

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

January 24, 2018

The Brooklyn Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on January 24, 2018 in the Central Office Community Room. In attendance were: Mrs. Genna, Mrs. Lyons, Mr. Atchinson 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 Excused: Mrs. Trivella
Mrs. Coddling

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Genna called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM

Mrs. Trivella and Mrs. Coddling are absent excused.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comments

None

4. Approval of Minutes - December 19, 2017

Mrs. Trivella's absence was excused.

Remove Item 6 a & b from pages 2 and 3 in that it is listed earlier in the Minutes

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2017 as amended
(Lyons / Richards)

Unanimous vote to approve

5. Correspondence and Communication

a. Brooklyn Democratic Town Committee Donation

Mrs. Buell presented a thank you letter that was written to the Brooklyn Democratic Town Committee who made a donation to the cross country and track teams in memory of George Keeling, Jr.

- b. Donation from the Jewett City Savings Bank following the Grade 1 performance

A thank you letter was also written to the Jewett City Savings Bank for the \$500.00 donation made to the Brooklyn Public Schools following the Grade 1 holiday performance.

6. Brooklyn's Best

The 4th grade students submitted their writings into a contest. Thirty-nine fourth grade students' writing was selected for publication.

The boy's and girl's basketball teams are doing very well.

Mr. Maloney submitted a video to the Follett Challenge. The public votes, and up to \$60,000 can be won.

Ms. Jung and Ms. Brady have applied for a \$5,000 Stem Program grant.

7. Administrative Reports

- a. Current Budget

A copy of the current budget status was included in the Board of Education members packets.

- b. Substitute Calling Service

Mrs. Buell presented the Board of Education members with information from various Substitute Calling Services. She explained how the substitute calling / selection process works now, and how it would work if a service was utilized. She recommended using Frontline / Aesop.

8. Board of Education Committee Reports

Nothing to discuss at this time.

9. Board Representatives to Other Committees

This month's Board of Finance meeting was cancelled.

Mrs. Lyons did not attend the Recreation Committee meeting.

Mr. Atchinson did not attend the Killingly High School meeting.

Mrs. Genna stated that committee representation selection will take place at next month's meeting.

10. Old Business

a. Transportation Updates

Mrs. Buell informed that the new schedule began on January 18, 2018 with the school day starting at 8:45 and ending at 3:15 for both the elementary and middle school. The transition has run very smoothly thus far.

11. New Business

a. Enrollment Report

Enrollment remains consistent. There are 5 sessions of kindergarten anticipated for the 2018-2019 school year.

b. Approval of Killingly High School Contract

Motion to approve the Killingly High School Contract with the typographical changes and clarification on the potential liability costs (Richards / Atchinson)
Unanimous vote to approve

c. Review Dates for 2018-2019 Budget Steering Committee Meetings

February 21, 2018	5:30 - 6:30 PM Budget Workshop
	6:30 - 8:30 PM Lighthouse District Training
February 28, 2018	6:00 - 7:00 PM Budget Workshop
	7:00 PM BOE Meeting

The Board of Education will present their budget to the Board of Finance at their meeting on March 21, 2018.

12. Other

Mrs. Buell gave the Board of Education members draft calendars for the 2018-2019 school year. The members will review them and vote at the February meeting.

13. Public Comments

Amy Landis, Fairway Drive, stated that transportation has gone well from her standpoint as a parent and a substitute.

14. Executive Session

a. Matters Concerning Security

b. Discussion of Superintendent's Mid-Year Evaluation

Motion to enter into executive session at 8:19 PM to discuss security matters and to discuss the superintendent's mid-year evaluation. The Board of Education does not intend to make any decisions or hold a vote following executive session and will adjourn the meeting. We would like to invite Superintendent Buell into executive session.

(Atchinson / Lyons)

Unanimous to approve

Out of executive session at 9:16 PM

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:17 PM

(Lyons / Richards)

Unanimous vote to approve

Respectfully Submitted

Joann M. Engel

Recording Secretary