

**Brookfield School Committee**  
Meeting of Tuesday, September 14, 2010  
Brookfield School Library

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Don Faugno, Chair  
Sheila Frangiamore, Vice-Chair/Secretary  
Barbara Wilson, Tantasqua Representative

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dan Durgin, Superintendent  
Erin Nosek, Associate Superintendent  
Kathleen Hosterman, Principal  
Debra Grimaldi, Recording Secretary  
Teachers  
Members of the Community

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Mr. Faugno asked all present to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

**Motion 10-52**

Mrs. Frangiamore moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the minutes of June 8, 2010.

Discussion:

Mr. Faugno noted that the following corrections needed to be made: Page 1 first bullet add "indicating they would keep their positions" after "June 15<sup>th</sup>"; change spelling of Couture to Koocher; Page 2 change Mr. Faugno to Mrs. Wilson under Tantasqua Representative; Page 2 change ESB to ESP under Unfinished Business.

VOTE: Unanimous with changes.

**Motion 10-53**

Mrs. Wilson moved, seconded by Mrs. Frangiamore, to approve the minutes of June 28, 2010.

VOTE: Unanimous

**Motion 10-54**

Mrs. Frangiamore moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the minutes of August 24, 2010.

VOTE: Unanimous

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Durgin reviewed the financial report for the Final Expenditures for FY 10 as submitted by Mrs. Boyd.

The Committee discussed the Education Jobs Grant monies. Mr. Durgin noted that it will come to the town in the form of grant monies. Funds must be used for salaries/benefits. The funds could be deferred and used in FY 12.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Durgin reviewed the communications included in the packet.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Hosterman reviewed her report which was included in the packet. In addition, she noted that Brookfield Elementary School will be proactive regarding anti-bullying and anti-harassment. A team is being put together. Children will not only be educated on what bullying is, but on what to do when they see bullying.

Mrs. Hosterman reported that the children are enjoying the new playground. Students from Mrs. Casey's class wrote notes and drew pictures showing what they most enjoyed.

Mrs. Frangiamore requested that the teachers who attended the writing workshop provide a presentation either in person or in writing. Mrs. Hosterman will make the arrangements.

MCAS results were discussed. MCAS discussions will be on both the October and November agendas.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Durgin requested a vote for the Massachusetts School Building Authority's Statement of Interest for replacement of windows at the elementary school. He explained the Green Project to the Committee. The deadline for application is September 21, 2010 and projects must be completed by December 2011.

### **Motion 10-55**

Mrs. Frangiamore moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, that the Committee vote the following resolution:

Having convened in an open meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, the Brookfield School Committee of the Brookfield School District, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated September 1, 2010 for the Brookfield Elementary School located at 37 Central St., Brookfield which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which Brookfield School District may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future (Priority #5: replacement, renovation, or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility; the deficiency is that the elementary school requires replacement of windows) and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the

approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Brookfield School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

VOTE: Unanimous

### **Motion 10-56**

Mrs. Frangiamore moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to authorize the Chair to sign two statements of interest.

VOTE: Unanimous

Mr. Durgin informed the Committee that the next meeting with CSX regarding the bridge project is scheduled for September 16, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Durgin introduced Dr. Nosek to the Committee and those in attendance.

Mr. Faugno requested copies of the History Grant and the score sheet for the Committee at the next meeting.

### **PUBLIC ACCESS**

None

### **TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE**

Mrs. Wilson reported that the Tantasqua Regional School District Committee discussed and voted on a Statement of Interest for the junior high roof project.

The TRSD Committee voted to appoint the Superintendent of Schools as the voting member to Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative.

Mr. Durgin further reported that the TRSD Committee voted to submit to the Massachusetts Association of School Committees a resolution that MASC calls upon the state legislature to overturn the State Board of Education's decision to adopt the National Educational standards and reinstate the state's academic standards. He noted also that the resolution was submitted after the deadline but that a unanimous vote on the floor will put the resolution forward.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Faugno stated that the report he requested on Free and Reduced lunch provided exactly the information he was looking for, which was to see how many students are buying lunch. All his questions were answered.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Possible use by the Town of the elementary school for the winter of 2010-2011.

Mr. Durgin stated that the building should be utilized for town events and programs and he would recommend approval. The watchful eye of Mrs. Hosterman has assured that there has been no abuse and that the groups have been most cooperative in leaving the building as they found it. It is not a burden on the custodial staff.

Mr. Faugno asked the Committee if anyone had any suggested items for future agendas. Mrs. Frangiamore suggested that a report from the PTO would be a welcome addition. She noted that she did not want this to place a burden on the PTO volunteers but that it would be helpful to have periodic updates.

**Motion 10-57**

Mrs. Frangiamore moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to suspend the current policy regarding the Brookfield Agenda for the next six months to allow the PTO to report to the Committee.

VOTE: Unanimous

Mr. Faugno asked Mr. Durgin to contact the Brookfield Teachers' Association for possible dates to begin negotiations on a successor agreement.

Mrs. Frangiamore moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila Frangiamore  
Vice-Chair/Secretary

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