

**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Brookfield Public Schools**  
**REGULAR MEETING- BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**MINUTES**

Chairman Bob Belden called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

**PRESENT:**

Bob Belden, Joy Greenstein, Amy Foster, Rosa Fernandes Debbie Brooks, Jen Laden, Mike Murphy Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, Director of Instruction Deb Farias, Director of Technology Eric Conklin, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, and members of the staff and public.

**Absent:** Dr. John Barile and Dr. Maureen Ruby

**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT- BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL**

Students from Brookfield School gave presentations about the newest high school courses, (EMT, Human Rights).

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Ben Bagues gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

The Capone family wrote regarding the BHS program of studies, class rank and SAT scores.

Christina Zimmerman wrote regarding indoor sports mask mandates.

Jacklyn Fishetto and Stacey Coburn wrote regarding the book Drama.

Laura Orban wrote regarding school ranking and diversity.

Monique Matthews wrote regarding special education discrimination.

Debra Spennicchia wrote regarding public comment.

Marni McNiff wrote regarding Academic Support.

Aga Stepniak, Michelle Roudenis, John Mascolo, Ryan Roudenis, Mary Einzig, Joyce Boucino, Ali Boa, Katherine Stanley, John Lee, Tory Gozzi, Charisse and Chris Payne, Kristin Lee, Kimberly Abreu, Trina and John Capone, Jeanne Jaquith, Chris Spennicchia, Jennifer Forgione, Debra Spennicchia, Hollene and Joe Gohn, Michael Einzig, Diana Posillico, Mark Chisholm, Stacey Coburn, Meredith Adams, Laurie Parisi, Mike Parisi, Eliza Stanley, Sarah Amaral, Christina Luongo, Nora Marrinan, Art Kerley, Victoria Drake, Howard Lasser, Sandra Navarra, Nicole Rogers, Michael Rogers, Katherine Boniello, Carly Totilo, Tammy Fitzgerald, Irene Corea, Agnes and Chris Dickinson, Katie Rezac, Jennifer Baum, Elena Lopez, Eddie Reiske, Joseph Demasi, Ryan Einzig, Olya Conterez, Monique Matthews, Jane Blandford, Sandra Augusto, Nicole Drace, Erin Einzig, Jacklyn Fishetto, Mia Harrison, Margaret Petta, Joe Russo, Holli and Nick Carl, Jenn Delaney, Paul and Abigail Barry, Joan Demato, Lisa Zollbrecht, Tanya Stanley, Michelle Odysseos, Lauren Mucci, Krystie Rondini, Colin Milligan, Jen Augusto, Carrie Manna, Gaspare Marturano, Allison Reklaitis, James Hoffman, the Brookfield children's advocacy council, Doug and Lisa Esneault, Kristyn Ventresca, Nancy Brown, and Erin Einzig wrote regarding mask choice.

Logan Sullender wrote regarding changing Covid protocols.

### **APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

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

Regular Meeting 1/19/2022

Joint Meeting-BOE, BOF, BOS 2/10/2022

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

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Chairman Belden, on behalf of Superintendent Barile, read the Superintendent's report. Mr. Belden honored Rosemary Sarsfeld and Dottie Miles who passed away earlier in the week. Both were teachers in the district and leaders in the Brookfield community. He gave an update on COVID and spoke about the special Board meeting held on 2/14/2022. Chairman Belden also reported on the annual CT MLK Essay Contest (we had a winner from Brookfield-one of only 15 students in the state to be recognized for their essay honoring Martin Luther King Jr. Congratulations to Lydon Tessier.) and the College Board, CT Women in Science Award (Brookfield High School Earned the AP Computer Science A, Female Diversity Award Recognizing the Closing of the Gender Gap in AP Computer Science A.) Mr. Belden read the update on school security planning and enhancement and parent engagement.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Special Finance- 1/17/2022-** Mrs. Fernandes said the subcommittee discussed the operating budget at its meeting on 1/17/2022 and approved the Superintendent's proposed budget. At its special meeting on 1/24/2022, the subcommittee discussed the transportation bid award.

**Policy/Communications- 1/19/2022-** Mrs. Brooks said the subcommittee spent the bulk of its meeting discussing the School Library Media policy. The subcommittee voted unanimously to amend the language to Regulation #1330 to add the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to groups who are considered no charge.

**Facilities- 2/3/2022-** Mrs. Greenstein said the subcommittee discussed the School Dude reports and received an update on the WMS water, capital projects and the WMS wall. They discussed the building condition study and received a custodial staffing update. Mr. Belden gave a brief update to the subcommittee regarding the Town's ARPA Grant committee.

**CAPE- 2/9/2022-** Dr. Murphy said the subcommittee discussed the book challenge. Deanna Pearson was at the meeting to answer questions and they discussed guiding principles for removal. They also discussed the Candlewood Lake Elementary School library set up.

**Equity & Inclusion- 2/10/2022-** Mrs. Foster said the subcommittee members dedicated their time to providing each other with peer feedback on the Teacher Quality and Stakeholder Equity presentations.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items 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**

#### **SETTING OF GRADUATION DATE-CLASS OF 2022**

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to set the graduation date for the Brookfield High School Class of 2022 for Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at BHS, as recommended by BHS Principal Marc Balanda.

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

**APPROVAL OF CANDLEWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT (FF & E)**

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to authorize Tecton to prepare documents for procurement from the State of Connecticut or public bidding for the purchase of furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF & E) for the Candlewood Lake Elementary School as recommended by the Municipal Building Committee.

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 moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and after brief discussion, the Board voted 4-3 to approve the 2022-2023 school calendar as recommended by Superintendent Dr. John Barile.

B. Belden, A. Foster, D. Brooks and S. Butow voted aye.

J. Greenstein, R. Fernandes and M. Murphy voted no.

**DISCUSSION OF POLICY #6563- SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA/POSSIBLE MOTION**

The Board continued its discussion on Policy #6563, School Library Media, as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee.

After discussion, B. Belden moved, A. Foster seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #6563, School Library Media for a second reading with edits as proposed by the Policy/Communications subcommittee, and the edits as discussed at the full Board meeting.

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION'S ADOPTED BUDGET 2022-2023**

The Board had brief discussion on the Board of Education's 2022-2023 adopted budget.

**CANDLEWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**3 MAIN POINTS**

1. BHS Student Spotlight- New Courses on Human Rights and EMT.
2. Graduation
3. FF & E Approval- New School Progress

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Without objection, Chairman Bob Belden adjourned the meeting at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

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Amy Foster, Secretary  
Brookfield Board of Education