

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WOODBRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, June 16, 2014
BRS Library Media Center

CAPSS SUPERINTENDENT/STUDENT AWARD RECOGNITION: The Board recognized five Grade 6 students. This award is designed to recognize students who contribute to school, peers and/or community; achieve relative to their ability and/or display leadership and/or qualities of citizenship. This award is not based on academic achievement.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Hamilton, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Margaret Hamilton, Chair; Ms. Lisa Connor, Dr. Steven Fleischman, Vice Chair; Matthew Gilbride, Dr. Chris Jaffe, Mr. Carl Lindskog, Ms. Keri Matthews, and Ms. Emily Melnick (7:05 PM).

STAFF: Dr. Guy Stella, Superintendent; Al Pullo, Director of Business Services/Operations; Gina Prisco, Principal; Nancy White, Assistant Principal; Sheila Haverkamp, Special Services Director and Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Laurence Grotheer, BOS Liaison; Brie Pfannenbecker, PTO; Teresa Nakouzi, WEA; James Crawford, Kris Rose, Teachers; Lee Nakouzi, community.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #1 – CONSENT AGENDA

Move that we approve the consent agenda as presented.

Dr. Fleischman

Second by Mr. Lindskog

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REPORTS

PTO Report – Ms. Pfannenbecker reviewed the end-of-year activities inclusive of the Book Swap, the purchase of books in the amount of \$500 to the BRS Library, graduation and the 6th Grade Class Gift of cushions around the Basketball poles at the South Playground, the extension of the rubber membrane under the North Playground swings and elections for the new Executive Board for the 2014/15 school year.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Stella highlighted the Music Adjudication held at the end of May, the summer reading campaign in support of the Governor's Reading Challenge, relocation of the summer programs at Amity, the selection of a BRS teacher to visit Morocco under the auspice of a Fulbright Grant, the commencement of construction at BRS on June 25, the Parent Survey, the donation to the Physical Education program from Master Kim, Tae Kwan Do and the joint world language initiative with the Town Library.

BRS Report – Ms. Prisco noted the culmination of end-of-year celebrations, Artsweek and Family Night.

Web Site Update – Mr. Crawford apprised the Board of the transition over the summer to the new web site host. Access to various sites will be intermittent throughout the summer.

School Climate Report – Ms. Haverkamp and Dr. Rose outlined the psychology and social work services provided in the social development of students at BRS that value and celebrate the whole child. Staff collaborate with families, outside agencies and serve as active members on BRS committees including school climate, safety and security, report card, TAG, and attend professional development meetings. They provide individual/group counseling, instruction/mentoring, clinical assessments, identification of behaviors and assist in development of strategies to improve learning. The primary focus is on intervention in support of students at risk and social emotional competency building.

BRS Renovation Project Update – Superintendent Stella indication construction will begin on June 25. The North campus will not be accessible until the start of the school as work is will be performed in the A, B and C Wings as well as on the roof. Painting will also be conducted in D-Wing. Weekly meetings will be held with ESG, town personnel and BRS staff.

Report Card Update – Ms. Prisco noted that the present report card does not match our current teaching/learning style. A committee was established and a prototype developed with consistent language across Grades 1-6. The report card will reflect what we are teaching and the standards expected. It is anticipated parent feedback will be solicited in the fall.

Facilities Committee – No Report

BRS Building Committee – Ms. Hamilton noted that the report was given earlier by Dr. Stella.

Policy Committee – Mr. Gilbride noted that last policy for review was presented for 30-day review as part of the consent agenda.

Finance Committee – Mr. Lindskog noted the positive variance and behavior of various costs as well as prudent financial management that allowed the Board to return monies back to the Town.

CABE Liaison – Ms. Connor noted the Leadership Conference on July 2 and the CABE/CAPSS Conference on November 14-15.

ACES Liaison – No Report

NEW BUSINESS

Certified Staff Appointments – Superintendent Stella presented four elementary teacher appointments as well as a Speech/Language Pathologist.

MOTION #2 – CERTIFIED STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Move that we ratify certified staff appointments effective July 1, 2014 as follows: Amanda Janicki at a salary of \$62,747, MA, Step 8; Nicole Rizzo at a salary of \$49,399, MA, Step 3; Megan Rock at a salary of \$54,135, MA, Step 5; Jacqueline Scalia at a salary of \$68,654, MA, Step 10 and Lanna Moore at \$57,949, Sixth Year, Step 5.

Dr. Fleischman

Second by Mr. Lindskog

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MOTION TO ADJOURN: (8:08 PM)

Dr. Fleischman

Second by Mr. Lindskog

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