

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2012
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL, MEDIA CENTER BROOKFIELD, CT
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Chairman Ray DiStephan called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Present: R. Distephan, J Miller, S. Queenan, P. Checco. V. Katz, H. Shaker and S. McCarthy

Also Present: Superintendent Anthony Bivona, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone and Director of Finance, Technology and Operations Art Colley.

YEAR END REPORT FROM THE BROOKFIELD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Board and Superintendent received an end of the year update on the Brookfield Education Foundation by BEF President Colette Sturm. She listed the grant recipients for this year as well as showing a video on the Unified Arts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Mrs. Tomanio regarding the last day of school

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Special meeting- 6/7/12

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Superintendent Bivona reported on the closing events, school-wide including a report on the 8th grade moving up ceremony and the Class of 2012 graduation.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy- 6/7/12 - Mrs. Miller said the subcommittee discussed several policies which are being brought to the Board for either a first read or final approval.

B &FC- 6/7/12- Mr. Checco said the subcommittee met to discuss the roof at HHES.

CAPE 6/19 (verbal report)- Mr. Katz said the subcommittee discussed the SEM program and a textbook coming before the Board for approval.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

R. Di Stephan moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to take the leave of absence for Center Elementary School Principal Carrie Kilian off of the consent agenda for separate discussion.

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

R. Di Stephan moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as amended.

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

R. DiStephan moved, J. Miller seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to discuss the approval of a leave of absence for Center Elementary School Principal Carrie Kilian from 10/1/12 to 6/30/13 for child rearing.

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

After discussion, P. Checco moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 3-4 to table the request for a leave of absence by Center Elementary School Principal Carrie Kilian until July 18, 2012.

J. Miller, P. Checco, and V. Katz voted aye.

R. DiStephan, S. Queenan, S. McCarthy and H. Shaker voted no

R. DiStephan moved, J. Miller seconded, and the Board voted 4-3 to approve a leave of absence for Center Elementary School Principal Carrie Kilian from 10/1/12 to 6/30/13 for child rearing.

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

J. Miller, P. Checco, and V. Katz voted no.

NEW BUSINESS

POLICIES

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy/Regulation #6161, Textbook Selection/Adoption for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy/Regulation #6161.1, Selection of Instructional Materials for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #1312, Public Complaints for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #6171 old #6671), Special Education for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #6171.1, Inclusion Policy of Delivery of Services to Students With Disabilities for a first reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee.

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

TEXTBOOK APPROVAL

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the following textbook as recommended by the CAPE subcommittee and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone: Course: AP Human Geography, The Cultural Landscape: An Introduction to Human Geography, Tenth Edition, James Rubenstein, 2011.

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

STATE OF THE SCHOOLS REPORT

The Board received a report on the State of the Schools as recommended by Superintendent Anthony J. Bivona and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Genie Slone. Dr. Slone did a power point presentation.

OLD BUSINESS

POLICIES

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Regulation #6141.321, Acceptable Use of the Tablet for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on May 16, 2012.

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

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #6161.3, Comparability of Services for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on May 16, 2012.

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

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #6161.31, Title I Program for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on May 16, 2012.

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

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy #4112.51/4212.51, Prior Employment Reference Checks for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on May 16, 2012.

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

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve Policy/Regulation/Forms #5118, Non-Resident Attendance for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on May 16, 2012.

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

HUCKLEBERRY HILL ROOF PROJECT

J. Miller moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the attached revised format of educational specifications for the Huckleberry Hill Elementary School roof replacement project.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

J. Miller moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation at 9:55pm.

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

P. Checco moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to come out of executive session and return to it regular meeting at 11:40pm

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

R. DiStephan moved, V. Katz, seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the merit increase for the Superintendent in the amount of \$11,000 and to extend the contract for the Superintendent through June 30, 2015.

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

R. DiStephan moved, V. Katz seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn its regular meeting at 11:42pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Morelli, Board Clerk

Susan Queenan, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education