

The Board of Education Town of Brooklyn

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Brooklyn, CT 06234

Aimee Genna, Chair
Kelly Coddling, Vice Chair
Keith Atchinson, Secretary

Eric Anderson
Mae Lyons
Joan Trivella

March 22, 2017

The Brooklyn Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on March 22, 2017 in the middle school library. In attendance were: Mrs. Genna, Mrs. Coddling, Mr. Atchinson, Mrs. Lyons, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Trivella, and Dr. Conway, Superintendent. Mr. Yanku, Middle School Principal, Mrs. Michaud, Elementary School Principal, Mr. Weaver, Elementary School Assistant Principal, Mrs. Brown, Special Education Director, Mrs. Holmes, Finance Director, and Mr. Otto, Board of Finance, were also in attendance. Members of the teaching staff and public were in the audience.

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

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

2. Public Comments

Aaron Kerouac warned against the potential dangers of FOI violations. He also asked for clarification on the minimum budget requirement.

**Motion to add Agenda Item 11b Approval of Board of Education 2017/18
Estimate of Expenditures
(Coddling / Trivella)
Unanimous vote to approve**

3. Approval of Minutes

- a) Special Meeting February 22, 2017
- b) February 22, 2017

**Motion to approve the special meeting minutes of February 22, 2017 and the
regular meeting minutes of February 22, 2017
(Coddling / Trivella)
Unanimous vote to approve**

4. Correspondence and Communications

a) Harvard H. Ellis Technical High School Presentation

Ellis Tech Assistant Principal Rafael Calixto and three Brooklyn students: Anthony Jean, Deidra Askitis, and William Mathias, gave a presentation highlighting the academic and technical opportunities offered at Harvard H. Ellis Technical High School.

5. Set aside Policy 9311

Motion to set aside Bylaw 9311

(Coddling / Trivella)

Unanimous vote to approve

6. Consent Agenda Items – Policies

- a. 5141.4 - Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect – Replace with CABE; updated to reflect current legislation
- b. AR 5141.4 - Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect – Replace with CABE; updated to reflect current legislation
- c. 5141.5 - Suicide Prevention – Replace with CABE; reflects current practice
- d. AR 5141.5 - Suicide Prevention – Replace with CABE; reflects current good practice and provides more detail
- e. 5142.1 - Relations with Noncustodial Parents – renumber from 5124; replace with CABE; updated language
- f. 5142.2 - Student Dismissal Procedures – adopt
- g. AR5142.2 - Student Dismissal Procedures – adopt
- h. 5144.1 - Physical Restraint/Seclusion – Replace with CABE; need to reflect most recent legislation
- i. 5144.3 - Discipline of Students with Disabilities – Replace with CABE; new last paragraph
- j. 5145 - Civil and Legal Rights and Responsibilities – Replace with CABE; need newest version
- k. AR 5145 - Civil and Legal Rights and Responsibilities – outdated; rescind – covered in Policy 3511 Compliance with 504 Regulations
- l. 5145.14 - On-Campus Recruitment – Replace with CABE; needed updating and modification

- m. 5145.15 - Directory Information - Replace with CABE as revised; needed to reflect most recent FERPA changes
- n. 5156 - Research Involving Students – Replace with CABE
- o. 6010 - Goals & Objectives – general objectives for all districts in CT; replace with CABE – up to date
- p. 6111 - School Calendar – replace with CABE as revised; the law has changed
- q. 6112 - School Day – revise current policy; same as CABE
- r. 6113 - Release Time – Rescind. It is a regulation. There is no policy. CABE has nothing comparative
- s. 6114.1 - Fire Emergency Drills/Crisis Response Drills – Replace with CABE as revised
- t. 6115 - Ceremonies and Observances – Replace with CABE; more current language
- u. 6140 - Curriculum – Replace with CABE as revised; see last paragraph
- v. 6141 - Curriculum Design/Development – Replace with CABE; updated practice
- w. 6141.31 - Bilingual – Bicultural Education – Suggested minor revisions
- x. 6141.32 - Technology and Instruction – Replace with CABE as revised; updated practice
- y. 6141.321 - Telecommunications/Internet-Acceptable Use – Replace with CABE; updated language
- z. 6141.8 - School Readiness – Replace with CABE, new third paragraph
- aa. 6142 - Basic Instructional Program – Replace with CABE, updated statutes
- bb. 6142.10 - Health Education – Replace with CABE Version #2; updated statutes

