

**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Brookfield Public Schools**  
**REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012**  
**BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**  
**7:00PM**  
**MINUTES**

Chairman Ray DiStephan called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

**Present:** Ray DiStephan, Jane Miller, Harry Shaker, Victor Katz, Paul Checco, Susan Queenan and Scott McCarthy

**Also Present:** Superintendent Anthony J. Bivona, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone, Director of Business and Technology Operations Art Colley, Special Services Director Charlie Manos, BHS Principal Joe Palumbo, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, CES Principal Carrie Kilian, Board of Finance Chairman Jerry Friedrich and members of the staff, press and public.

**PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT/BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL**

The Board and Superintendent spotlighted Brookfield High School and the Ipad initiative. Mr. Palumbo introduced students/staff who each gave a brief presentation on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tim Riddle, Olga Weitzman, Dotti Dori and Sue Crean spoke about paraprofessionals, students Madeline Vonk and Claire Lennon spoke about humanities in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and Jennifer Scott commented on the iPads, paraprofessionals and humanities.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Jack Dunn spoke about the happenings at BHS.

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

Letters were received from Mrs. Ferris, Mrs. Texteira and Brookfield PEptalk.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular Meeting- 1/4/12

Public Budget Hearing- 1/10/12

R. DiStephan, J. Miller, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, P. Checco, and S. McCarthy voted aye.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

The Superintendent encouraged the community to sign up for a "Fireside chat" regarding the budget. Mr. Bivona attended the iPad showcase at BHS on 1/12/12 and Mr. Colley spoke about the 2011 CCR audit report.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

B & FC- 1/17/12- Mr. Checco said the subcommittee discussed the financials for November and December as well as the Capital List.

Policy- 1/18/12- Mrs. Miller talked about the 2 policies coming before the Board for a first reading. She reported that the subcommittee is in the early stages of developing a policy on the selection of instructional materials.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

J. Miller moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

R. DiStephan, J. Miller, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, P. Checco, and S. McCarthy voted aye.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT**

J. Miller moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 6-0-1 to close out the Brookfield High School Building Project as recommended by Superintendent Anthony J. Bivona.

R. DiStephan, J. Miller, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, and S. McCarthy voted aye.

P. Checco abstained

### **POLICIES**

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #4134, Tutoring, for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

R. DiStephan, J. Miller, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, P. Checco, and S. McCarthy voted aye.

J. Miller moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy/Regulation 5141.21, Administration of Medication to Students for a first reading as recommended by the policy subcommittee.

R. DiStephan, J. Miller, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, P. Checco, and S. McCarthy voted aye.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

J. Miller moved, S. Queenan seconded, and the Board voted 6-1-0 to approve the 2012-2013 school calendar as recommended by Superintendent Anthony J. Bivona.

R. DiStephan, J. Miller, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, and S. McCarthy voted aye.

P. Checco voted no

#### **2012-2013 BUDGET**

The Board continued its discussion on the 2012-2013 budget. The Superintendent provided the Board with four different scenarios. After lengthy discussion, V. Katz moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 4-3 to adopt a budget in the amount of \$37,185,545 or a 2.86% increase.

J. Miller, V. Katz, P. Checco and S. McCarthy voted aye.

H. Shaker, R. DiStephan and S. Queenan voted no

### **2012-2013 CAPITAL LIST**

The Board entered into discussion on the 2012-2013 Capital List. After discussion, P. Checco moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve \$640,000 in Capital expenses to be sent to the First Selectman.

R. DiStephan, J. Miller, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz, P. Checco, and S. McCarthy voted aye.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

R. DiStephan moved, J. Miller seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing statements of strategy or negotiations and invite Superintendent Anthony J. Bivona, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone, Director of Business and Technology Operations Art Colley to the Executive Session.

R. DiStephan, J. Miller, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Queenan, P. Checco and S. McCarthy voted aye.

R. DiStephan moved, S. Queenan seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn its special meeting at 10:37 p.m.

R. DiStephan, J. Miller, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Queenan, P. Checco and S. McCarthy voted aye.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

R. DiStephan moved, S. Queenan seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn its regular meeting at 10:3 p.m.

R. DiStephan, J. Miller, H. Shaker, V. Katz, S. Queenan, P. Checco and S. McCarthy voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Morelli, Board Clerk

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Susan Queenan, Secretary  
Brookfield Board of Education