

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2017
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER, BROOKFIELD, CT
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Chairman Bob Belden called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m.

Present: Bob Belden, Colette Sturm, Harry Shaker, Steve Harding, Eve Sturdevant and Debbie Brooks

Absent: Paul Checco and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, Director of Special Services Dr. Christine Sipala, Director of Instruction Deb Farias, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, CES Principal Dr. Krys Salon, and members of the staff and public.

FAREWELL TO BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Belden introduced the new Board members and wished a heartfelt farewell to Harry Shaker, Paul Checco and Steve Harding for their time and commitment to the Brookfield Board of Education.

The Board took a brief recess.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Davies spoke about the Tis the Season show

Howard Lasser thanked new and old Board members for their service. He spoke about the \$72,500 for Tecton and how it should be appropriated.

Mary Jo Checco spoke about the WMS D.C. trip going forward

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE- DANIEL BERRYMAN

Daniel Berryman gave an update on the happenings at all four schools.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Linda Davies wrote about the holiday show on December 1st.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

C. Sturm moved, H. Shaker seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

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B. Belden, C. Sturm, S. Harding, H. Shaker, E. Sturdevant and D. Brooks voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Superintendent Barile thanked Dan Berryman for his contribution as student rep. He also talked about Veterans Day and classic literature. Dr. Ruby is at the teacher of the year State ceremony. Dr. Barile and Mr. Post spoke about the MUNIS parallel payroll run. He also gave an update on the HHES air quality, WMS Student Voices and the 4th Grade trip to the State Capital. He also spoke about the "No Letting Go" event presented by Brookfield CARES and the Title IV (former school climate) grant. Dr. Barile said that as of right now, TEAM Mentor funding is not available from the State.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Strategic Facilities Steering Committee update- Mrs. Sturdevant thanked Mr. Belden for help with securing funding for the architect for the Master Plan Study. She thanked Kimberley Siegrist for her help.

CONSENT AGENDA

C. Sturm moved, H. Shaker seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

B. Belden, C. Sturm, S. Harding, H. Shaker, E. Sturdevant and D. Brooks voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

SWIM TEAM TRIP

C. Sturm moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve a trip for the BHS swim team to train in Orlando, Florida planned from February 15th -February 20th2018, as requested by Swim Team Coach Brian Reiff and BHS Principal Marc Balanda.

B. Belden, C. Sturm, S. Harding, H. Shaker, E. Sturdevant and D. Brooks voted aye.

WASHINGTON DC TRIP

C. Sturm moved, H. Shaker seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve a trip to Washington, D.C. from Wednesday, March 14th to Friday, March 16th 2018 as requested by Whisconier Middle School Principal Deane Renda.

B. Belden, C. Sturm, S. Harding, H. Shaker, E. Sturdevant and D. Brooks voted aye.

DECA TRIP

C. Sturm moved, H. Shaker seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve a trip for DECA to attend the 2018 Sports and Entertainment Conference in Orlando, Florida from Wednesday, January 31-Sunday, February 4 2018, as requested by DECA Advisor Fiona Docherty.

B. Belden, C. Sturm, S. Harding, H. Shaker, E. Sturdevant and D. Brooks voted aye.

CLASS SIZE REPORT

The Board received the Class Size report as prepared by Dr. Maureen Ruby. Dr. Barile gave an overview.

ELL BY GRADE REPORT

The Board received an ELL Grade report as prepared by Dr. Maureen Ruby. Dr. Barile and Kemen Holley gave an overview.

HOME SCHOOL REPORT

The Board received a report on home schooling as prepared by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby. Dr. Barile gave an overview.

FUNDING FOR ARCHITECT- BUILDING CONDITION STUDY

C. Sturm moved, H. Shaker seconded, to discuss the approval of funding for Tecton Master Planning in the amount of up to \$72,500 to conduct the building condition study as recommended by the Strategic Facilities Steering Committee.

B. Belden, C. Sturm, S. Harding, H. Shaker, E. Sturdevant and D. Brooks voted aye.

After discussion, C. Sturm moved, H. Shaker seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to authorize the Superintendent to utilize operational funds of up to \$72,500 Tecton Architects for the Master Plan Project and Building Conditions Survey.

B. Belden, C. Sturm, S. Harding, H. Shaker, E. Sturdevant and D. Brooks voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

BYLAWS

BYLAW #9325.43

C. Sturm moved, H. Shaker seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve Bylaw #9325.43, Electronic Participation, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on October 4, 2017.

B. Belden, C. Sturm, S. Harding, H. Shaker, E. Sturdevant and D. Brooks voted aye.

BYLAW #9321, TIME, PLACE NOTIFICATION FOR MEETINGS

C. Sturm moved, H. Shaker seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve Bylaw #9321, Time, Place Notification for Meetings, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on October 4, 2017.

B. Belden, C. Sturm, S. Harding, H. Shaker, E. Sturdevant and D. Brooks voted aye.

BYLAW #9320, MEETINGS- DELETE

C. Sturm moved, H. Shaker seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the deletion of the old version of Bylaw #9320, Meetings, as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

B. Belden, C. Sturm, S. Harding, H. Shaker, E. Sturdevant and D. Brooks voted aye.

BYLAW #9320, MEETINGS OF THE BOARD-NEW

C. Sturm moved, H. Shaker seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the new version of Bylaw #9320, Meetings, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on October 4, 2017.

B. Belden, C. Sturm, S. Harding, H. Shaker, E. Sturdevant and D. Brooks voted aye.

BYLAW #9322, PUBLIC AND EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

C. Sturm moved, H. Shaker seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve Bylaw #9322, Public and Executive Sessions, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on October 4, 2017.

B. Belden, C. Sturm, S. Harding, H. Shaker, E. Sturdevant and D. Brooks voted aye.

Mrs. Sturm listed upcoming events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

C. Sturm moved, H. Shaker seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations with respect to collective bargaining, the Superintendent's 2016-2017 evaluation and pending litigation regarding a special education matter at 8:39 pm.

B. Belden, C. Sturm, S. Harding, H. Shaker, E. Sturdevant and D. Brooks voted aye.

Bob Belden invited Dr. Christine Sipala, Ken Post and Dr. John Barile into executive session at 8:50pm

Dr. Christine Sipala and Ken Post left executive session at 9:20pm

The Board exited executive session at 10:00pm

C. Sturm moved, H. Shaker seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to authorize Bob Belden to approach the BOS and BOF with a request for a special appropriation of \$537,709 to cover unexpected special education costs.

B. Belden, C. Sturm, S. Harding, H. Shaker, E. Sturdevant and D. Brooks voted aye.

C. Sturm moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to authorize the Board Chairman to execute the Memorandum of Agreement with the BAA concerning an employee matter.

B. Belden, C. Sturm, S. Harding, H. Shaker, E. Sturdevant and D. Brooks voted aye.

Without objection, Bob Belden adjourned the meeting at 8:39 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Colette Sturm, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education