

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

May 23, 2018

The Brooklyn Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on May 23, 2018 in the Central Office Community Room. In attendance were: Mrs. Genna, Mrs. Trivella, Mr. Atchinson, and Mrs. Lyons. 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: Nathan Richards - excused

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

Mrs. Genna called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence was observed for the victims in Santa Fe, Texas.

3. Public Comments

None

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Education Regular meeting April 25, 2018

Let the minutes reflect the following changes:

11b. Change *resignation* to *retirement*

11h. Change *it* to *its*

Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 25, 2018 as amended

(Lyons / Trivella)

Unanimous vote to approve

5. Correspondence and Communication

a. Thank you notes

A thank you note was sent to Patricia Morgan for her donation to offset traveling expenses for two sixth grade students attending the National Invention Convention in Detroit.

b. Acceptance of Resignation Letter from Kelly Coddling

The Board of Education members accepted a letter of resignation from Kelly Coddling. They thanked her for her years of service to the Board of Education.

Motion to add agenda item 5c. Appointment of Assistant Principal
(Trivella / Lyons)
Unanimous vote to approve

c. Appointment of Assistant Principal

Mrs. Buell thanked the members of the Assistant Principal Search Committee for their time in reviewing numerous applications, conducting interviews, and for their recommendation to the Board of Education. She introduced Mr. Joshua Torchia.

Motion to hire Joshua Torchia as the Assistant Principal of the Brooklyn Middle School effective July 1, 2018
(Trivella / Lyons)
Unanimous vote to approve

6. Brooklyn's Best

The 3rd and 4th grade SBA's have been completed. Brooklyn Elementary School earned the honor of School of Distinction on Connecticut's Next Generation Accountability Report. Mrs. Barbour's class published a book on Kindness. The Masterpiece Art Show artwork has come in and is great. Mrs. Brady's class is learning about the parts of the human brain.

Brooklyn Middle School band held its spring concert on April 26, 2018. Third quarter academic achievement and Lion's Club winners were recognized at an assembly on May 15, 2018. The softball team is undefeated and the baseball team is competing for a spot in the playoffs. The track team is getting ready for the conference championships.

7. Administrative Reports:

a. Report on goals

Nothing to report at this time.

b. Current budget

The budget was presented at the Town Meeting.

c. Enrollment Report

The enrollment remains consistent at this time.

8. Board of Education Committee Reports

Nothing to report at this time.

9. Board Representatives to Other Committees

a. Update from the Town Hall Budget Hearing

The Town of Brooklyn, Capital Committee, and the Board of Education presented their budgets. There will be a town vote on the 1 mil increase on June 7, 2018.

10. Old Business

Nothing to discuss at this time.

11. New Business

a. Presentation: Little Kids Rock by Jonathan March

Jonathan March, Brooklyn Elementary School's music teacher, gave a presentation on The Little Kids Rock, a program which helps teach students how to read and play music on various instruments. He explained how the program works and how it makes playing music relatable, understandable and fun.

Motion to approve the use of The Little Kids Rock curriculum as a pilot to enhance student engagement in music through the use of instruments.
(Trivella / Lyons)

Unanimous vote to approve

b. Discussion of M&J Bus Contract

Mrs. Buell and Mrs. Genna will be meeting with the M&J Bus Company on Tuesday.

c. Healthy Food Certification Approval

Motion to certify, Pursuant to C.G.S Section 10-21f, that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by non-school organizations and groups.

Motion to allow the sale of food items to students that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with the event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events, but soccer practices, play rehearsals and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held.

(Lyons / Atchinson)
Unanimous vote to approve

12. Other

Nothing to discuss at this time.

13. Public Comments

None

14. Executive Session: Review Emergency Response Protocols

The Board of Education members and entered into executive session at 7:51 PM.

The Board of Education members came out of executive session at 8:09 PM.

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM
(Lyons / Atchinson)
Unanimous vote to approve

Respectfully Submitted
Joann M Engel
Recording Secretary

Keith Atchinson, Board of Education Secretary