

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER BROOKFIELD, CT
7:00 p.m.

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Colette Sturm, Bob Belden, Joy Greenstein, Eve Sturdevant, Jen Laden and Debbie Brooks

Absent: Rosa Fernandes

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, Director of Special Services Dr. Christine Sipala, Director of Instruction Deb Farias, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, HHES Principal Melissa Labroschiano, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, and members of the staff, press and public.

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 Kristen Joshi.

PRESENTATION OF LITERARY MAGAZINE/YEARBOOK

The Board and Superintendent received copies and brief presentations of literary magazines and yearbooks from Huckleberry Hill Elementary School, Whisconier Middle School and Brookfield High School.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Suzanne Garizio and Lori Peck spoke about the Grad Party

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Gesette Jewett wrote regarding a recess at WMS poll
Andrea Farrison wrote regarding transportation
Stephanie Knecht wrote regarding Lice Clinics of America

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Regular meeting- 6/5/19

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, J. Laden and D. Brooks voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile gave an update on the US News and World Report regarding the BHS ranking. Dr. Ruby gave a preliminary SBAC results update.

IX. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel & Negotiations- 6/3/19- Mrs. Sturm said the subcommittee entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations as it relates to collective bargaining.

Healthy School Start Times- 6/3/19- Mrs. Laden said the subcommittee discussed the Wahlstrom Article, survey development and committee communication.

Finance- 6/10/19- Mr. Belden said the subcommittee discussed May financials/check registers. Old business included discussion of the 2019-2020 budget. New business discussed included remote deposits, online payments for various school fees, merged trial balances substitute service, non-lapsing funds and capital projects.

Security Task Force- 6/14/19- Mrs. Sturm said the subcommittee discussed the Homeland Security Report and the CIP update.

CONSENT AGENDA

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, J. Laden and D. Brooks voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the attached list of field trips for the 2019-2020 school year as recommended by BHS Principal Marc Balanda.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, J. Laden and D. Brooks voted aye.

APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS FOR SPORTS FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the attached list of sports field trips for the 2019-2020 school year as requested by Athletic Director Steve Baldwin.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, J. Laden and D. Brooks voted aye.

2019-2020 KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT/POSSIBLE MOTION

The Board discussed the 2019-2020 Kindergarten enrollment and received a power point presentation from CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond.

After discussion, C. Sturm moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the Board Chairman to ask the Board of Finance for \$85,500 to fund an additional Kindergarten teacher.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, J. Laden and D. Brooks voted aye.

After further discussion, B. Belden moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to authorize the administration to hire an additional Kindergarten teacher understanding that we are going through the process of an additional appropriation.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, J. Laden and D. Brooks voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

POLICIES

POLICY#3524.1- HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN SCHOOLS- PESTICIDE APPLICATION

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve Policy#3524.1, Hazardous Materials in Schools- Pesticide Application for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on May 15, 2019.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, J. Laden and D. Brooks voted aye.

POLICY #3111- FISCAL YEAR

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve Policy#3111, Fiscal Year for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on May 15, 2019.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, J. Laden and D. Brooks voted aye.

POLICY #3280.1- GRANTS

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve Policy#3280.1, Grants, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on May 15, 2019.

C. Sturm, B. Belden, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, J. Laden and D. Brooks voted aye.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The Board received an update on the new school building project. The grant application has been submitted and the Office of Grants Management asked for a copy to use as an example for other schools to use as an example. Applications are still being sent to the State for the June 30th deadline. Highest application priorities include applications received in advance, consolidation of schools and “applications we haven’t seen in a while”.

3 MAIN POINTS

1. Kindergarten
2. US News and World Reports
3. Graduation/Grad Party

Mrs. Greenstein listed upcoming events

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

J. Greenstein moved, B. Belden seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing a confidential student matter and the Superintendent’s evaluation at 8:25 pm.

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 8:32 pm.

Present: Colette Sturm, Bob Belden, Joy Greenstein, Eve Sturdevant, Debbie Brooks, and Jen Laden

Absent: Rosa Fernandes

Invited in: Superintendent Dr. John Barile

The Board entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing a confidential student matter and the Superintendents evaluation.

Superintendent Dr. John Barile exited executive session at 8:52.

Colette Sturm, Bob Belden, Joy Greenstein, Debbie Brooks, and Jen Laden exited out of executive session at 10:03 pm.

Without objection, Chairman Sturm adjourned the meeting at 10:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Joy Greenstein, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education