

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
(ZOOM) REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

(Present via Zoom): Rosa Fernandes, Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Jen Laden, Michael Murphy, Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, Director of Special Services Gina Wygonik, Director of Instruction Deb Farias, Director of Technology Eric Conklin, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Melissa Labroschiano, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond and members of the faculty, staff and administration.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jackson Sharp and William Fox spoke about establishing a BHS Boys Volleyball team for JV and V by the spring of 2022.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Tanvi Chennuru gave an update on the happenings at BHS

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Laura Orban wrote regarding health data.

Eileen Koch wrote regarding the decision making process regarding the school learning model.

Elena Lopez, Amy Frost, Sara Coffey, Charisse Payne and other concerned parents wrote regarding the school learning model.

Josh Flowers wrote regarding the new school name.

The BEA Executive Board wrote regarding school learning model.

Heather Buckley and Chris Delia wrote regarding the extended school closure.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Budget Roundtable- 11/4/2020

Regular Meeting- 11/4/2020

Special Joint Meeting- BOE/MBC 11/17/2020

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

The Superintendent gave an update on the submission of the All-Hazards Safety and Security Plan. Dr. Barile participated via Zoom in the Arts for Connecticut Resident Artists Program with some of the 7th graders from WMS. The Superintendent gave a brief update on COVID stating that schools will be on full remote until January 15, 2021.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities-11/4/2020- Mrs. Greenstein said the subcommittee discussed the School Dude reports as well as a custodial staffing update. New business included a discussion on the WMS water testing and miscellaneous discussion included an update on the mouse problem at BHS and the boy's locker room project.

New School Naming Committee-11/5/2020& 11/23/2020- Dr. Murphy said the committee received a power point on the history of the Town as well as the architecture of the school. They discussed the possibility of some names for the new school. Three to five names will be brought to the full Board on 12/16/2020. The committee meets again on 12/8/2020.

Finance- 11/9/2020- Mr. Belden said the subcommittee discussed the financial reports. They also reviewed formats for the budget.

Policy- 11/18/2020- Mrs. Brooks said the subcommittee discussed COVID and pandemic related policies. The committee also spoke about hiring CABA to assist updating the Brookfield policies. Superintendent Barile will contact CABA for more information. Communications discussion included COVID updates and the new COVID dashboard.

CAPE- 11/19/2020- Mrs. Laden said the subcommittee received a presentation from MS. Holley regarding Brookfield’s TESOL program. Mr. Balanda presented the use of Edgenuity at BHS and Mrs. Farias provided a tour and update on the Atlas Rubicon Public site.

Equity and Inclusion 11/16/2020 & 11/30/2020- Mrs. Foster said Dr. Barile, Dr. Ruby, Jen Laden and Mrs. Foster met and discussed the purpose and goals and aligned the committee vision with the Board’s equity statement. Dr. Barile and Dr. Ruby prioritized the committee objectives in alignment with district plans. They categorized the objectives into 4 categories. The committee selected the members for the committee. The committee will meet on the second Thursday monthly at 4:30pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

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

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD SUBCOMMITTEES

A. Foster moved, J. Greenstein seconded to discuss and approve its subcommittee structure and other Board representation (Magnet School, BEF, Education Connection, Brookfield Cares, RBAC, MBC) from January-June, 2021.

After discussion, R. Fernandes moved, A. Foster seconded, and the Board voted 7-0 to amend the motion to change the representation for the Brookfield Education Foundation from Jen Laden to Joy Greenstein.

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S 2021-2022 BUDGET PROPOSAL

The Board received the 2021-2022 budget proposal as presented by Superintendent Dr. John W. Barile.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The Board received an update on the new school building project.

3 MAIN POINTS

1. COVID Update
2. Budget Presentation
3. New School update/Naming committee/State approval

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events.

R. Fernandes moved, A. Foster seconded, and the Board voted to amend the agenda to add executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations as it relates to collective bargaining 8:38pm.

Chairman Rosa Fernandes called the meeting to order at 8:43 pm.

Present: Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Rosa Fernandes, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Mike Murphy and Jen Laden.

The Board entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations as it relates to collective bargaining.

Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Rosa Fernandes, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Mike Murphy and Jen Laden exited out of executive session at 9:09 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection, Chairman Rosa Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 9:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education