

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Vice Chairman Joy Greenstein called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PRESENT:

Joy Greenstein, Amy Foster, Rosa Fernandes, Debbie Brooks, Jen Laden, Mike Murphy Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby and Director of Business & Operations Ken Post, WMS Principal Deane Renda, HHES Interim Principal Dr. Dave Pepsoski, CES Principal Mary Rose Dymond and members of the staff and public.

ABSENT

Bob Belden

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT- CENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Center School Principal Mary Rose Dymond shared a student presentation on digital portfolios.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Ben Bogues gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Chris Rink wrote regarding board meetings

Kerry Swift wrote regarding electric school buses

Monique Matthews wrote regarding the Special Ed Director

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended.

Regular Meeting- 3/16/2022

J. Greenstein, A. Foster, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks, M. Murphy and S. Butow voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Barile introduced Amy DeNicola Hickman as the new Special Education Director and she officially introduced herself to the Board. The Superintendent gave an update on the hiring process for the Assistant Superintendent job opening. He spoke about the Odyssey of the Mind 7th grade team from WMS who are doing a fundraiser for their trip to the Worlds competition. The Superintendent also said he attended GREASE at BHS last week and thanked everyone for a job well done. Dr. Barile congratulated Joan Reynolds and Dr. Kemen Holley on their recent degree accomplishments. Eric Conklin gave a brief update on technology as part of the Strategic Planning process. Dave Pepsoski and Deane Renda gave reports on the wellness activities in their respective schools. Dr. Barile spoke about the Capital referendum and "PurpleUp" for Military Kids Day on 4/27/2022.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance- 3/15/2022- Mrs. Fernandes reported on the February financial reports, Capital projects, FEMA reimbursement and the 2022-2023 operating budget.

Policy/Communications- 3/16/2022- Mrs. Brooks said the subcommittee discussed the Title IX policy, a new policy on Transgender, and the 2022-2023 budget flyer.

CONSENT AGENDA

A Foster moved, R. Fernandes, seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended.

J. Greenstein, A. Foster, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks, M. Murphy and S. Butow voted aye.

The Board wished Mrs. Dymond a heartfelt farewell and thanked her for her 13 years in Brookfield.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION UPON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS CONCERNING THE INSTITUTION OF TEACHER NONRENEWALS PURSUANT TO CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SECTION 10-151.

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 that, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151, the Brookfield Board of Education non-renew the teaching contract of all non-tenured teachers at the end of the 2021-22 school year as recommended by the Superintendent, and; further move that the Superintendent be directed to communicate this action of the Board in writing to all non-tenured teachers and that the Superintendent be authorized to respond on behalf of the Board to any requests for a hearing, if required by law, or for other data which may be forthcoming from the teacher and/or his/her representative pursuant to applicable provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151; and that the Superintendent be directed that any response to a request for a hearing, if a hearing is required by law, indicate that such hearing is to be before the Board or, at the Board's discretion, a subcommittee of the Board.

J. Greenstein, A. Foster, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks, M. Murphy and S. Butow voted aye.

TITLE XI POLICY

A. Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve Policy #4000 (5145.44), Title XI, for a first reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee.

J. Greenstein, A. Foster, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks, M. Murphy and S. Butow voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

POLICIES

NEW POLICY #3541.5 RECORDS & REPORTS, TRANSPORTATION COMPLAINTS

A Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve Policy #3541.5, Records & Reports, Transportation, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on 3/2/2022, Policy #3542.22, Food Service Personnel Code of Conduct, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on 3/2/2022 and Policy #3542.41, Food Service School Lunch Service-Professional Standards, for a final reading as recommended by the Policy/Communications subcommittee. First reading was on 3/2/2022.

J. Greenstein, A. Foster, R. Fernandes, D. Brooks, M. Murphy and S. Butow voted aye.

BOARD OF EDUCATION’S ADOPTED 2022-2023 BUDGET

The Board continued its discussion on the Board of Education’s 2022-2023 adopted budget.

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. CES Spotlight- Mary Rose departure
2. New Special Education Director Amy DeNicola-Hickman
3. Candlewood Lake Elementary School

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Foster listed upcoming events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

A Foster moved, R. Fernandes seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations as it relates to collective bargaining, unaffiliated salaries and attorney client privileged communications at 8:08 pm.

Vice Chairwoman Joy Greenstein called the meeting to order at 8:12 pm.

Present: Debbie Brooks, Sharon Butow, Rosa Fernandes, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein and Mike Murphy

Superintendent Dr. John Barile was invited in at 8:12 pm.

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Debbie Brooks, Sharon Butow, Rosa Fernandes, Amy Foster, Joy Greenstein, Mike Murphy and Superintendent Dr. John Barile exited executive session at 9:14 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection, Vice Chairwoman Joy Greenstein adjourned the meeting at 9:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Amy Foster, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education