

**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Brookfield Public Schools**  
**REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 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:** Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby, 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, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, and members of the staff, press and public.

**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT CENTER SCHOOL**

Joyce Zaldo, Library Media Specialist, and Media Tech Steve Clark shared how they are working with students to independently log in to sites and do research and teaching first graders to use Google docs to publish their writing pieces.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE- MADELINE O'CONNOR**

Madeline O'Connor gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

Ron Jaffe wrote regarding the budget and Checkology.  
Genevieve Mulvaney wrote regarding the new school project

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

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

Special Meeting- 1/2/19

Regular Meeting- 1/2/19

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Yvonne Cech spoke about the Library program that helps BHS students prepare for midterm exams called "Mid-Term Study Hours".

Dr. Barile talked about the PLC day coming up on Friday and the possibility of what would happen if there is inclement weather that day. Dr. Barile spoke about the mailer for the new school building project.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Facilities 1/2/19 & 1/8/19- Mrs. Sturdevant gave an overview on the 10-year Capital plan and discussed a "worse-case scenario" if the new school project does not get approved.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **CUSTODIAL CONTRACT**

J. Greenstein moved, D. Brooks seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the successor contact between the Brookfield Board of Education and the Brookfield Custodial Union CSEA.

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

#### **SETTING OF GRADUATION DATE-CLASS OF 2019**

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to set the graduation date for the Brookfield High School Class of 2019 for Saturday, June 22, 2019 at the O'Neill Center at 6:00 pm as recommended by BHS Principal Marc Balanda.

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

#### **POLICY #3160- TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

J. Greenstein moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy#3160, Transfer of Funds, for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

#### **APPROVAL OF 1 TRADITIONAL PARA-EDUCATOR POSITION**

J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, and after a brief overview from Dr. Sipala, the Board voted 7-0 to approve 1 traditional para-educator position to be funded by the Federal IDEA Grant as requested by Superintendent Dr. John Barile and recommended by the Personnel & Negotiations subcommittee.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S BUDGET 2019-2020**

The Board continued its discussion on the Superintendent's 2019-2020 budget. After discussion, C. Sturm moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to adopt a budget in the amount of \$44,366,124 for submission to the First Selectman by the end of January.

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

#### **PRIORITIZED 10-YEAR CAPITAL PROJECTS DISCUSSION/APPROVAL**

The Board continued its discussion on the 10-year Prioritized Capital Projects List. After discussion, B. Belden moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to submit an updated 10-year Capital Plan to the Town that totals \$60,094,104, noting that it reflects a no new school scenario, and in addition the Board submits a capital budget submission for the year 2019-2020 totaling \$6,689,963, also noting that is a no new school submission. The Board will provide the Town an analysis of various scenarios if the schools were approved and if Center School was re-used, etc.

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

### **NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT**

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

### **3 MAIN POINTS**

1. Graduation date
2. Budget adopted by the Board
3. New Building Project Referendum Date 3/5/19

Mrs. Greenstein listed upcoming events.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED**

J. Greenstein moved, D. Brooks seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing school security and a pending legal matter at 9:31pm.

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

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 9:35 pm.

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

**Invited in:** Superintendent John Barile and Director of Business and Operations Ken Post.

The Board entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing school security and a pending legal matter.

Without objection, Chairman Colette Sturm adjourned the meeting at 9:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

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Joy Greenstein, Secretary  
Brookfield Board of Education