

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020
6:00 P.M.

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

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

Absent: Amy Foster

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, Director of Technology Eric Conklin, Director of Facilities Dan Caldwell, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, and members of the administration.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public spoke:

Stephanie Shelvin
Bill Shaughnessy
Jamie Klavins
Jenna Schettino
Kristen Lanese
Iva Stoev

At approximately 6:15pm, the meeting was interrupted by an audience member engaging in inappropriate, non-meeting related conduct. The meeting was temporarily halted. When reconvened by Board Chairman Rosa Fernandes at 6:45 pm, the meeting was conducted in “view only” mode (with audio) for public view.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE MOTION REGARDING THE 2020-2021 BROOKFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS REOPENING PLAN

The Board of Education discussed the 2020-2021 Brookfield Public Schools reopening plan. Superintendent Barile presented a power point presentation. After the presentation, the Board, Superintendent Barile, members of the administration, Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Ferreira and Nurse Anna LaForgia had extensive dialogue regarding the plan.

The following people wrote in for public comment:

Pascale T (no full name)
Kylie D'Arcangelo
Beth Wutzl
Monique Matthews
Michele Vaccaro
Jennifer Pink

Tara Artibani
Tom Titolo
Jenna Schettino
Kim Rajcula
Eileen Titolo
Jamie Klavans
Jessica Juska
Trina Capone
Kent Gemmell
A. Rodrigues (no full name)

R. Fernandes moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to grant the Superintendent authority to take any lawful actions necessary to ensure the continuation of public education, provide for the health and safety of students and employees, or to respond to direction from the State of Connecticut and/or the local health officials.

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

R. Fernandes moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to grant the Superintendent authority to limit access to public school grounds and school buildings during school closures or elevated levels of transmission in the area.

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

R. Fernandes moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 that the Board of Education has approved restricting access to the school buildings during the school day by nonessential visitors and minimal use of school buildings outside school hours.

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

R. Fernandes moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the submission of the Brookfield Public Schools Reopening Plan to the State of Connecticut by Friday, July 24, 2020 as recommended by Superintendents John Barile and his team.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chairman Fernandes adjourned the special meeting at 10:11 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Rosa Fernandes, Chairman
Brookfield Board of Education