

**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Vice Chairman Bob Belden called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT:

Rosa Fernandes (via Zoom), Bob Belden, Amy Foster, Debbie Brooks, Jen Laden, Mike Murphy Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, Director of Instruction Deb Farias, Director of Technology Eric Conklin, Director of Athletics Steve Baldwin, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Melissa Labrosciano, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond and other members of the administration, members of the faculty, staff and public.

Joy Greenstein arrived at 8:03pm

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Ben Bogues gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Jessica Juska and Dennis Kardaris wrote regarding the transition to CLES.

Mark Ferry, Marni McNiff, Jodi Brennan, Jill Grabko and Sara McGovern wrote regarding concerns with the Cheer investigation, and athletics policies and procedures.

Monique Matthews wrote regarding the mask policy.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. Foster moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Budget Roundtable- 11/3/2021

Regular Meeting- 11/3/2021

Special Board Meeting- 11/10/2021

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

The Board of Education officially thanked Jen Laden for her time and dedication to the Board and their work, and presented her with a gift. The Board welcomed Sharon Butow as the newly elected Board member who will be replacing Ms. Laden.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile gave the Board an update on COVID, engagement/communications plan (meet with PTO's regarding budget, CLES, etc), strategic planning with Jon Costa and the BHS gymnastics team (19 girls signed up). The Superintendent said the Board retreat will be on 12/21 at 6:00pm at TSO. He thanked Mr. Post for his work implementing Kronos and Mr. Post thanked his staff for their continued hard work during this process.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities-11/3/2021- Mr. Post said the subcommittee discussed School Dude reports and received updates on WMS water and wall, capital and the CES roof. They discussed the building condition study the BHS roof and WMS paving.

Subcommittee Reports cont'd

Finance- 11/8/2021- Mr. Belden said the subcommittee discussed the October financial reports. Old business included discussion regarding an update on the bus RFP, student activities and the CES roof. The subcommittee discussed a budget transfer which will be on the next Board agenda for approval.

Equity & Inclusion- 11/11/2021- Mrs. Foster said the committee divided into two subgroups to prioritize the following focus areas: Teacher Quality and Stakeholder Equity. The subgroups engaged in a Question Formulation Technique (QFT), a protocol originally developed by the Right Question Institute, to facilitate problem-solving and reduce bias when examining data from the EdSight database and Panorama surveys.

Policy- 11/17/2021- Mrs. Brooks said the subcommittee met via Zoom with Vin Mustaro from CAFE. The subcommittee will begin work on the mandated policies that are missing from the district policy manual.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Foster moved, J. Laden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the items listed on the consent agenda as recommended.

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

NEW BUSINESS

SUPERINTENDENT'S 2022-2023 BUDGET PROPOSAL

The Board received the 2022-2023 budget proposal as presented by Superintendent Dr. John W. Barile.

POSTPONEMENT OF START TIMES FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to postpone the start times for the 2022-2023 school year as approved on June 3, 2020, and as recommended by Superintendent Dr. John Barile and Director of Operations Ken Post.

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

OLD BUSINESS

CANDLEWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The Board received an update on the Candlewood Lake Elementary School building project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Warren Fentress spoke about COVID and the Government

Sean Sheridan spoke about cheerleading

Mark Ferry spoke about cheerleading and failure to address complaints.

Irene Corea spoke about the inadequacy of the cheer investigation.

3 MAIN POINTS

1. COVID update
2. Budget presentation
3. CLES project/postponement of school start times

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Vice Chairman Bob Belden adjourned the meeting at 8:41p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education