

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER, BROOKFIELD, CT
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Absent: Debbie Brooks and Dr. Maureen Ruby

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, BHS Principal Marc Balanda and members of the staff, press and public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

2 articles sent by Ron Jaffe

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting- 7/18/18

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Barile gave an update on the parent portal, currently open to families. Dr. Barile spoke about the lights at BHS, the water project at BHS, paving at WMS and the roof at WMS. Mr. Post reported on the FY 17/18 year. He gave an overview of the finances and budget freeze in the school year. Dr. Barile gave an update on enrollment and we are on target. He introduced Marcia Marien, the new Controller for the Town who attended the meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Subcommittee- 8/2- The subcommittee discussed Medicaid reimbursement and the Bivona lawsuit.

Strategic Facilities- 8/7- Ms. Sturdevant gave an overview on the committee's choice for a new school on the existing HHES site. Mrs. Greenstein has been painting inspirational messages/murals at HHES with other parents and students.

Security Task Force Report- 8/14- Mrs. Sturm said the committee met on 8/13. Principals from BHS HHES and CES gave reports on the safety procedures in their buildings.

Board Retreat Report- 8/15- The Board had a retreat prior to the Board meeting and discussed its goals.

CONSENT AGENDA

J. Greenstein moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as recommended

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

NEW BUSINESS

TEXTBOOK APPROVAL

J. Greenstein moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the following textbook for Brookfield High School AP Physics as recommended by the CAPE subcommittee; College Physics ,Authors : Raymond A. Serway; Chris Vuille, 11th Edition (STM, 2018)

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

BHS BLAST PROGRAM PRESENTATION

The Board received a presentation on the proposed BHS BLAST Program by Marc Balanda and Stephen St. Georges and as discussed and recommended by the CAPE subcommittee.

After discussion, J. Greenstein moved, E. Sturdevant seconded and the Board voted 5-1-0 to approve the proposed BHS Blast Program as recommended by the CAPE subcommittee.

C. Sturm, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, Joy Greenstein and Jen Laden voted aye.

B. Belden voted no.

STRATEGIC FACILITIES STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION/POSSIBLE MOTION

Ms. Sturdevant gave a report and overview of the facilities committee and thanked all committee members for their time and dedication to the project.

The Board heard a presentation from Jeff Wyszynski from Tecton and discussed the recommendation of the Strategic Facilities Steering Committee to build a new Pre-K, K- 5 school on the existing HHES site.

After discussion, J. Greenstein moved, J. Laden seconded, to approve plan “C Prime” presented by Jeff Wyszynski.

B. Belden moved, R. Fernandes seconded and the Board voted 6-0 to amend the motion to add “and as recommended by the Strategic Facilities Steering Committee”.

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

The Board voted 6-0 to approve plan “C Prime” as recommended by the Strategic Facilities Steering Committee and Tecton.

C. Sturm moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to amend the agenda to add discussion of “ 3 Main Points”.

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

Mrs. Sturm explained “3 Main Points as discussed prior in the Board retreat. Three main points from each Board meeting will be posted on the district Facebook page. The three points from this meeting will be the new school project, the BHS Blast program and the year-end budget being under budget.

Mrs. Greenstein listed upcoming events

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

J. Greenstein move, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to enter into executive session to discuss a confidential legal student matter and the lawsuit filed by former Superintendent Anthony Bivona at 9:49 pm.

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

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 9:45 pm.

J. Greenstein moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 that the Board approve the draft as presented and authorize the Chairman of the Board of Education to work with Counsel in finalizing the Board's response to the parental complaint discussed in executive session.

Without objection, Chairman Sturm adjourned the meeting at 10:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Joy Greenstein, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education