

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019
BROOKFIELDHIGHSCHOOLMEDIACENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

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

Present: Colette Sturm, Eve Sturdevant, Joy Greenstein, Rosa Fernandes, Jen Laden and Debbie Brooks

Absent: Bob Belden

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, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Melissa Labroschiano, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond, and members of the staff, press and public.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

Chairman Colette Sturm, on behalf of the Brookfield Board of Education, read a proclamation designating the week of May 6th to May 10, 2019 as “Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week”. Elisa Larson represented the BEA.

Chairman Colette Sturm, on behalf of the Brookfield Board of Education, will read a proclamation designating May 8th as “School Nurses Day”. Roberta Mateer represented the Nurses.

The Board and Superintendent recognized the students who participated in the 12th Annual HRRA (Housatonic Resource Recovery Authority) annual poster contest.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Antoinette Daley spoke about food allergies.

Henry Katras spoke about the new school.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Madeline O’Connor gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Andrea Farison wrote about bus transportation

Christine Goodsell wrote about a Girl Scout project

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting- 4/3/19

Special Meeting- 4/24/19

C. Sturm, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and D. Brooks voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities- 4/3/19- Mrs. Sturdevant gave an update on the bidding process for the renovation and design study for the boy’s bathroom at BHS, storage and weight room areas, and new locker room. WMS included masonry and glass project. The BHS HVAC unit is complete and the new generator has been ordered and the new cleaning unit at BHS.

Finance- 4/8/19- Mrs. Sturm gave an update on the financials, soft spending freeze, budget, and capital funds. Mrs. Sturm also spoke about the future replacement and funding of the BHS turf fields and the student activity funds.

Personnel & Negotiations- 4/8/19- Mrs. Sturm said the subcommittee went into executive session for the purpose of discussing unaffiliated salaries.

CAPE- 4/23/19- Mrs. Laden said the new 9th and 11th grade health curriculum, new text for Human Geography and new Spanish text will be presented later in the meeting.

Policy/Communications- 4/24/19- Mrs. Fernandes gave an update on the ongoing work with the #3000 policy series and the budget flyer/video.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

C. Sturm, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and D. Brooks voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

BHS NEASC REPORT

The Board received a NEASC report from Brookfield High School Principal Marc Balanda.

APPROVAL OF IDEA GRANT APPLICATION

J. Greenstein moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the annual submission of the district IDEA Grant as required by State law.

C. Sturm, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and D. Brooks voted aye.

APPROVAL OF HEALTH CURRICULUM

After an overview by BHS Principal Marc Balanda, J. Greenstein moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the Health 9 and Health 11 curriculum as recommended by Mr. Steve Baldwin, Director of Athletics, Health & PE, K-12, the CAPE subcommittee and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby.

C. Sturm, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and D. Brooks voted aye.

APPROVAL OF HUMAN GEOGRAPHY TEXTBOOKS AND CURRICULUM WRITING

After an overview by BHS Principal Marc Balanda, J. Greenstein moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the Human Geography textbooks and the Human Geography curriculum writing as recommended by Ms. Liz Spencer, Humanities Curriculum Specialist, BHS, the CAPE subcommittee and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby.

C. Sturm, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and D. Brooks voted aye.

APPROVAL OF SPANISH TEXTBOOKS

After an overview by Kemen Holley, J. Greenstein moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve Spanish textbooks as recommended by Ms. Kemen Holley, WL and ESL Curriculum Specialist, K-12, the CAPE subcommittee and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby.
C. Sturm, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and D. Brooks voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

POLICIES

POLICY #3542.43- LUNCH CHARGING

J. Greenstein moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve Policy # 3542.43, Lunch Charging, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. First reading was on March 6, 2019.

C. Sturm, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and D. Brooks voted aye.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The Board received an update on the new school building project. The grant work is in the process of being completed for the June 30th deadline. Dr. Barile visited with the State School Security Team to assess security in the schools.

3 MAIN POINTS

1. NEASC Report
2. HRRR Poster Contest
3. Curriculum Planning Resources

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Greenstein listed upcoming events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

J. Greenstein moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing a confidential student matter at 8:23pm.

C. Sturm, J. Greenstein, E. Sturdevant, R. Fernandes, J. Laden and D. Brooks voted aye.

Chairman Colette Sturm called the meeting to order at 8:20 pm.

Present: Colette Sturm, Joy Greenstein, Rosa Fernandes, Debbie Brooks, Eve Sturdevant and Jen Laden

Absent: Bob Belden

Invited in: Superintendent John Barile

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

Adjournment: Without objection, Chairman Colette Sturm adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk