

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WOODBRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, July 21, 2014  
BRS Library Media Center

**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 (7:07 PM), Dr. Chris Jaffe (7:10 PM), Ms. Karen Kravetz, Mr. Carl Lindskog, Ms. Keri Matthews, and Ms. Emily Melnick (7:04 PM).

**STAFF:** Dr. Guy Stella, Superintendent; Al Pullo, Director of Business Services/Operations; Sheila Haverkamp, Special Services Director and Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Teresa Nakouzi, WEA; Paul Gandy, Matt Ward, ESG Contracting; Todd Fabian, Town Library Director; 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** – No report.

**Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Stella highlighted the building upgrade, summer curriculum work, the 2015 Tri-State visit, which will focus on Mathematics, Caterina Zdrowski's blog from Morocco and the summer programs at Amity and Ezra.

**BRS Building Upgrade Project** – Messrs. Gandy and Ward presented the timeline for the work that will be completed during the summer months. Mechanical demolition work has begun with material deliveries slated for mid-to-late August. It is anticipated that approximately 75% of the hot water piping loop has been finished as well as 35-40% of the new duct work. In the coming weeks, work will commence on fabricating new mill work for the base and upper units that will house the chiller units on the roof. As the ceilings are currently open, wiring of the network is also being done which will result in cost savings. The window wall replacement is slated for the fall.

**The Joint World Language Initiative** – Mr. Fabian, Director of the Town Library outlined the steps necessary to participate in the self-paced World Language program. All that is required to register is a library card, username and password. The program is accessible 24/7 and offers a myriad of languages.

**School Climate Survey** – Ms. Haverkamp apprised that Board that Woodbridge was selected by the CSDE to participate in the Special Education Parent Survey. Parents are encouraged to participate in the survey, which will provide feedback on how parents feel about their child's progress, their ability to participate in the process and how they feel about the process overall. Results will be shared with the Board in the fall.

**Tools for Schools Update** – Mr. Pullo presented an overview of the process for how inspections are conducted, staff involvement, committee reports and recommendations.

Enrollment Update – Superintendent Stella noted that Grade 1 will be decreasing from seven (7) to six (6) classes and Grade 3 will be increasing from four (4) to five (5) classes.

Parent Survey – Superintendent Stella presented the findings of the recent parent survey conducted in late spring. Answers were categorized according to strongly agree/agree/ disagree/strongly disagree. Administration will be performing an in-depth analysis on the responses. It was noted that agree/disagree is not the same as “no opinion” and should be included in the denominator. It was suggested that a “top box” analysis be done. Also, the survey does not appear to capture teacher-to-teacher disparities and contains very general questions.

Facilities Committee – No Report

Policy Committee – Mr. Gilbride presented the last policy reviewed.

**MOTION #2 – POLICY 7551 ADOPTION**

Move that we approve Policy 7551 as presented.

Dr. Fleischman

Second by Mr. Gilbride

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Finance Committee – Mr. Lindskog noted the positive variance and behavior of various costs as well as prudent financial management that allowed for the return of monies back to the Town. A plan was also clearly identified for how deficits in line items would be addressed.

**MOTION #3 – LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

Move that we approve line item transfers in the 2013/14 budget as presented.

Dr. Fleischman

Second by Mr. Lindskog

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CABE Liaison – No Report

ACES Liaison – No Report

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** (8:07 PM)

Dr. Fleischman

Second by Ms. Matthews

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Recorded by Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board