

**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Brookfield Public Schools**  
**CANDWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**MINUTES**

Chairman Dr. Wendy Youngblood called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

**Present:** Dr. Wendy Youngblood, Rosa Fernandes, Stephanie Sikora, Joy Greenstein, Hala Hourani, Sarah Devine, Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Anna Mahon, Director of Business & Operations Kasey Diotte, Director of Technology Eric Conklin, BHS Principal Marc Balanda WMS Principal Deane Renda, CLES Principal Dr. Dave Pepsoski, and members of the staff and public.

**Absent:** Robert Fischetto

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Erin Scalera spoke about Budget and Special Education spending (CREC Report)

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE- AVA CANTONE**

Ava Cantone gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

Erin Scalera wrote about an FOIA request

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

S. Sikora moved, S. Devine seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting- 12/6/2023

Special Meeting- Board Retreat- 12/11/2023

W. Youngblood, R. Fernandes, S. Sikora, J. Greenstein, H. Hourani, and S. Devine voted aye.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Dr. Barile reported that the Board will schedule another Board retreat in January. The Superintendent gave a CLES update to include the parking lot, heat valves in the gym and the flags.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance- 12/11/2023-** Mrs. Fernandes said the committee discussed the November, 2023 financial reports and the Superintendent's 2024-2025 proposed budget.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

S. Sikora moved, S. Devine seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

W. Youngblood, R. Fernandes, S. Sikora, J. Greenstein, H. Hourani, and S. Devine voted aye.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **APPROVAL OF WHITSONS FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT**

S. Sikora moved, S. Devine seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve a new six month contract with Whitsons Food Service as recommended by the Finance subcommittee and Director of Business Operations Mrs. Kasey Diotte.

W. Youngblood, R. Fernandes, S. Sikora, J. Greenstein, H. Hourani, and S. Devine voted aye.

### **DEAN OF STUDENTS UPDATE**

The Board receive an update on the Dean of Students at Whisconier Middle School as presented by WMS Principal Deane Renda and Dean of Students Nicole Buxton.

### **NEXT GENERATION ACCOUNTABILITY UPDATE/PERFORMANCE INDEX**

The Board received a Next Generation Accountability update as presented by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Anna Mahon.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATES- JAN-JUNE 2024**

S. Sikora moved, S. Devine seconded, and after discussion, the Board voted 6-0 to approve its subcommittee structure and other Board representation (Magnet School, BEF, EdAdvance, Brookfield Cares, RBAC, MBC) from January-June, 2024.

W. Youngblood, R. Fernandes, S. Sikora, J. Greenstein, H. Hourani, and S. Devine voted aye.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S 2024-2025 BUDGET PROPOSAL**

The Board continued its discussion on the 2024-2025 budget proposal as presented by Superintendent Dr. John W. Barile on December 6, 2023.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Denise Rice and Erin Scalera spoke about inclusion.

### **3 MAIN POINTS**

1. Dean of Students
2. Next Gen Presentation by Dr. Mahon
3. 2024-2025 Proposed Budget

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Mrs. Sikora listed upcoming events

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, Chairman Youngblood adjourned the meeting at 9:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

