

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
SPECIAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2014
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Scott McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Present: Scott McCarthy, Paul Checco, Susan Queenan, Harry Shaker Victor Katz and Steve Harding

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Friedrich spoke about the budget
Tim and Heather Ehrhard spoke about the wrestling program
Tammy Sylvester spoke about the wrestling program
Pat Sarmiere spoke about the school nurses
Pati Richards spoke about the school nurses
Jim McKeever spoke about the wrestling program
Renee Santiago spoke about the school nurses
Rich Saluga spoke about the wrestling program and the budget
Joan Benz spoke about the school nurses
Joe McNiff spoke about the wrestling program

Mr. McCarthy, Mrs. Queenan and Mr. Shaker made brief comments after the public spoke.

APPROVAL OF TWO TRIPS FOR THE BROOKFIELD INDEPENDENT COLOR GUARD

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve two trips for the Brookfield Independent Color Guard to compete in their first competition in Salem, Massachusetts from Friday, February 7th to Sunday, February 9th and the second competition in Long Branch, New Jersey on Friday, March 21, 2014 to Sunday, March 29th, 2014.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz and S. Harding voted aye.

LETTER TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to direct it's Chairman to ask the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Board of Education, for a special appropriation not to exceed the amount of the year-end over-expenditure attributable to the Board of Education as identified in the 2013 audit report prepared by Mahoney and Sabol and Company.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz and S. Harding voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDED 2014-2015 BUDGET

The Board and Superintendent continued their discussion on the 2014-2015 budget. Among discussing several line items, they discussed the insurance rate going up 20% and talked about going out to bid. The Board also agreed to change the school calendar from 182 days to 180 days. Additionally, they agreed to increase the amount of pay to participate from \$125 to \$175.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ADOPTION OF THE 2014-2015 BUDGET

After discussion, S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 4-2 that the Board of Education adopt its 2014-2015 budget in the amount of 40,080,470 or 4.66%.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, and V. Katz voted aye.

H. Shaker and S. Harding voted no

BOARD OF EDUCATION ADOPTION OF THE 2014-2015 CAPITAL LIST

After brief discussion, S. Queenan moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 4-2 that the Board of Education adopt its 2014-2015 Capital budget in the amount of \$385,000.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, and V. Katz voted aye.

H. Shaker and S. Harding voted no

ADJOURNMENT

V. Katz moved, S. Queenan seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to adjourn its special meeting at 10:10 pm.

S. McCarthy, P. Checco, S. Queenan, H. Shaker, V. Katz and S. Harding voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Morelli, Board Clerk

Susan Queenan, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education