

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Bob Belden called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Present: Bob Belden, Paul Checco, Colette Sturm, Harry Shaker, Tara Lerner, Steve Harding and Eve Sturdevant

Also Present: Superintendent John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Maureen Ruby, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, HHES Interim Principal Jules Scheithe, CES Principal Dr. Krys Salon, and members of the staff and public.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

Chairman Bob Belden, on behalf of the Brookfield Board of Education, read a proclamation designating the week of May 8th to May 12th, 2017 as “Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week”. Elisa Larson was present on behalf of the BEA.

Chairman Bob Belden, on behalf of the Brookfield Board of Education, read a proclamation designating May 10th as “School Nurses Day”. Anna LaForgia was present on behalf of the Nurses.

The Board and Superintendent recognized the students who participated in the 10th Annual HARRA (Housatonic Resource Recovery Authority) annual poster contest.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Earl Del los Santos gave a report on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Irene Corea: 2017-2018 Brookfield School Budget

Laura Orban: 4th request for response Standardized Test follow-Up
Budget Concerns, 2017-2018 Board of Education Budget Flyer

Debbie Brooks: Education Budget

Heather Buckley: 2017-2018 School Budget, Additional Budget Item

Shana Bergonzelli Graham: School Budget

Kim McCarthy: Budget

Rebecca Mulder: Funding for Brookfield Schools

Leslie Ruggiero: This Year’s Budget

Christina Zimmerman: Ticks at WMS

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

C. Sturm moved, T. Lerner seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended.

Regular Meeting- 4/19/17

Special Meeting- 6:15 pm 4/27/17

Special Meeting- 7:00 pm 4/27/17

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, T. Lerner, H. Shaker and E. Sturdevant voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Mr. Post gave a brief power point presentation and update on the Pay to Participate account, MUNIS transition and the 2015-2016 audit.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

B & FC- 4/17/17- Mr. Checco gave an update on the year-end close-out and explained why the healthcare account is over. The Board discussed the contingency account that First Selectman Dunn has available in case of an overage that is available to Board of Education to off-set the overage. Mr. Belden asked the administration to request the full amount of \$235,000 from Mr. Dunn's office.

CAPE- 4/25/17- Mrs. Sturm gave an update on the World Language lab at BHS. Sony Labs was chosen to be the best fit for BHS after seeing it being used at Wilton High School. Room 209 will be used and will be offline on May 1st and re-opened on June 1st. Mrs. Sturm reported on the Discussion and Presentation on Human Growth & Development Unit for Grade 5 New Sexual Assault/Abuse Curriculum Program. (Joanne Thompson gave a review of the curriculum prior to the Board meeting). She also reported on high school credits awarded in math and world language for coursework taken at WMS, Capstone, a district handwriting committee, the recent assessment meeting at WMS and report card clarity.

Ad Hoc Update- Ms. Lerner is gathering information from Tom Tibolla and Jerry Gay for the RFP and will schedule another Ad Hoc committee meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

C. Sturm moved, T. Lerner seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, T. Lerner, H. Shaker, E. Sturdevant and S. Harding voted aye.

C. Sturm moved, T. Lerner seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to amend the agenda to add the approval for the BHS Music Department to travel to Hershey, PA from Friday, May 19th to Sunday, May 21st to participate in the Music in the Parks Festival as requested by BHS Music teacher John Lamendola and Band Instructor Steve St. Georges.

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, T. Lerner, H. Shaker, E. Sturdevant and S. Harding voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

BHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT TRIP TO HERSHEY PARK, PA

After a brief overview from Mr. St. Georges, C. Sturm moved, T. Lerner seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the BHS Music Department to travel to Hershey, PA from Friday, May 19th to Sunday, May 21st to participate in the Music in the Parks Festival as requested by BHS Music teacher John Lamendola and Band Instructor Steve St. Georges.

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, T. Lerner, H. Shaker, E. Sturdevant and S. Harding voted aye.

APPROVAL OF REVISED HEALTH CURRICULUM

C. Sturm moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the changes to the Health Curriculum as recommended by the CAPE subcommittee and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby.

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, T. Lerner, H. Shaker, E. Sturdevant and S. Harding voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

BYLAWS/POLICIES

BYLAWS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION- SERIES #9000

C. Sturm moved, P. Checco seconded to approve Bylaw series #9000 for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on March 22, 2017.

After discussion, B. Belden moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to table the approval of Bylaw series #9000 until the next Board of Education meeting scheduled for May 17, 2017.

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, T. Lerner, H. Shaker, E. Sturdevant and S. Harding voted aye.

POLICY #6146.3, INSTRUCTION- GRANTING CREDITS FOR SUMMER SCHOOL; 7TH & 8TH GRADE STUDENTS TAKING HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL COURSES; AND ADULT EVENING /EXTENDED DAY COURSES

C. Sturm moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the revision to Policy #6146.3 for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on March 22, 2017.

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, T. Lerner, H. Shaker, E. Sturdevant and S. Harding voted aye.

Mrs. Sturm listed upcoming events.

Without objection, Bob Belden adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Colette Sturm, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education