will be brought to

the full Board for a first reading on February 15th. Discussion continued on Policy #6162.51, Survey of Students. This policy will be brought to the full Board at its January 4th meeting. Communications discussion included the webpage, videos celebrating the schools and the budget forum.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

B. Belden moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to amend the agenda to add an item under new business to address the Superintendent’s recommendation to hire two BCBA’s in lieu of doing it through professional services including a budget change adjustment.

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

After discussion with Dr. Barile, Mr. Post and Mrs. DeNicola-Hickman, B. Belden moved, seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the budget transfer as recommended by Mr. Post in his email and the approval of two FTE’s as employees as a head count budget change.

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

OLD BUSINESS

POLICIES

NEW POLICY # 5145.53- TRANSGENDER AND GENDER NON-CONFORMING YOUTH

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve new Policy # 5145.53- Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on November 16, 2022.

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

NEW POLICY # 6115, CEREMONIES & OBSERVANCES-SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve new Policy # 6115, Ceremonies & Observances Separation of Church and State, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on November 16, 2022.

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

NEW POLICY #6162.51, SURVEY OF STUDENTS

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded to approve new Policy #6162.52, Survey of Students, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on November 16, 2022 with further discussion at the December 14, 2022 Board meeting.

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

After discussion, B. Belden moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to table this policy for at least two weeks, perhaps a month.

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

REVIEW OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S PROPOSED 2023-2024 BUDGET

The Board continued its review and discuss the 2023-2024 proposed budget as presented by Superintendent Dr. John W. Barile on December 14, 2022. Assistant Superintendent Dr. Anna Mahon gave a presentation on Instructional Coaches and Director of Technology Eric Conklin gave a presentation on the Technology budget.

CANDLEWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andy Corea spoke about administrator contract concerns.

3 MAIN POINTS

1. BCBA's
2. Budget updates from Dr. Anna Mahon, Mr. Ken Post and Mr. Eric Conklin
3. CLES update

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chairman Belden adjourned the meeting at 9:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education