

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021
ZOOM MEETING- 7:00PM
Rvd MINUTES

Superintendent Barile called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT:

Rosa Fernandes Bob Belden, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Debbie Brooks, Mike Murphy, Sharon Butow Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Melissa Labrosciano, CES principal Mary Rose Dymond, Director of Technology Eric Conklin, K-12 Curriculum Specialist-World Languages/English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Kemen Holley and members of the staff and public.

Superintendent Barile welcomed Sharon Butow as the newest Board member and congratulated Joy Greenstein and Rosa Fernandes for being re-elected to the Board.

The Special Chorus along with Choir Director John Lamendola and Band Director Stephen St. George had their students perform via video.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Superintendent Barile asked for nominations for the position of Chairman for the Brookfield Board of Education. R. Fernandes seconded.

Rosa Fernandes nominated Bob Belden for the position of Chairman. Amy Foster seconded.
By a 7-0 roll call vote, Bob Belden was elected as Chairperson for the Brookfield Board of Education.
B. Belden, J. Greenstein, A. Foster, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks, M. Murphy and S. Butow voted aye.

Chairman Belden asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman for the Brookfield Board of Education.

Mike Murphy nominated Joy Greenstein for the position of Vice Chairman.
By a 7-0 roll call vote, Joy Greenstein was elected as the Vice Chairman for the Brookfield Board of Education.
B. Belden, J. Greenstein, A. Foster, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks, M. Murphy and S. Butow voted aye.

Chairman Belden asked for nominations for the position of Secretary for the Brookfield Board of Education.

Mike Murphy nominated Amy Foster for the position of Secretary.
By a 7-0 roll call vote, Amy Foster was elected as the Secretary for the Brookfield Board of Education.
B. Belden, J. Greenstein, A. Foster, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks, M. Murphy and S. Butow voted aye.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Ben Bogues gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Marni McNiff and Andy Corea wrote regarding concerns with the cheer investigation.

Mark Ferry wrote with concerns regarding the cheer investigation and district reporting policies and procedures.

Joyce Boucino, Monique Matthews, Julia Zappia, Sara Coffey, Elena Lopez, Nicole Rogers and Kim Abreu wrote regarding the screen and stay pause.

The First Selectman wrote regarding a constituent complaint.

Irene Corea wrote regarding the December 1st minutes.

Elena Lopez wrote regarding a book removal at the Huckleberry library.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting- 12/1/2021

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

B. Belden moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to move item C, public comment (one speaker) to this portion of the meeting.

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

Tayna Stanley spoke about disappointment regarding the change in the screen and stay policy and discrimination against unvaccinated students and asked the Board to write another letter of advocacy to the State.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Superintendent Barile said the Pop Warner JV Cheer Team won the National Championship in Florida, all WMS students. A parade will be held on Sunday morning for the team. The Board retreat is scheduled for Tuesday, December 21st at 6:00pm. Dr. Barile gave update on the BHS Leadership, HHES/CLES hydraulic fluid oil spill, winterization of the WMS wall an update on the Transportation RFP.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Special Finance Meeting- 12/6/2021-Mr. Belden said the subcommittee continued its discussion on the 2022-2023 proposed operating budget.

CAPE- 12/8/2021- Mrs. Greenstein said the subcommittee discussed instructional coaching and professional learning that the coaches have engaged in. They also discussed a parental concern regard a library book at HHES.

Equity & Inclusion- 12/9/2021- The membership divided into the teacher quality and stakeholder equity subgroups where they collaboratively determined the action steps that they needed to take between December and January to begin work on their presentations to the Board of Education. The membership came back together to peer review the action steps, provide further suggestions, and review the presentation templates that Ms. Jacquelyn Whiting designed.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

After discussion, B. Belden moved to amend the motion (noting under resignations, Ms. Krison was an ELA teacher at WMS, not Math/Social Studies), A. Foster seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as amended.

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

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD SUBCOMMITTEES

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, to discuss and approve its subcommittee structure and other Board representation from January-June, 2022.

After discussion, B. Belden moved, A. Foster seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to amend the motion to include the committees as read by Mr. Belden, and to approve the dates, but table the CAPE and Finance committee schedule, to be discussed at their first meeting.

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

MOTION TO ESTABLISH STRATEGIC PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE

A Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, that the Board establish a Strategic Planning Steering Committee as recommended by Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

After discussion, B. Belden tabled this motion to be brought back for discussion at the next Board of Education meeting.

TEMPORARY REMOVAL OF HHES LIBRARY BOOK (WHILE UNDER REVIEW)

A Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 2-5, to approve the removal of a book from the HHES Library temporarily, while under review, as recommended by the CAPE subcommittee.

J. Greenstein and M. Murphy voted aye.

B. Belden, A. Foster, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks, and S. Butow voted no.

BUDGET TRANSFER

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the request of a budget transfer as recommended by Director of Business & Operations Ken Post and the Finance Subcommittee.

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

INTERIM ATHLETIC TRAINER

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the recommendation for an interim athletic trainer at Brookfield High School as recommended by Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Athletic Director Steve Baldwin, Personnel & Negotiations subcommittee and the Finance subcommittee.

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

DRAFT 2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Board received a draft copy of the proposed 2022-2023 school calendar as recommended by Superintendent Dr. John Barile. The calendar will be brought back at the January 19th Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

REVIEW OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S 2022-2023 BUDGET PROPOSAL

The Board reviewed and continued discussion with the Superintendent and administration on the 2022-2023 budget proposal as presented by Superintendent Dr. John Barile on 12/1/2021.

CANDLEWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

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

3 MAIN POINTS

1. 2022-2023 School Calendar
2. Strategic Planning Committee
3. 2022-2023 Budget Proposal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chairman Belden adjourned the meeting at 9:26p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education