

BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Tuesday October 12, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Daniel Durgin, Superintendent; Elizabeth Schaper, Associate Superintendent; Kathleen Hosterman, Principal; Karen Miarecki, Recording Secretary; teachers and members of the community.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Faugno asked all present to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion 11-01

Mrs. Wilson moved, seconded by Mrs. Frangiamore to approve September 14, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Discussion: Change under Principal's report - Second page, fourth paragraph down, change "November and December" agendas to "October and November."

VOTE: Unanimous, as amended

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Durgin reviewed the Financial Report provided in the packet

- Very good shape

COMMUNICATIONS

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Hosterman reviewed her Principal Report as provided in packet

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Durgin reviewed the Superintendent report:

- Mr. Durgin and the Facilities Manager reviewed all the windows last week, applied for a Green Grant from MSBA, reimbursing 57% of the project, looking to repair all windows in building. Board meeting is in November, and grants will be awarded shortly after, confident in receiving grant. Also looking at the Jr. High roof project.
- Dates for availability in regards to negotiating for Teachers Association - Notify Mr. Durgin if these dates work for committee members: January 12th, 26th, both Wednesday evening, preferably 6:00 p.m., would be the earliest.
- Job Eds Money - Recommendation soon, in terms of allocations for grant provided
- PD Day
- 2010 – MCAS report; Beth Schaper to provide the report; amazing trajectory of achievement progress. Discussed DIBELS Data.

PUBLIC ACCESS

Sharon Austin a parent at Brookfield Elementary School (and others in attendance) inquired upon revising/changing the law regarding CORI checks for parents/individuals assisting in the classroom. Seeking a change in wording in the policy from "monitoring" to "direct contact with children" or other options/suggestions with intentions for not allowing access in the classroom

on individuals who may have restrictions against them, as well as looking at the policy being Brookfield specific. In part due to an incident that took place at the Brookfield Elementary School recently in a classroom. This will be reviewed, seeking legal standing to reach an overall objective. Time frame – A decision on how to go forward will be provided next month, with intentions of drafting a new policy if deemed appropriate.

PTO Report:

- Fundraiser for fall – Ends Friday October 15th
- Bingo for Books – Bingo night, everyone leaves with a free book
- Hanover Theater – Age appropriate K-6
- Benches on new playground
- 5K Benefit– spring
- Jan 10th – Afternoon meeting, teachers invited

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs. Wilson discussed the Tantasqua Report:

- Smart Boards for teachers
- Sept 29th – Presentation on Cyber Bullying
- Oct. 19th – Domestic Violence
- Culinary Arts Department – Festival on the Common

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- History Grant/Score Sheets – Original application will be electronically sent to Mr. Faugno

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Faugno inquired on the form that Tantasqua uses for their agenda, where their Public Access periods (as they have two) are appointed compared to ours? Seeking to simplify having two Public Access periods for Brookfield Elementary as well. Mr. Durgin will provide.

Mr. Faugno opened up discussion regarding the JICFB-1 Bullying Policy in length, discussing:

- Include Bus Drivers on the list
- Change paragraph under Prevention and Intervention Plan, second paragraph down to state “prevention and intervention”, instead of implementation.
- 3rd page- Third paragraph down, insert “to a member of the school staff” after an incident of bullying.
- 3rd page- Under Investigation Procedures – Sixth paragraph down, change beginning of sentence to read, “The Principal’s investigation...”

Motion 11-02

Mrs. Frangiamore moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to approve striking the sentence on page 3 of Policy JICFB-1 under “Investigation Procedure”. Sixth paragraph down which states, “At a minimum the Principal of his/her designee shall contact the parents or guardians as to the status of the investigation on a weekly basis.”

Discussion

VOTE: Unanimous as stricken

Motion 11-03

Mrs. Frangiamore moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to approve JICFB-1 Bullying Policy on First Reading

Discussion: With changes stated above and additional grammatical corrections, Mr. Durgin noted all discussion/changes to be amended

VOTE: Unanimous, as amended

Motion 11-04

Mrs. Frangiamore moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to approve IJNDD Social Networking

Discussion: With grammatical corrections

VOTE: Unanimous, as amended

Mr. Durgin discussed the proposed changes to the 2011-2012 School Year Calendar. Due to a Multi Million dollar project at one of the school's, a change to the calendar has been requested. For project time frame, builders need an extra 9 days for improvements in the fall. School will start later, with a proposed last day of school for June 13th. These changes will reflect a one-year change and proposal.

Motion 11-05

Mrs. Frangiamore moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to approve the Draft of the 2011/2012 School Year Calendar

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Public Hearing – Bridge raising will happen over the weekend. Road will be closed down to all traffic except emergency vehicles. Will not impact bus routes.

Motion 11-06

At 7:50 p.m., Mrs. Frangiamore moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Frangiamore
Secretary/Vice Chair

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