

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Present: Ray DiStephan, Jane Miller, Paul Checco, Susan Queenan, H. Shaker, Scott McCarthy and V. Katz

Absent: Superintendent Anthony Bivona

Also Present: Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone, Director of Business and Technology Operations Art Colley, BHS Principal Joe Palumbo, HHES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, and members of the staff, press and public.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT-HUCKLEBERRY HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Board spotlighted the students from Huckleberry Hill Elementary School. Tammy Sylvester and Maureen Fitzpatrick introduced HHES students and they talked about the different programs and events that make up "H-Kids".

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

The Board congratulated the students who competed in the 60th Annual CT DECA State Career Development Conference held on February 29th. Teresa Brooks introduced three students who will be attending the upcoming competition in Utah.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sherry Lyn Kotchman and Linda Frame spoke about book selection.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Jack Dunn gave an overview of the happenings at BHS

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

none

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting- 3/7/12

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

2012-2013 BOE budget deliberations with BOF- 3/13/12- Mr. Colley gave an update on the meeting with the Board of Finance on 3/13/12. Discussion included an overview of the Board of Education's budget and Capital requests.

COMMUNICATIONS

Policy- 3/7/12-Verbal report given at 3/7/12 meeting- Mrs. Miller said the subcommittee is in the process of looking into/developing policies/regulations that relate to book selection.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS

WAIVER OF ATTENDANCE

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a Brookfield High School student, currently a junior, who has requested a waiver of attendance (early graduation.) He will have satisfied all of his graduation requirements by the June, 2012 and begin his college studies in the Fall of 2012. This request is recommended by BHS Principal, Joseph Palumbo.

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

DECA TRIP

After discussion, J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve a trip to Salt Lake City, Utah for students to compete in the International Career Development Conference from Saturday, April 28th - Wednesday, May 2nd as recommended by BHS DECA Advisor Teresa Brooks and BHS Principal Joseph Palumbo.

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

PENSION CONTRIBUTION

The Board discussed the Board of Education Pension Contribution to the 2012 2013 budget. First Selectman Bill Davidson made a request to the Board of Education regarding funding. The Board of Education will make a decision based on the outcome of the Board of Finance deliberations.

OLD BUSINESS

2011-2012 BUDGET/CAPITAL DISCUSSION

The Board continued its discussion on the 2012-2013 budget/capital.

ADJOURNMENT

P. Checco moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn its regular meeting at 8:28pm

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

Susan Queenan, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Morelli

