

# BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

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Brookfield Board of Education

Location: Auditorium

## **Regular Meeting of the Board**

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

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**I. Call to order: "Work Session" - Time: 5:00 p.m.**

Mr. Gibson presented the Board with individual plaques in honor of Ohio School Board Recognition month, created by the Maker Space.

Mr. Gibson thanked the Brookfield Township Road Department for assisting with ice removal on our parking lots on Tuesday, February 16.

Adam Lewis, Director of Teaching, Learning and Accountability, updated the Board on diagnostic test results for the 2020-2021 school year. Data from iReady and NWEA Maps was presented.

Mr. Gibson updated the Board on the following items:

- Possible partnership with Eastern Gateway Community College
- ESSER II funding

Mrs. Sloan updated the Board on the following items:

- Fair School Funding Plan (formerly Cupp Patterson), reintroduced in 2021 as HB1
- ESSER II funding
- Student Wellness and Success Funds (SWSF) budget

**II. The Brookfield Board of Education called their regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, in the auditorium.**

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

<b>IV. Roll Call:</b>	Mrs. Sarah Kurpe, President	PRESENT
	Ms. Ronda Bonekovic	PRESENT
	Mr. George Economides	PRESENT
	Mr. Jerry Necastro	PRESENT
	Mrs. Melissa Sydlowski	PRESENT

**21-03-03**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**V. Economides motioned and Bonekovic seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education adjourns to Executive Session for the purpose of:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. **To Consider Personnel Matters** - considering the (select one or more) appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, demotion, or compensation of an employee or official of the school district.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. **To Consider the Purchase or Sale of Property** - considering the (select one) purchase of property for School District purposes or sale of property at competitive bidding since disclosure at this time, would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to person(s) whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. **To Consult with Legal Counsel** - meeting with Board Legal Counsel to discuss disputes involving the Board and/or the School District that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

☒ 4. **To Discuss Negotiations or Collective Bargaining** - (select one or more) prepare for, conduct, review negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees concerning compensation and other terms and conditions of employment.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 6. **To Discuss Security Arrangements or Emergency Response Protocols of the District** - discussing details relative to the security arrangements and emergency protocols for the School District, which, if otherwise disclosed, could jeopardize the security of the School District or Board.

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Adjourn to Executive Session.

Time: 6:07 p.m.

Return from Executive Session.

Time: 6:30 p.m.

**VI. Board of Education Reports**

NONE

**VII. Old Business**

None

**VIII. New Business**

None

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**IX. Enrollment Data:**

	Current	Change from Previous Month
Elementary	385	-4
Middle	316	-3
High	<u>323</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	1024	-7

**X. Superintendent's Report**

District Learning Recovery & Extended Learning Plan  
Summer Schedule  
Preschool

**XI. Treasurer's Report**

Fair School Funding Plan  
ESSER II Funding  
ESSER III Funding  
OFCC Middle School Hallway Remediation

**XII. Public Input (5 minutes per individual)**

Mary Arp thanked the Board, Superintendent and Treasurer for working fairly with the union on the contract extension.

**TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

**#21-03-04**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Necastro motioned and Bonekovic seconded that the following Board minutes be approved as submitted:

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**BE IT RESOLVED** under the provision of ORC 3319.26 regarding the reading of the minutes, that the reading be waived and the minutes approved.

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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**#21-03-05**

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

2. Economides motioned and Necastro seconded that the February 2021 Check Listing, Financial Report by Fund, Annual Spending Plan and Bank Reconciliation be approved as submitted.

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**#21-03-06**

**INVENTORY REMOVAL**

3. Bonekovic motioned and Sydlowski seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the removal of the following non-functioning item from the cafeteria:

Cold drink refrigerator, Inventory No. 000689

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**#21-03-07**

**RATE RESOLUTION**

4. Bonekovic motioned and Necastro seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education adopts the following resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission of Trumbull County, Ohio, and authorizing the necessary tax levels and certifying them to the Trumbull County Auditor:

**WHEREAS**, the Brookfield Board of Education, in accordance with the provisions of law, has previously adopted the Alternative Tax Budget Information for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Budget Commission of Trumbull County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within the ten mill limitation; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the Brookfield Local School District, Trumbull County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

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**RESOLVED**, that there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said school district the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

SCHEDULE A  
 SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET  
 COMMISSION AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES

FUND	Amount Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 Mill Limitation	Amount to be Derived from Levies Outside 10 Mill Limitation	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied	
			Inside 10 Mill Limitation	Outside 10 Mill Limitation
	Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
General Fund	848,327	3,153,262	6.00	42.95
Bond Retirement Funds		940,229		6.65
Classroom Facilities Fund		64,167		0.50
Total	848,327	4,157,658	6.00	50.10

SCHEDULE B  
 LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES

FUND		Maximum Rate Authorized to be Levied	County Auditor's Est. of Yield of Levy (Carry to Schedule A, Column II)
<b>General Fund:</b>			
Current Expense Levy authorized by voters on Continuous	00/00/76	23.80	
Current Expense Levy authorized by voters on Continuous	06/02/81	6.80	
Current Expense Levy authorized by voters on Continuous	02/07/95	7.50	
Current Expense Levy authorized by voters on Continuous	05/07/13	4.85	
<b>Special Levy Funds:</b>			
Levy authorized by voters on Classroom	11/06/07	0.50	

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Facilities Levy – Not to exceed 23 years			
Levy authorized by voters on Bond Levy – Not to exceed 28 years	11/06/07	5.05	
Levy authorized by voters on Bond Levy – Not to exceed 28 years	11/06/07	1.60	

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of this Board be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of Trumbull County, Ohio.