Pull the following policies from the Consent Agenda:

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Motion to accept the following policies:

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(Trivella / Coddling)

Unanimous vote to approve

The following policies were discussed, clarified or amended as follows:

- b. AR 5141.4 - Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect - *remove words “on highschool” from pg 5 /11; bold letters “e” and “f” on pg 8 /11*
- h. 5144.1 - Physical Restraint/Seclusion - *change language to pre-k through 8 on pg 1 / 5; remove second sentence on pg 3 /5 first paragraph under Training Plan*
- j. 5145 -Civil and Legal Rights and Responsibilities - *change language from “mental” to “intellectual” on pg 1 / 6*

- m. 5145.15 - Directory Information - *remove language in italics on pg 2 / 2*
- p. 6111 - School Calendar - *as is*
- q. 6112 - School Day - *as is*
- u. 6140 - Curriculum - *as is*
- v. 6141 - Curriculum Design/Development - *as is*
- w. 6141.31 - Bilingual – Bicultural Education -*change “nutmeg” to “Brooklyn” on pg a*
- z. 6141.8 - School Readiness - *change language to pre-kindergarten through 8 in paragraph 1*
- bb. 6142.10 - Health Education - *include pre-kindergarten in recess policy on pg 3/3*

Motion to approve the above policies as noted

(Trivella / Coddling)

Unanimous vote to approve

7. Administrative Reports

Mrs. Holmes presented the accounting report for February 2017.

8. Public Comments

None

9. Board of Education Committee Reports

Mrs. Genna did not attend the Board of Finance meeting.

Mrs. Coddling informed that Woodstock Academy has approved their budget.

Mrs. Trivella informed that EastConn and CAFE gave an overview of the current legislation surrounding public school education.

10. Board Representatives to Other Committees

Mr. Atchinson informed that 33 Brooklyn students made the Honor Roll at Killingly High School in Quarter 2.

11. Old Business

a) Report Card Update

Mrs. Michaud and Mr. Weaver provided the Board of Education members with an update on the progress of the implementation of the new standards-based report cards for elementary students.

b) Approval of the Board of Education 2017/18 Estimate of Expenditures

**Motion to approve the 2017/18 budget as presented
(Coddling / Trivella)
Unanimous vote to approve**

12. New Business

a) New Policies - 1st Reading

- 1) 6114 Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness (update – never adopted)
- 2) AR 6114.1 Fire Emergency Drills/Crisis Response Drills (update – never adopted)
- 3) 6120 Objectives of the Instructional Program (Recommended Policy)
- 4) 6141.2 Separation of Church and State (Recommended Policy)
- 5) 6141.312 Migrant Students (Mandated Policy)
- 6) AR 6141.322 Computers: Websites/Pages (never adopted)

Dr. Conway handed out the above policies for the first reading.

b) Teacher Retirement Announcements

The Board of Education members accepted the retirements of Mr. Lessig and Mrs. Ryan with regrets and many, many thanks for their years of service with devotion.

c) Next Generation Accountability

Mrs. Michaud gave an explanation of the academic goals and standards of the elementary students, and expectations for the future.

Mr. Yanku gave an overview of the STAR Assessment scores in reading and math in grades 5 through 8, and goals and expectations for future scores.

Dr. Conway gave an explanation of the the Connecticut Next Generation Accountability System. She reviewed Brooklyn's scores for the 2014/15 and 2015/16 school years.

d) Pre-Kindergarten Program

Mrs. Michaud provided an update to Board of Education members on the the district's pre-kindergarten program. She explained that because the rigors of kindergarten have increased, the rigors of pre-kindergarten also need to increase in that it serves as a stepping stone. She suggested changing the language from pre-kindergarten registration to pre-kindergarten application. She also stated that she would like to see the school readiness students spread out throughout all the pre-kindergarten classrooms, rather than being podded together in one classroom.

13. Other

Nothing to discuss at this time.

14. Public Comments

None

15. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn at 9:56 pm
(Coddling / Trivella)
Unanimous vote to approve**

Respectfully Submitted

Joann M. Engel

Recording Secretary