

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER, BROOKFIELD, CT
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Colette Sturm, Bob Belden, Joy Greenstein, Rosa Fernandes and Debbie Brooks

Absent: Eve Sturdevant and Jen Laden

Also Present: 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, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, and members of the staff and public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Maansi Barnwal gave an update on the happenings at BHS

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Ron Jaffe shared an article about vaping and school design

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting- 9/4/19

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, R. Fernandes and D. Brooks voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile updated the Board on September 11th observances in the schools. Milone and MacBroom are doing a land survey at HHES. VFW has an audio and essay writing contest as well as at Teacher of the Year program. Mrs. Wygonik is working with WMS & BHS Principals regarding the Developmental Asset Inventory survey. Odyssey of the Mind has their kickoff meeting within the next week. Dr. Barile said the bat that was found at WMS tested negative for rabies. Deb Brooks asked about lunch and recess times.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities- 9/4/19- Mrs. Greenstein said the subcommittee received an update from Dan Caldwell on summer cleaning and maintenance, HVAC, and the generator which will be shipped on October 1st. The subcommittee also discussed project planning for spring projects and the boy's locker room at BHS, fire inspections and the turf field at BHS. Miscellaneous discussion included School Dude and the newly installed hand sanitizers.

Finance- 9/9/19- Mr. Belden said the subcommittee discussed the year-end financial report, the online payment option for parents, student activity fund review, the EFS year-end submission and a budget transfer request.

Healthy Start Times- 9/10/19- Mrs. Fernandes said the subcommittee focused on finalizing the surveys (parents, students and staff). Dr. Freeman is a parent who specializes in statistics and will look at the surveys to deem them appropriate as well as the building principals. They will work with Eric Conklin to format them in a digital space.

CONSENT AGENDA

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the items listed on the consent agenda as recommended.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, R. Fernandes and D. Brooks voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

2020-2021 BUDGET PLANNING CALENDAR

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, to approve the 2020-2021 budget calendar as recommended by the Finance subcommittee and Director of Business and Operations Ken Post.

After discussion, C. Sturm moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the 2020-2021 budget planning calendar as amended.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, R. Fernandes and D. Brooks voted aye.

HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

The Board received a Human Resources Department update as presented by Director of Human Resources Terri Kavanagh.

NEW SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE

The Board discussed the new school building project.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve 2 budget transfers as requested by Director of Business and Operations Ken Post.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, R. Fernandes and D. Brooks voted aye.

LEGAL UPDATE PRESENTATION/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

The Board received a legal update regarding Board communications as presented by Attorney Dan Murphy.

3 MAIN POINTS

Mrs. Greenstein listed upcoming events

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing receipt and possible action upon attorney/client privileged communications and a confidential student matter at 7:50 pm.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, R. Fernandes and D. Brooks voted aye.

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 7:53 pm.

Present: Colette Sturm, Rosa Fernandes, Debbie Brooks, Bob Belden, and Joy Greenstein

Absent: Eve Sturdevant and Jen Laden

Invited in: Superintendent Dr. John Barile and Attorney Dan Murphy at 7:53 pm

The Board entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing receipt and possible action regarding attorney/client privileged communications and a confidential student matter.

Superintendent Dr. John Barile exited out of executive session at 8:15 pm.

Attorney Dan Murphy, Colette Sturm, Rosa Fernandes, Debbie Brooks, Bob Belden, and Joy Greenstein exited out of executive session at 8:41 pm.

Adjournment: Without objection, Chairman Colette Sturm adjourned the meeting at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Joy Greenstein, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education