

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY APRIL 6, 2016
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Vice Chairman Paul Checco called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

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

Absent: Bob Belden and Harry Shaker

Also Present: Superintendent John Barile, Assistant Superintendent Maureen Ruby, Director of Finance Al Cameron, BHS Principal Marc Balanda and members of the staff and public.

C. Sturm moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to amend the agenda.
P. Checco, C. Sturm, E. Sturdevant, T. Lerner and S. Harding, voted aye.

C. Sturm moved, T. Lerner seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to move up items 12B and 12 D to this portion of the agenda.
P. Checco, C. Sturm, E. Sturdevant, T. Lerner and S. Harding, voted aye.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

The Board and Superintendent congratulated the BHS HOSA students for their placement in the 2016 CT State Competition.

APPROVAL FOR HOSA TRIP

C. Sturm, moved, T. Lerner seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve a trip for HOSA to attend the National HOSA Leadership Conference from Monday, June 20th-Sunday, June 26, 2016 in Nashville, Tennessee as requested by School to Career Coordinator Sue Troupe.
P. Checco, C. Sturm, E. Sturdevant, T. Lerner and S. Harding, voted aye.

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TRIP APPROVAL

C. Sturm moved, S. Harding seconded, and after Mrs. Menendez-Aponte gave an overview of the OM Competition on April 2nd and the winning teams came to talk about the competition they participated in, the Board voted 5-0 to approve Odyssey of the Mind to travel to Worlds Finals at the University of Iowa, Ames, Iowa from Tuesday, May 24th- Sunday, May 29, 2016 as requested by Brookfield Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator Emily Menendez-Aponte.
P. Checco, C. Sturm, E. Sturdevant, T. Lerner and S. Harding, voted aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rolf Enger spoke about the budget sheet he prepared.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Emma DeNatale gave an update on the happenings at BHS.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Ron Jaffe wrote about the Next Gen accountability report, contingency line item and arts, and International Baccalaureate.

Kerry Swift wrote about former Superintendent Bivona's lawsuit

Janet Buonaiuto wrote about the Region 12 signed agreement

Ed Wainwright wrote about Region 12 commitment to AG Stem.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

C. Sturm S. Harding moved, seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes listed below as recommended:

Special Meeting- 3/16/16

Regular Meeting- 3/16/16

Special Joint Meeting- 3/30/16

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Superintendent Barile gave the Board an update on Strategic Coherence Planning, CT Partnership Health Insurance Transition, BHS Roof Ed Spec, Blum Shapiro report (3/30/16), BOF Budget Hearing (4/5/16), the AIS Transportation (no bus monitor after 4/15/16), HHES Curriculum Specialist, CABE Convention- November, 2016 as well as WMS Science experiment with Mr. Vaghi. He gave an update on the sports teams and we received a donation from the Frame family for a conference table at BHS, drama productions at BHS and HHES. CABE selected Brookfield to present communications at their November conference. We will be the host town for the BHS hockey program. Mr. Barile thanked PRRE for their support.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

B & FC- 3/14/16- Mr. Checco said B & FC discussed the BHS water project and the food service RFP. They tabled YTD summary.

CAPE (Informational Only- report given at last BOE Meeting)

CONSENT AGENDA

C. Sturm moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the items on the consent agenda as recommended

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

NEW BUSINESS

SETTING OF GRADUATION DATE

C. Sturm moved, S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to set the graduation date for the Brookfield High School Class of 2016 for Saturday, June 18, 2016 at 5:00 pm (tentative time) at the O'Neil Center, WCSU.

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

DISCUSSION ON PD/SCHOOL CALENDAR 2016/2017 FOR K-3TEACHERS

The Board discussed the Professional Development for K-3 teachers for the 2016-2017 school year.

K-3 Phonics will be on August 26th for those K-3 teachers only. They will not have to participate in the PD on November 7th.

Colette Sturm listed upcoming events

EXECUTIVE SESSION

C. Sturm, moved S. Harding seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn its regular meeting and enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel negotiations and strategies, the performance and contract terms of the Superintendent, and contract terms of the Assistant Superintendent and Director of Finance at 8:24 pm.

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

T. Lerner moved, P. Checco seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to invite Superintendent Barile into its meeting at 8:33 pm.

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

The Board moved out of executive session and back into regular session at 9:20 pm

C. Sturm moved, E. Sturdevant seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to extend the contract agreement between the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Director of Business and Operations to June 30, 2019 and the terms of those contracts as discussed in executive session on April 6, 2016.

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

C. Sturm moved, T. Lerner seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to reimburse the Superintendent for costs of professional learning activities incurred during the 2015-2016 school year, including tuition for doctoral course work up to \$2200 per course, up to four courses per year. Proof of completion and acceptable grade required. Superintendent will repay costs of reimbursement if he leaves the district within two years of said reimbursement.

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

Without objection, Vice Chairman Checco adjourned the meeting at 9:22.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk

Colette Sturm, Secretary
Brookfield Board of Education