

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING, BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
COMMITTEE PUBLIC FORUM
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2019
HUCKLEBERRY HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
7:00 P.M.
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – Colette Sturm called the BOE meeting to order and Paul Checco called the MBC meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

BOE Members Present: Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Rosa Fernandes, Joy Greenstein, Jen Laden, Colette Sturm

Absent: Eve Sturdevant

MBC Members Present: Paul Checco, Josh Flowers, Jack Ludwig and Danette Bottelsen

Absent: Rob Gianazza, Carlos Cadena, William Perrone

Tecton Members Present: Jeffrey J. Wyszynski, AIA, Antonia Ciaverella, EDAC, WELL AP, LEED AP BD+C, Fitwel Ambassador Architectural Designer. Also present was Brad Park from Consulting Engineering Services (CES).

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. John Barile, First Selectman Steve Dunn, Selectman Sue Slater and members of the staff and public.

The public forum began with a presentation by personnel from Tecton Architects summarizing the format of Forum, give a brief overview of the enrollment projections, discuss refinements to the program (some related to the demographics), summarize purpose of SD Phase, design evolving, great time for input, show options studied and development of the preferred option, show site diagrams for access, sustainability, play areas, bus/parent circulation, WELL Design components, show perspective sketches, update site plan for proper amount of fields (Nabby Road), highlight key aspects of security for both site and building and summarize next steps.

After the presentation from Tecton Architects and Consulting Engineering Services, the public entered into breakout sessions followed by public comment. The following Brookfield/Danbury residents spoke:

Terry Petiprin, 4 Hollow Oak Lane – Mr. Petiprin asked several zoning questions regarding the Erickson Farm parcel.

Ed Miller, 8 Hollow Oak Lane – Mr. Miller expressed his concern regarding the road going through the Hollow Oak Lane property and asked its purpose.

Diane Sivo, 13 Nabby Road – Ms. Sivo said that the HHES and Erickson Farm are two different parcels.

Arnold Finaldi, 3 Maplevue Lane, Danbury, CT – Mr. Finaldi spoke about his concerns regarding building on wetlands, emergency road access and parking.

Willie Johnson, 78 Candlewood Lake Road – Mr. Johnson expressed concern about the schematics of the ballfields.

Lisa Eagleson, 10 Belden Hill Road – Ms. Eagleson expressed concerns that she didn't know about the baseball fields when she voted for the building project and why weren't they included in the original proposal, as well as property values

Tony Cappiello, 135 Candlewood Lake Road – Mr. Cappiello expressed his concerns about the ballfields.

Mark DePoi, 93 Candlewood Lake Road- Mr. DePoi asked what the purpose was for having the emergency road.

Mrs. Sturm, Mr. Checco and Mr. Flowers addressed the residents as a whole. New School Project webpage: www.newschooleproject.brookfieldps.org. In addition, any additional questions can be sent to newschooleproject@brookfieldps.org.
[Click here for the full video link to this forum](#)

ADJOURNMENT – Without objection, Colette Sturm adjourned the BOE meeting and Paul Checco adjourned the MBC meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully, Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board of Education Clerk