

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
(ZOOM) REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

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

PRESENT:

Bob Belden, Joy Greenstein, Amy Foster, Rosa Fernandes Debbie Brooks, Jen Laden, Mike Murphy 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, Director of Technology Eric Conklin, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Melissa Labrosciano, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond and members of the staff and public.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT- CENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The staff at Center Elementary School highlighted the Center Elementary School Kindergarten Book Store with staff and a short video.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Ben Bogues gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Dilania Kalman wrote regarding kindergarten entrance.

Laura Orban, Bunny Tessier and Leslie Ruggerio wrote regarding policy #6563 concerning challenged library materials.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting- 1/5/2022

Public Budget Hearing- 1/12/2022

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile said Mitch Heller has been hired as the new Youth Officer for the Town. He gave a COVID update which included Phase II, test kits and masks. The Superintendent talked about the MBC meeting coming on 2/15/2022 to hear a presentation on the furniture for CLES. The 2020-2021 financial audit has been completed and was a clean audit. Dr. Barile talked about the last day of school, currently 6/15/2022.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Finance- 1/3/2022- Mrs. Fernandes said the subcommittee discussed the 2022-2023 operating budget. At the meeting on 1/10/2022, the subcommittee discussed the December financials. They reviewed emerging issues which included outplaced students, potential shortfalls in Excess Cost Grant. Cost for subs is running high.

Facilities- 1/5/2022-Mrs.Greenstein was re-elected Chairman of the Facilities subcommittee. The subcommittee reviewed the School Dude reports. They received updates on WMS water, capital projects and the WMS wall. Old business discussion also included the building condition study, BHS roof, custodial staffing update and BHS large gym lights.

CAPE- 1/12/2022- Dr. Murphy said the subcommittee elected Dr. Murphy as the subcommittee chairman. They received a presentation from Dr. Liz Spencer on BHS Humanities curriculum. Andrew Hill presented at CAPE a credit change to the Introduction to Marketing and Social Media Marketing courses. Mrs. Holley made a presentation to reflect changes to the French program. Mr. Balanda presented to CAPE the changes to the Program of Studies. The subcommittee had brief discussion on the book that is currently being challenged. Dee Pearson will attend the next CAPE meeting.

Equity & Inclusion- 1/13/2022- Mrs. Foster said the committee re-elected her as the Chairman of the Equity & Inclusion subcommittee. Mrs. Holley updated the committee regarding the programmatic and achievement equity work. She spoke with Mr. Hill and Principal Balanda about moving forward first with BHS specific data as they are currently gathering the data in-house.

Mrs. Holley also updated the committee on adding a slide to the BOE presentation template explaining why we are focusing on teacher quality and stakeholder equity. The group discussed the timeline of the presentations as well as the format and next steps.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board 7-0 to approve the items listed on the consent agenda as recommended.

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

NEW BUSINESS

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE PROGRAM OF STUDIES

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and after a presentation and discussion with Marc Balanda, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the proposed revisions to the Program of Studies as recommended by the CAPE subcommittee, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby and BHS Principal Marc Balanda.

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

OLD BUSINESS

2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

A. Foster, R. Fernandes seconded to continue its discussion and approve the 2022-2023 school calendar as recommended by Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

After discussion, B. Belden moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to amend the motion on the floor, that the Board approve 180 day calendar as proposed by Superintendent Dr. John Barile, but ask the Superintendent to come back with a final proposal for four PLC days instead of the proposed seven, and target Fridays as much as possible, similar to what has been done in the past.

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

BUDGET TRANSFER

A Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a budget transfer as recommended by Director of Operations Ken Post and the Finance subcommittee.

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S 2022-2023 BUDGET DISCUSSION-POSSIBLE MOTION

The Board continued its discussion on the Superintendent’s 2022- 2023 budget.

After discussion, B. Belden moved, A. Foster seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a budget for the school year 2022-2023 to be forwarded to the Town for a final approval in the amount of \$48,507,621 as presented and recommended and Dr. John Barile and Director of Operations Ken Post.

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

CANDLEWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3 MAIN POINTS

1. Center School Kindergarten Book Store
2. BHS Program of Studies- Elimination of Class Rank
3. Budget

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

A Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to enter into executive session to discuss the Superintendent’s mid-year goals at 9:51 pm.

Chairman Bob Belden called the meeting to order at 9:55 pm.

Present: Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Sharon Butow, Rosa Fernandes, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein and Mike Murphy.

Superintendent Dr. John Barile was invited in at 9:55 pm.

The Board entered into executive session to discuss the Superintendent’s mid-year goals.

Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Sharon Butow, Rosa Fernandes, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, and Mike Murphy exited out of executive session at 10:23 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection, Chairman Bob Belden adjourned the meeting at 10:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education