

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

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, Athletic Director Steve Baldwin, and members of the administration, staff and public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Maansi Barnwal gave an update on the happenings at BHS

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Ron Jaffe shared an article regarding CT students on a new science test.

Liam Enea wrote regarding the infrastructure of the bathroom at BHS.

Abbey Lynch wrote inviting members of the Board to the community conversations at the Brookfield Library.

Yvonne Cech sent a survey from the Center School Ad Hoc committee.

Andy Corea wrote regarding budget questions.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting-12/18/19

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile gave an update on the BHS generator. Educational Staffing Solutions (ESS) for substitute employment will be implemented on 2/19/2020. Healthy School Start Times will meet on 1/14/2020 and Dr. Barile will meet with St. Joseph and CLA administration to give them an update on those discussions, and listed key meeting dates going forward. Tomorrow is the legislative breakfast regarding regionalization.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance- 12/16/19- Mrs. Fernandes said Mr. Belden was elected subcommittee chairman. They discussed the 2020-2021 budget and special education costs. There is a special joint meeting with the Boards of Selectmen and Finance to discuss the special education over run on 1/15/2020.

Policy- 12/18/19- Mrs. Brooks said they welcomed Amy Foster and Mike Murphy and Mrs. Brooks was elected chairman. The committee discussed its roles and responsibilities and discussed 3 policies for approval as well as flyers and newsletters relating to communications.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

POLICIES

POLICY #3451, PETTY CASH

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #3451, Petty Cash, for a first reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee.

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

POLICY #3542, FOOD SERVICE

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #3542, Food Service, for a first reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee.

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

POLICY #3542.31, FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #3542.31, Free and Reduced Lunch, for a first reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee.

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

OLD BUSINESS

REVIEW OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED 2020-2021 BUDGET

The Board continued its review and had extensive discussion with the administration regarding the 2020-2021 proposed budget as presented by Superintendent Dr. John W. Barile. Dr. Ruby and Mrs. Farias presented a power point presentation outlining curriculum. The administration will present the Board with budget scenarios at its next meeting on 1/22/2020.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

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

3 MAIN POINTS

1. Mid-Term Support Program
2. Curriculum Work
3. Budget

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mrs. Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 10:27 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk