

July 27, 2016

The Brooklyn Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on July 27, 2016 in the middle school library. In attendance were: Mrs. Genna, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Atchinson, and Mrs. Trivella. Dr. Berry, Superintendent, Mrs. Michaud, Elementary School Principal, Mr. Otto, Board of Finance and Mr. Voccio, Board of Selectman, were also in attendance. Members of the teaching staff and public were in the audience.

Absent: Mrs. Coddling – excused

Mrs. Lyons

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Genna called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. Comments by:

- a. BEA - none
- b. Local 1303 - none
- c. PTO – none
- d. PAC – none
- e. Public – none

3. Minutes of

- June 20, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the special meeting minutes of June 20, 2016  
(Anderson / Trivella)  
Unanimous vote to approve

- June 21, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the special meeting minutes of June 21, 2016  
(Anderson / Trivella)  
Unanimous vote to approve

- June 22, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 22, 2016  
(Anderson / Atchinson)  
Unanimous vote to approve

- July 20, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the special meeting minutes of July 20, 2016  
(Anderson / Atchinson)  
Unanimous vote to approve

4. Administrative Reports:

a. Elementary School Principal

Mrs. Genna welcomed the new elementary school principal, Mrs. Shelley Michaud.

b. Middle School Principal:

No Report

c. Assistant Principal:

- ERR Report

Report was enclosed in the Board of Education members' packets.

d. Special Education Director:

No Report

e. Finance Director:

No Report

f. Superintendent:

- Payment of Bills

Motion to approve payment of the bills as presented  
(Anderson / Atchinson)  
Unanimous vote to approve

- Enrollment Report

Report was enclosed in the Board of Education members' packets.

- Teacher Vacancies Update

There are interviews being done for the middle school positions and an internal posting has been done for the vacancies in the elementary school.

- Facilities Calendar

The calendar for the new school year has not been completed. Mrs. Genna has given a list of the Board of Education meeting dates to Mrs. Corvello to ensure there are no conflicts with school functions for the 2016 / 2017 school year.

5. Public Comments:

An audience member asked if there were any new retirees. Mrs. Genna informed that there have been no new retirees.

6. Committee Reports:

- a. Budget – Mrs. Genna stated that the budget passed.
- b. Curriculum – nothing to report at this time.
- c. Policy – Mrs. Trivella stated that she has received the latest revisions and is in the process of going through them.
- d. Communications – Mr. Atchinson stated that he would like to stream the meetings on YouTube Live, but is having trouble with the internet connection.
- e. Capital / Facilities – Mrs. Genna asked if Mr. Anderson would like to be on the roof committee if necessary. He agreed.
- f. EASTCONN – no meeting to report on
- g. High School Relations – WA – nothing to report at this time
- h. High School Relations – KHS – nothing to report at this time

- i. Recreation Committee – Mrs. Lyons was not in attendance to report
- j. Transportation – Mrs. Trivella informed that M&J has completed the bus routes. She stated it is necessary for someone in the office to review the routes for accuracy and efficiency.
- k. Board of Selectmen Liaison – Mr. Voccio stated that there is a meeting tomorrow.
- l. Board of Finance Liaison – Mr. Otto stated that there is nothing new to report at this time.

Representatives from PTO, BEA, BOF, and other committees that have issues to bring to the Board will be asked to present these issues to the Board of Education or appropriate committee as necessary.

PTO – none

BEA – none

BOF – none

## 7. New Business

\*\*See below

## 8. Old Business:

Mrs. Genna stated that the climate surveys have been completed. She has spoken to Mr. Yanku who informed that the building administrators will review them first then present them to teachers to review at the professional developments days at the start of the school year. At the September Board of Education meeting, building administrators will present the survey results to the Board of Education members with an action plan for any results that are unfavorable.

## 9. Public Comments

An audience member asked if there have been discussions regarding safety concerns surrounding public access to the Rose Wing during the after school program.

Mrs. Genna informed that she hasn't heard anything about it, and she will ask Bucky to speak with Tony regarding access to that part of the building.

An audience member asked about the bus transportation route schedules and how they will be printed in the Turnpike Buyer. She had a concern that street addresses would be included in the ad.

Dr. Berry stated that although that happened in the past, she would ensure that it would not happen again.

An audience member stated that she would like pick-up times to be posted with the routes.

Mr. Kerouac asked if the Board of Education members have had any input on the proposed high density housing off of School Street.

Mrs. Genna stated the Board of Education has not had any input at this point, but she has spoken to Rick Ives about it and it is her understanding that there are many variances, etc, that need to be approved first, and it may not be a feasible project.

Mrs. Wimmer suggested posting bus routes on the doors of the school buildings in addition to public advertisement as another way for families to be informed.

**\*\*7. New Business**

Motion to go into executive session for a discussion regarding the Superintendent's evaluation and employment (7:58 pm)  
(Genna / Anderson)  
Unanimous vote to approve

Mrs. Genna stated that the Board of Education members would be having a discussion, and there would not be a vote as a result of the executive session. The Board of Education members would not be inviting Dr. Berry in to the executive session in that it is a meeting for Board of Education members only.

Motion to come out of executive session (8:40 pm)  
(Atchinson / Trivella)  
Unanimous vote to approve

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn (8:41)  
(Genna / Anderson)  
Unanimous vote to approve

Respectfully submitted

Joann M. Engel  
Recording Secretary