

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER, BROOKFIELD, CT
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

Present: Rosa Fernandes, Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Jen Laden and Michael Murphy

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, HHES Principal Melissa Labroschiano, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, and members of the administration, staff and public.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT- CENTER SCHOOL

Center School Principal Mary Rose Dymond presented a brief video on the Pre-K program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Victoria Guarino spoke about the K-6 Spanish program

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Maansi Barnwal gave an update on the happenings at BHS

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Andy Corea wrote concerning the budget

Eve Sturdevant shared an op-ed regarding the budget process

Giorgia Stabile and Ron Jaffe wrote regarding public comment at meetings

Erin Scalera wrote regarding Special Ed

Monique Matthews and Shari Styranovski wrote regarding a News Times article

Giorgia Stabile wrote regarding the World Language program

Ron Jaffe shared an article about vaping

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Public Forum 1/8/2020

Regular Meeting- 1/8/2020

Special Joint Meeting- 1/15/2020

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

None

R. Fernandes moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to add the approval of Policy #4117.4, Dismissal/Suspension of Non-Tenured teachers to the first item on the agenda under New Business.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1/8/2020- Facilities- Mrs. Greenstein was elected the subcommittee chairman. She said the subcommittee received an update on the BHS locker room and School Dude. They received a report from Mr. Caldwell on the BHS generator, the bid for the WMS generator, WMS & BHS paving, BHS HVAC controls, and the new school project. He also gave the subcommittee an update on custodial staffing and the condition of an elevator at BHS. Fire inspections and electrical use discussions were tabled.

1/13/2020- Finance- Mr. Belden said the subcommittee discussed budget performance, outlook for the year and Special Education costs.

1/14/2020- Healthy School Start Times – Mrs. Laden said the committee received a report from Eddie Wydolfski from Tecton regarding bus lane design for the new building. They discussed detailed analysis of the survey data. They developed a communication plan for the Board of Education and the community to present their findings. Mrs. Laden will follow up with Superintendent Barile to possibly conduct focus groups.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

B. Belden moved, R. Fernandes seconded and after discussion, the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy # 4117.4, Dismissal/Suspension of Non-Tenured teachers for a first reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee.

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

TECTON-APPROVAL OF SCHOOL DESIGN

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the Schematic Design Documents as the basis for the Design Development phase of the new school building project.

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

SETTING OF GRADUATION DATE-CLASS OF 2020

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to set the graduation date for the Brookfield High School Class of 2020 for Saturday, June 20, 2020 at the O'Neill Center at 6:00 pm as recommended by BHS Principal Marc Balanda.

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

OLD BUSINESS

SUPERINTENDENT’S 2020-2021 BUDGET DISCUSSION-POSSIBLE MOTION

The Board continued its discussion on the Superintendent’s 2020- 2021 budget.

After discussion with the Board and Administration, B. Belden moved, A. Foster seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 that the Board of Education adopt a budget in the amount of \$47,024,164.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

Information was reported in the Tecton approval of school design previously in the meeting.

3 MAIN POINTS

1. New School
2. Budget
3. Setting of Graduation Date

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 for the purpose of discussing pending litigation involving a former employee at 9:45 pm.

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

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the meeting to order at 9:49 pm.

Present: Rosa Fernandes, Bob Belden, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein Jen Laden, Debbie Brooks and Mike Murphy

Superintendent Dr. John Barile was invited in at 9:50 pm.

The Board entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation involving a former employee.

Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Rosa Fernandes, Bob Belden, Jen Laden, Debbie Brooks, Mike Murphy and Amy Foster exited out of executive session at 9:54 pm.

Without objection, Chairman Rosa Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education