

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
(ZOOM) REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

(Present via Zoom): Rosa Fernandes, Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Jen Laden, Michael Murphy, 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 Human Resources Terri Kavanagh, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Melissa Labrosciano, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond and members of the faculty, staff and administration.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Tanvi Chennuru gave an update on the happenings at BHS

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Christina Zimmerman wrote regarding the remote learning schedule.

Joe Penny wrote regarding school reopening guidelines.

Mark Mulvaney wrote regarding school grants.

Elizabeth Murphy wrote regarding the school naming survey.

Jessica Juska wrote regarding in person learning

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting- 12/16/2020

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Superintendent Barile gave a COVID update which included the status on Brookfield data, communication updates, 10 day quarantine, plan to return in person on 1/19/2021, elementary traffic preparation and collaboration with the Brookfield Police and vaccines. Brookfield Medical Director and Pediatrician Laurie Schedgick-Davis who provided perspective on COVID and the return to school. Discussion also included the continuation of free lunch, the decision by the CIAC regarding the return of athletics by the end of the week. Administration is putting together mini workshops and webinars for parent education. Mr. Balanda spoke about the Class of 2021 and showed a video of the t-shirt drop off for seniors. Dr. Barile also updated the Board on the New School Naming survey results as of today, Equity and Inclusion subcommittee and Brookfield CARES working with BHS & WMS to provide anti-vaping posters.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy- 12/16/2020- Mrs. Brooks said the subcommittee spent most of the time hearing a presentation from Dr. Vin Mustaro from CABA regarding different options for updating the Brookfield Policy Manual. The

subcommittee agreed to discuss the proposal with the board and consider hiring him to perform an audit next year. Dr. Barile will include the cost of the audit as a placeholder in the proposed 2021-2022 budget.

Special Finance- 12/21/2020- Mr. Belden said the subcommittee spent their time talking about the budget. They also discussed insurance costs.

CONSENT AGENDA

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

REVIEW OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED 2021-2022 BUDGET

The Board continued its review and discuss the 2020-2021 proposed budget as presented by Superintendent Dr. John W. Barile.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

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

3 MAIN POINTS

1. Budget
2. COVID Update- Dr. Davis report
3. New School Project/Naming

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection, Chairman Rosa Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 10:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education