

# The Board of Education

Town of Brooklyn  
119 Gorman Road  
Brooklyn, CT 06234

Aimee Genna, Chair  
Joan Trivella, Vice Chair  
Keith Atchinson, Secretary

Mae Lyons  
Kelly Coddling  
Nathan Richards

April 25, 2018

The Brooklyn Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on April 25, 2018 in the Central Office Community Room. In attendance were: Mrs. Genna, Mrs. Trivella, Mr. Atchinson, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Coddling 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.

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Genna called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. Special Board of Education Meeting April 11, 2018
- b. Board of Education Regular Meeting March 28, 2018

Motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2018 and the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2018

(Trivella / Lyons)

Unanimous vote to approve

5. Correspondence and Communication

- a. Communication from families

Nothing to report at this time.

- b. Thank you notes

Mrs. Buell stated that she sent thank you notes to the teachers and administrators who presented at last month's meeting.

6. Brooklyn's Best

BES: Kindness Cares Community Service Project

The elementary school ran a food drive. The drive lasted for about a month and twenty boxes of food and 760 food items were collected and donated to a local food pantry.

BMS: Grade 7 & 8 Student Mentoring Recognition

Jackson Goetz, Ella Davis, Allyson Roberts, Janessa Watson, Kaleb Gancarz, Mary Dufault, Kaitlyn Dalbec, Alexander Levesque, Elizabeth Lovrien, Hannah Clark, Lily Guitierrez, Connor Stewart, and Jack Sharpe. Ms. Anne Marie Malone was recognized for having coordinated this program for the last 25 years. Mrs. Buell presented each student in attendance with a certificate. Students shared their experiences in the program.

Elks Poster and Drug Awareness Essay Contest Winners: Lindsey Arends, Megan LaFlamme, Elizabeth Thorstenson, Maddison Stevenson, Alyson Niemiec, Marisa Kazantzis, Hannah Donovan, Avery Juhola, Abagayle Roberts, Kaylie Parmeter, Daniel Mosher, Olivia LeFevre, Matthew Guasp, Gavin Gluck

The 6th graders participated the Invention Convention. Eight students were selected to present their inventions at the state level.

7. Administrative Reports

a. Report on goals

Mrs. Buell included her goals in the Board of Education members' packets. She highlighted the same.

b. Current Budget

Mrs. Buell reviewed the status of the current budget.

8. Board of Education Committee Reports

The Board of Finance has had many meetings.

Various town groups have presented to the Capital Committee. The Capital Committee then presented to the Board of Finance.

9. Board Representatives to Other Committees

Woodstock Academy approved their operating budget.

EastConn has also been discussing their budget.

CABE's legislative wrap-up is scheduled for May 15, 2018.

The School Readiness Committee will meet quarterly.

10. Old Business

Mr. Atchinson asked if the schools were able to send home flyers regarding a flag football league.

11. New Business

a. Acceptance of Resignation

The Board of Education members accepted letters of resignation from Debbie Holmes and Cheryl Berker. They would like to thank them for their service to the students of Brooklyn and wish them well.

b. Acceptance of Retirement

The Board of Education members accepted the resignation of Alan Yanku, Middle School Principal, effective July 1, 2018. They thanked him for his service to the students of Brooklyn and wished him well.

c. Consideration of Appointment

Motion to appoint Heather Tamsin as Principal of the Brooklyn Middle School effective July 1, 2018.

(Trivella / Coddling)

Unanimous vote to approve

d. Project Updates: Generator, Energy Management, Key Upgrade

Mrs. Buell updated the Board of Education members on the recent and on-going projects.

e. Determine last day of school: June 21st for grades K-8

The last day of school for grades K-8 will be Thursday, June 21, 2018.

f. Last day for Pre-K: June 20th

The last day for pre-k will be Wednesday, June 20, 2018

g. Graduation for Grade 8: June 21, 2018 7:00 PM BMS Auditorium

Eighth grade graduation will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the middle school auditorium.

h. BMS Honors Night: May 29, 2018 7:00 PM BMS Auditorium

Honors Night will be Tuesday, May 29, 2018.

The elementary school will hold its annual Fun Day on June 15, 2018.

12. Other

The current Enrollment Report was reviewed.

Mrs. Buell informed the Board of Education members about a communication she received from UConn regarding Project Lift, a research project. She asked that the Board of Education approve participation in the research study.

Motion to approve participation in the Project Lift research study.

(Coddling / Richards)

Unanimous vote to approve

13. Public Comment

Mr. Kerouac stated that he is aware of students who are making great progress at the Brooklyn Schools and wanted to share it with the Board of Education members.

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM

(Trivella / Coddling)

Unanimous vote to approve

Respectfully Submitted

*Joann M. Engel*

Recording Secretary

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Keith Atchinson, Board of Education Secretary