

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER, BROOKFIELD, CT
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Colette Sturm, Bob Belden, Joy Greenstein, Eve Sturdevant, Rosa Fernandes, Jen Laden and Debbie Brooks

Also Present: Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, Director of Instruction Deb Farias, Director of Special Services Gina Wygonik, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Melissa Labrosciano, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, Director of Technology Eric Conklin and members of the public.

Absent: Superintendent Dr. John Barile

FAREWELL TO BOARD MEMBERS

The Board and administration said farewell to Colette Sturm and Eve Sturdevant and thanked them for their service to the Board.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT- HUCKLEBERRY HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Staff and students from HHES spoke about their 4th grade Fall Festival.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Maansi Barnwal gave an update on the happenings at BHS

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Ron Jaffe shared an article about positive phone calls at home
Lisa Esneault wrote regarding a follow up from the new school project forum
Christina Zimmerman wrote regarding the school start time survey
Shane Peters wrote regarding the arts

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Student Expulsion Hearing- 10/10/19
Regular Meeting- 10/16/19
Student Expulsion Hearing- 10/17/19
Joint Meeting with BOE/MBC &Tecton- 10/22/19
Board Retreat- 10/23/19

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and D. Brooks voted aye.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

CAPE- 10/15/19- Mrs. Greenstein reported that Dr. Ruby gave the committee an update on the preschool curriculum pilot and the Word of the Week program. The subcommittee received an update from Deb Farias on the progress towards initial distribution of the K-4 standards aligned report card for ELA and Math. Mr. Balanda gave the subcommittee an update on the CSDE revised graduation requirements.

Policy/Communications- 10/16/19- Mrs. Fernandes reported on several policies in the #3000 series that will be approved for first/final readings later in the meeting. The Communications portion of the meeting included discussion on the next video being developed.

Security Task Force- 10/18/19- Mrs. Sturm reported that the committee discussed school field use by the public during the school day.

Facilities-11/6/19- Mrs. Sturdevant reported on the lead and copper testing done for the water at WMS passed and test results will be posted. Fire inspections are currently being done.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and D. Brooks voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

CLASS SIZE REPORT

The Board received the Class Size report as presented by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby.

ELL BY GRADE REPORT

The Board received an ELL Grade report as presented by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby and World Language/ELL Curriculum Leader Kemen Holley.

HOME SCHOOL REPORT

The Board received a report on home schooling as presented by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby.

PRE-SCHOOL PILOT

The Board received a report on a pilot pre-school program as presented by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby.

SPECIAL SERVICES CASELOAD REPORT

The Board received an update on the Special Services caseload as reported by Director of Special Services Gina Wygonik.

ASL REPORT

The Board received a report on the ASL Program as presented by World Language/ELL Curriculum Leader Kemen Holley.

POLICIES

POLICY #3220- STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

J. Greenstein moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #3220, State and Federal Funds for a first reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and D. Brooks voted aye

POLICY#3000- CONCEPT AND ROLES IN BUSINESS AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS.

J. Greenstein moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #3000, Concept and Roles in Business and Non-Instructional Operations for a first reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and D. Brooks voted aye

POLICY #3280- GIFTS, GRANTS AND BEQUESTS

J. Greenstein moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #3280, Gifts, Grants and Bequests for a first reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and D. Brooks voted aye

POLICY#3313- RELATIONS WITH VENDORS

J. Greenstein moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #3313, Relations with Vendors for a first reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and D. Brooks voted aye

OLD BUSINESS

POLICIES

Mr. Belden recommended that all four policies under old business be approved for a final reading in one motion.

J. Greenstein moved, E Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy#5118, Residency, Policy #3410, System of Accounts, Policy #3430, Periodic Financial Reports and Policy #3432, Budget & Expense Report/Annual Financial Statement, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on October 2, 2019.

2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

J. Greenstein moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the 2020-2021 school calendar as recommended by Superintendent Dr. John Barile as modified with minor edits.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and D. Brooks voted aye

PRIORITIZED 20-21 AND UPDATED 10-YEAR PRIORITIZED CAPITAL PROJECTS DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

The Board discussed the 20-21 and updated 10-year Prioritized Capital Projects List. After discussion, C. Sturm moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the 20-21 and updated 10-year Prioritized Capital Projects List.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and D. Brooks voted aye

NEW SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE

The Board discussed the new school building project. Mrs. Sturm said the next public forum will be held on November 19th at 7:00pm at HHES.

3 MAIN POINTS

1. Preschool
2. ASL
3. Water

Mrs. Greenstein listed upcoming events

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mrs. Sturm adjourned the meeting at 8:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Joy Greenstein, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education