

The Board of Education

Town of Brooklyn
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June 27, 2018

The Brooklyn Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on June 27, 2018 in the Central Office Community Room. In attendance were: Mrs. Genna, Mrs. Trivella, Mrs. Lyons and Mr. Richards. Mrs. Buell, Superintendent, and Mr. Otto, Board of Finance were also in attendance. Members of the teaching staff and public were in the audience.

Absent: Keith Atchinson

1. Attendance, Establishment of a Quorum, Call to Order

Mrs. Genna called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comments

None

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Education Regular meeting May 23, 2018

Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 23, 2018

(Trivella / Richards)

Unanimous vote to approve

5. Correspondence and Communication

a. Thank you notes

Mrs. Buell stated that she has many thank you notes to write.

b. Acceptance of resignation Letter from Donna Napolitano

The Board of Education members thanked Ms. Napolitano for her service to the students of the Brooklyn School.

- c. Acceptance of retirement letters from Robert Plucenik, James Bejma, Kathleen Lewis, Robin Byrne

Mrs. Buell read retirement letters from Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Plucenik and Mr. Bejma. The Board of Education members thanked the retirees for their years of service and dedication to the Brooklyn School community.

6. Brooklyn's Best

At the Brooklyn Elementary School, Deneen Azzolino was named Paraeducator of the Year, Sean Maloney was named Teacher of the Year and Keegan Coderre is the STEAM Program teacher.

At the Brooklyn Middle School, Mae Flexer visited the 7th grade students and recognized Matthew Myslenski as the essay contest winner. He wrote an essay on what his vision would be as an elected official. The 7th grade also welcomed guest speaker Ewarysta Niemiec, who spent some time in a work camp during World War II. The softball team won the championship. Graduation ceremonies were a success. Joe DiBenedetto, a Brooklyn student, was named valedictorian at Harvard H. Ellis Technical High School.

7. Administrative Reports:

- a. Current budget

The budget is unable to be closed at this time. Invoices are still coming in. Mrs. Buell stated that approximately \$110,000 will be returned to the town.

- b. Enrollment Report, Projected Enrollment for 2018-19

Enrollment remains consistent at this time.

- c. Report on the District and School Advancement Plans

Mrs. Buell gave a presentation on student performance and progress based on Common Core aligned assessments for both elementary and middle school students in math, language arts and reading. She went over goals for students and teachers.

She also discussed the restorative justice practice and implementation of positive behavior practices.

Mrs. Buell informed the Board of Education members about the findings of the Homework Committee. She highlighted the research findings of the purpose and the pros and cons of homework. She reviewed some possible new language for Brooklyn's homework policy.

8. Board of Education Committee Reports

Negotiations for the BEA will take place this year.

9. Board Representatives to Other Committees

The Board of Finance met last night and are in the process of closing out the audit.

Woodstock Academy graduation was a success.

EastConn committees will continue to meet over the summer.

10. Old Business

a. Status of Projects

The Energy Management Project began this week.

Bids have been received for the Generator Project as well as the Pavement Project.

Mrs. Buell stated that there is a white roofing material that is leaching onto the blue parts of the roof and leaving a discoloration. The company who replaced the roof is in the process of sealing the white material so it no longer creates run-off and discoloration.

11. New Business

a. Request to raise lunch prices

Motion to raise lunch prices in accordance with SDE guidance in accordance with the Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) exemption by the State Department of Education by \$0.10 per lunch
(Trivella / Lyons)
Unanimous vote to approve

b. Interview new Board of Education Members

The Board of Education members asked Mr. Kerouac questions about his interest in being a member of the Board of Education. He expressed his reasons for wanting to be a member and why he would be an asset to the school district.

c. Hiring/Assignment Updates

Mrs. Buell reviewed the assignment changes and the current vacancies for the 2018/2019 school year.

12. Other

Nothing to discuss at this time.

13. Public Comments

None

14. Executive Session: Superintendent evaluation

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation at 9:32 PM
(Trivella / Richards)
Unanimous vote to approve

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:30 PM
(Trivella / Richards)
Unanimous vote to approve

Respectfully Submitted,

Joann M. Engel
Recording Secretary

Keith Atchinson, Board of Education Secretary