

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Chairman Bob Belden called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PRESENT:

Bob Belden, Amy Foster, Rosa Fernandes, Debbie Brooks and Sharon Butow Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Anna Mahon, Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, Director of Special Services Amy DeNicola-Hickman, Director of Technology Eric Conklin, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Principal Dr. Dave Pepsoski, CES Principal Deb Farias, and members of the staff.

ABSENT: Joy Greenstein and Dr. Mike Murphy

INTRODUCTION OF CERTIFIED STAFF MEMBERS

The Board was introduced to the new staff for the 2022-2023 school year.

OPENING OF SCHOOL REPORT

The Board heard an opening of school report from the four building principals.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE- WELCOME KAITLYN ZEZZA

The Board was introduced to the new student representative for the 2022-2023 school year Kaitlyn Zezza

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Ron Jaffe wrote regarding the Sandy Hook Promise anonymous reporting system.

Aga Stepniak wrote regarding Health curriculum.

The Cohens wrote regarding grants.

Jessica Juska wrote praising the first week at Huckleberry.

Rachel Alagna wrote with a BHS policy question.

Linda Jaquith, Nick Schmidt, Ara Yapoujian and Sarah Amaral wrote regarding school bathrooms.

Nick Schmidt and Sarah Amaral wrote regarding gender identity policies.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Board Retreat- 8/16/2022

Regular Meeting- 8/17/2022

Special BOE Meeting- 9/1/2022

B. Belden, A. Foster, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks and S. Butow voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

Superintendent Barile gave an update on Reset, Relaunch planning, security and transportation updates and in-person meetings.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Facilities Meeting- 8/23/2022 and Special Facilities Meeting- 9/1/2022- Mr. Belden gave a brief update on the WMS wall and the BHS Boy’s Locker Room project.

CONSENT AGENDA

A Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

B. Belden, A. Foster, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks and S. Butow voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

The Board received an update on summer technology projects as presented by Technology Director Eric Conklin.

FACILITIES UPDATE

The Board received an update on facilities as presented by Facilities Director Dan Caldwell.

FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Whitsons Food Service contract for the 2022-2023 school year as recommended by Director of Business and Operations Ken Post.

B. Belden, A. Foster, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks and S. Butow voted aye.

TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the 5-year All-Star Transportation contract beginning in the 2022-2023 school year as recommended by Director of Business and Operations Ken Post.

B. Belden, A. Foster, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks and S. Butow voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CANDLEWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The Board received an update on the Candlewood Lake Elementary School building project.

3 MAIN POINTS

1. Back to School updates
2. Recap of facilities update
3. CLES progress update

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing attorney/client privileged information and the Superintendent's goals at 8:24pm.

B. Belden, A. Foster, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks and S. Butow voted aye.

Chairman Bob Belden called the meeting to order at 8:31 pm.

Present: Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Sharon Butow. Rosa Fernandes and Amy Foster.

Absent: Joy Greenstein and Mike Murphy

Superintendent Dr. John Barile was invited in at 8:31 pm.

The Board entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing attorney/client privileged information and the Superintendent's goals.

Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Bob Belden, Debbie Brooks, Sharon Butow, Rosa Fernandes, and Amy Foster exited executive session at 9:46 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Chairman Bob Belden adjourned the meeting at 9:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education