

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Chairman Bob Belden called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Bob Belden, Paul Checco, Colette Sturm, Steve Harding, Tara Lerner and Eve Sturdevant

Absent: Harry Shaker

Superintendent John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Maureen Ruby, Director of Finance Al Cameron, Director of Special Services Charlie Manos, BHS Principal Marc Balanda, WMS Principal Deane Renda, and members of the staff and public.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT-WHISCONIER MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Board and Superintendent spotlighted Whisconier Middle School's Unified Theater.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

The Board and Superintendent recognized and acknowledged the generosity of the Brookfield High School Dance Team for their support of Ann's Place in Danbury, CT.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Peg Ragaini spoke about the replacement of the school to career coordinator
Michael Zacchea spoke in support about foreign languages in the school.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Earl Dellosantos gave a report on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Elizabeth Ragaini wrote about the school to career coordinator position
Natalia Andros wrote about the Capstone Project appeal.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

C. Sturm moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Public Budget Forum- 6:00 pm 1/20/16

Regular Meeting- 1/20/16

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, S. Harding, T. Lerner, and E. Sturdevant voted aye.

SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

The Superintendent attended national signing day at BHS. Mr. Barile mentioned the joint workshop with the Boards of Selectmen and Finance on 2/2/16 and stated that the entire budget book with power point is available on the website. He gave an update on competitive grants and said that BHS will be the recipient of a donation by the Old Timers Athletic Association of Greater Danbury. The Sea Perch Club has received a grant from the Brookfield Education Foundation and Athletic Director Steve Baldwin will be receiving a special service merit award from the CIAC. Mr. Barile gave the Board an update on the Strategic Coherence Planning Committee.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

CAPE-1/19/16- Mrs. Sturm said the subcommittee discussed the proposed BHS Program of Studies. Mr. Balanda will give a brief overview of the changes later in the meeting. Dr. Ruby talked about the curriculum review and revision in all for schools.

CONSENT AGENDA

C. Sturm moved, T. Lerner seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the items listed on the consent agenda as recommended.

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, S. Harding, T. Lerner, and E. Sturdevant voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES

C. Sturm moved, T. Lerner seconded, and after an overview of the revisions to the BHS Program of Studies for 2016-2017 by Principal Balanda, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the revisions to the Brookfield High School Program of Studies as recommended by the CAPE subcommittee and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby.

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, S. Harding, T. Lerner, and E. Sturdevant voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

2016-2017 ADOPTED BUDGET

The Board continued its discussion on the adopted 2016-2017 budget. Mr. Belden said the presentation with all three Boards was very productive. He commended Superintendent Barile for his presentation. Mr. Belden asked the Board members for their opinions on the presentation.

Mrs. Sturm gave an update on upcoming events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED

C. Sturm moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to adjourn its regular meeting and enter into executive session to discuss pending claims and litigation against former Business Manager, Art Colley and his assistant, Liz Kerekes at 7:52 pm.

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, S. Harding, T. Lerner, and E. Sturdevant voted aye.

S. Harding moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to enter into executive session to discuss pending claims and litigation against former Business Manager, Art Colley and his assistant, Liz Kerekes at 7:54 pm.

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, S. Harding, T. Lerner, and E. Sturdevant voted aye.

B. Belden moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to come out of executive session and return to regular session at 8:12 pm.

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, S. Harding, T. Lerner, and E. Sturdevant voted aye.

Without objection, B. Belden adjourned the regular meeting at 8:12 pm.

B. Belden, P. Checco, C. Sturm, S. Harding, T. Lerner, and E. Sturdevant voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Colette Sturm, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education