

**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Brookfield Public Schools**  
**REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2013**  
**BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**MINUTES**

Chairman Ray DiStephan called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Present: Ray DiStephan, Jane Miller, Susan Queenan, Victor Katz, Harry Shaker, and Scott McCarthy  
Paul Checco arrived at 7:57 pm

Also Present: Superintendent Anthony Bivona, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone, Director of Special Services Charlie Manos, Director of Finance and Technology Operations Art Colley, BHS Principal Joe Palumbo, HHES Principal Mary Rose Dymond and CES Interim Principal Dr. Krys Salon and members of the staff, press and public

**RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS**

Chairman Ray DiStephan, on behalf of the Brookfield Board of Education, read a proclamation designating the week of May 6<sup>th</sup> to May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 as “Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week”. Brian Kwas represented the teachers.

Chairman Ray DiStephan, on behalf of the Brookfield Board of Education, read a proclamation designating Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 as School Nurses Day. Karin Prizio represented the nurses.

The Board and Superintendent recognized the students who participated in the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual HRRA (Housatonic Resource Recovery Authority) annual poster contest. Lisa Morelli presented a power point presentation of the contest winners along with Dr. Salon, Mrs. Dymond and Mr. Willinski who presented ribbons to the winners.

The Board took a brief recess at 7:20pm and returned at 7:31pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Amy Ferrarie spoke about the grad party

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Bradley Leverage reported on the happenings at BHS

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

none

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

J. Miller moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

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

### **SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE**

Superintendent Bivona updated the Board on the Art Show opening at Town Hall- May 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm and the BHS Health Fair held earlier in the day. He also reported that CAS has selected WMS as one of two finalists for the Connecticut Association of Schools “Middle Level School of the Year”.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Policy- 4/24/13- Mrs. Miller said there are 4 policies discussed at the subcommittee meeting that are coming before the full Board later in the meeting.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

J. Miller moved, S. McCarthy seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **SUPERINTENDENT’S EVALUATION**

The Board discussed scheduling the Superintendent’s evaluation.

### **POLICIES**

After discussion, J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve revisions to Policy #1312, Public Complaints as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

After discussion, J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve new Regulation #4118.25, Social Networking for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the revisions to Policy#5131.7, Weapons and Dangerous Instruments for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the revisions to Policy#5131.6, Drug, Alcohol Abuse and Tobacco Use as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **2013-2014 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

The Board continued its discussion on the 2013-2014 budget.

After discussion, R. DiStephan moved, H. Shaker seconded, and the Board voted 5-2 to eliminate the Mandarin program as proposed in the Board of Education 2013 2014 adopted budget.

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

J. Miller and P. Checco voted no.

**SECURITY UPDATE**

The Board received a school building security update as reported by Superintendent Anthony J. Bivona. Mr. Bivona and Mr. Colley will be attending the Board of Selectmen meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> to request funding for the Phase II part of the security plan.

**ADJOURNMENT**

P. Checco moved, S. Queenan seconded, and the Board voted 70 to adjourn its meeting at 8:55pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Lisa Morelli, Board Clerk

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Susan Queenan, Secretary  
Brookfield Board of Education