

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WOODBRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Tuesday, April 26, 2016  
BRS Library Media Center

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Hamilton, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.  
7:12 PM.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ms. Margaret Hamilton, Chair; Dr. Steve Fleischman, Vice Chair; Ms. Chris Jaffe, Secretary; Ms. Lisa Connor, Ms. Karen Kravetz (7:07 PM), Mr. Garrett Luciani, Ms. Keri Matthews and Ms. Lynn Piascyk.

**STAFF:** Dr. Guy Stella, Superintendent; Gina Prisco, Principal; Analisa Sherman, Assistant Principal; and Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Maria Kayne, BOS Liaison; and Pua Ford, 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 Ms. Matthews

**UNANIMOUS**

## **REPORTS**

**PTO Update** – No report.

**Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Stella highlighted his recent trip to China as a guest speaker at the International Symposium in Beijing and visits to several different schools in the region. It is hoped the new superintendent and Board will continue the theme of global awareness and cultivate the connections that have been made. It is anticipated that, as a result of this visit, several educators from China will visit BRS in the fall. Also, acknowledged was the 5<sup>th</sup> grade participation in the international 2016 Flame Challenge and the upcoming parent survey (*May 16 – June 10*).

**BRS Update** – Ms. Prisco and Ms. Sherman presented an overview of the State Accountability Plan. While SBAC is a different form of standardized test, this generation of testing is completed on-line and provides a more holistic approach with a broad set of 12 indicators that incorporates student growth over time. Of the 12 indicators, five are applicable to BRS – (1) academic achievement measured by state assessments; (2) academic growth; (3) assessment participation rate; (4) chronic absenteeism; and (5) physical fitness. Each district attains an “accountability index” score as well as a “performance index” score (subject specific English/Language Arts, Math and Science). Schools are then ranked into five classification categories: (1) top quartile; (2) two middle quartiles; (3) bottom quartile (except 4 and 5); (4) new turn around/focus; and (5) existing turn around/focus. All districts are required to have a 95% student participation rate in testing. SBAC remains a somewhat controversial issue. Student participation in the CMT's was approximately 98% with SBAC approximately 92%. Concerted efforts will be made to raise our participation and absenteeism rate for students. Since we are only one school, the negative impact is not easily absorbed. It was suggested that an easily explainable “talking points” memo be developed outlining the specific differences between SBAC and CMT. It is imperative that to assuage fear a firm understanding of the differences must be developed.

**Math Update** – Ms. Sherman updated the Board on the work of the newly formed Math committee and their school-wide focus on differentiated instruction and mathematical practices through professional development, grade level teams and PLC's. A workshop model, similar to the reading/writing model, is under development as well as a summer math packet and the after-school math club will be reactivated in the fall. It was noted that as a result of our participation in the Continental Math League, a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student placed first nationally and the entire 4<sup>th</sup> grade received regional recognition.

Facilities Committee – Superintendent Stella apprised the Board of the installation of four (4) new speed bumps in the North Parking lot as part of the STEAP Grant.

BRS Building Update – Superintendent Stella noted the fascia work has been completed and that a ribbon-cutting ceremony should occur sometime in May.

Finance Committee – No further report.

Superintendent Search Update – Dr. Fleischman noted this committee continues to work diligently to secure a new superintendent. The Board will be conducting interviews on Sunday, May 1 at an undisclosed location.

CABE Liaison – No report.

Policy Committee – Ms. Connor presented revised policies Administering Medications and Video Surveillance for adoption.

**MOTION #2 – POLICIES FOR ADOPTION (5131.111 AND 5141.21)**

Move that we approve Policies 5131.111 (Video Surveillance) and 5141.21 (Administering Medication) as revised.

Dr. Fleischman

Second by Ms. Matthews

**UNANIMOUS**

Upcoming Meeting Presentations

It was noted that the Parent Survey will be conducted from May 16 through June 10.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** (8:33 PM)  
Dr. Fleischman  
Second by Ms. Matthews  
**UNANIMOUS**

Recorded by Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board