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**#21-03-08**

**RESOLUTION TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR BUSES**

5. Economides motioned and Sydlowski seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Brookfield Board of Education wishes to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of three (3) 65-passenger unitized conventional school bus chassis and bodies.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Brookfield Board of Education wishes to participate and authorizes the Ohio Schools Council to advertise and receive bids on behalf of said Board as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of three (3) 65-passenger unitized conventional school bus chassis and bodies.

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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**#21-03-09**

**CONTRACT RATIFICATION**

6. Bonekovic motioned and Sydlowski seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the ratified contract between the Brookfield Local School District Board of Education and the Brookfield Federation of Teachers (BFT) to extend the current contract until June 29, 2023. The original contract was effective through June 29, 2021.

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**#21-03-10**

**DONATIONS**

7. It is recommended that the Brookfield Board of Education accepts the following generous donations:

<b>Donna Cratsley Ischo</b>	fabric for Maker Space
<b>Jones family</b>	\$300 for food pantry
<b>Economides family</b>	\$100 for food pantry
<b>Anonymous</b>	\$100 for food pantry
<b>Mr. Boyd</b>	items for food pantry
<b>Mrs. Sayers</b>	items for food pantry

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

**#21-03-11**

**SENIOR CLASS FIELD TRIP**

8. Bonekovic motioned and Sydlowski seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the 2021 senior class field trip to the Pittsburgh, PA, area on Wednesday, May 19, 2021. Students will travel via Anderson Tour bus to Go Ape Zipline and Treetop Adventure Park in Alison Park, PA, for the afternoon with a stop for lunch in Wexford along the way. The evening will be spent on a Gateway Clipper dinner cruise. Cost per student is \$120, paid for by parents.

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

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**#21-03-12**

**INVENTIONLAND CONTRACT**

9. Economides motioned and Sydlowski seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approves a 2-year contract agreement with Inventionland Institute for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic school years for the purposes of instruction on methods of innovative thinking and product design at a total cost of \$9,500.

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**#21-03-13**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS**

10. Sydlowski motioned and Necastro seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the memorandum of understanding between Youngstown State University and Brookfield Local School District for high school students to participate/enroll in Youngstown State's "dual credit program" for the 2021-2022 academic school year.

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**#21-03-14**

**BUS DRIVER**

11. Economides motioned and Necastro seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approves a limited contract for the following individual effective March 8, 2021, for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year as per Board policies, rules, and regulations.\*

**Amanda Madden**

Bus Driver

\$15.89/hour

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**#21-03-15**

**RESIGNATION**

12. Necastro motioned and Bonekovic seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education accepts the resignation of **Marquis Samuels**, "permanent" substitute teacher, effective March 12, 2021.

**Marquis Samuels**

starting 2/3/21

**Bridgett Long**

starting 2/4/21

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Nays: None  
Motion Carried

#### **#21-03-16**

##### **2020-2021 SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS**

13. Bonekovic motioned and Sydlowski seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the following 2020-2021 supplemental contracts for the individuals below as per Board policies, rules, and regulations.\*

<b>Andrea Gladis Grimm</b>	Girls Basketball Asst. Coach	\$2,899 (Step 1)
<b>Sheridan Rotunno</b>	Girls Softball Coach	Volunteer
<b>Ken Forsythe</b>	Girls Softball Coach	Volunteer
<b>Ron Schultz</b>	Girls Softball Coach	Volunteer

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

#### **#21-03-17**

##### **SUCCESS BY SIX 2021 SUMMER PROGRAM**

14. Bonekovic motioned and Necastro seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the employment of **Jennifer Pirigyi** (6 weeks), **Carina Fahndrich** (3 weeks), and **Tara Kovach** (3 weeks) as Summer Program Instructors for the Success by Six Program offered at Brookfield Elementary beginning Monday, June 7, 2021, through July 2, 2021. Success by Six will run Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Instructors will be paid an hourly rate of \$24.28\*. (Hourly rate is based on Step 0 of the teacher's salary lane schedule for 2020-21.)

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

**#21-03-18**

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Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Adjourn to Executive Session.

Time: 6:54 p.m.

Return from Executive Session.

Time: 8:18 p.m.

**#21-03-19**

### **ADJOURN**

XII. Adjourn Board Meeting. Time: 8:18 p.m.

Moved by Bonekovic and Seconded by Economides

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, in the Auditorium.

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