

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

December 19, 2017

The Brooklyn Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on December 19, 2017 in the Central Office Community Room. In attendance were: Mrs. Genna, Mrs. Coddling, 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: Mrs. Trivella

Mr. Atchinson arrived at 7:45

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

Mrs. Genna called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to move Item 6 in the agenda to be discussed at this time
(Coddling / Richards)
Unanimous vote to approve

6. Brooklyn's Best

- a. Recognition of Superintendent Award Winners

Mrs. Buell introduced the recipients of the Superintendent's Award: Shelby Geragotelis and Ian Sherman in Grade 4, and Lily Gutierrez and Conor Stewart in Grade 8.

Gabrielle Cavagnet, a 12th grader at Woodstock Academy, also received the Superintendent's Award.

- b. BES/BMS Highlights

Mrs. Buell highlighted recent events and achievements of students and staff at both the elementary and the middle school buildings.

3. Public Comments

None

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion to add the meeting Minutes of December 4, 2017 to the approval list
(Lyons / Coddling)

Unanimous vote to approve

Amend the Minutes as follows:

November 29, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes - Mrs. Coddling arrived at 6:02, the time that the meeting was called to order

December 4, 2017 Budget Meeting Minutes - Mr. Richards was absent excused; Mrs. Lyons arrived at 3:00; the budget discussion started at 2:30; the meeting was called to order at 3:00 when a quorum was established

Motion to accept the Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of the meetings of November 29, 2017 and the Special Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2017 as amended

(Coddling / Richards)

Unanimous vote to approve

5. Correspondence and Communication

a. Killingly High School explanation of tuition fees

Mr. Steven Rioux, Killingly School District Superintendent, presented the Board of Education members with an explanation of Killingly High School's tuition fees. Mr. Rioux and Elise Guari, Killingly High School Principal, answered questions posed by the members.

b. Acceptance of Retirement Letter

The Board of Education members accepted the retirement of Mr. Marc Quevillon with great appreciation for his years of service.

6. Brooklyn's Best

a. Recognition of the Superintendent Award Winners
Grade 4: Shelby Geragotelis and Ian Sherman

Grade 8: Lily Gutierrez and Conor Stewart

Item moved and discussed earlier in the meeting

b. BES/BMS Highlights

Item moved and discussed earlier in the meeting

7. Administrative Reports:

a. Current budget

Mrs. Buell gave an overview of the current budget status and explained that the numbers are not reflective of changes that will take place in January.

b. Summary of reductions made during the BOE Budget Workshop meeting

i. Town Meeting scheduled for 12/20/17 at 7:00PM BMS

Mrs. Buell stated that there is a Town Meeting tomorrow, December 20, 2017 at 7 pm in the Brooklyn Middle School Auditorium. A reminder will be sent out through school messenger.

8. Board of Education Committee Reports

Nothing to discuss at this time.

9. Board Representatives to Other Committees

Mr. Otto stated that Mrs. Buell presented the current financial standing of the school budget to the Board of Finance.

Mrs. Buell stated that she is very grateful to the Board of Finance, the Board of Selectmen, and the community for their approach to help rectify the current budget deficit.

10. Old Business

a. Transportation Updates

Mrs. Buell has met with M&J Bus Company to discuss route changes. She hopes to have the new routes posted to the school website tomorrow afternoon. She stated that drop off and pick up patterns will remain the same at both schools.

11. New Business

a. Enrollment Report

Mrs. Buell informed that enrollment remains consistent.

b. Approval of High School Contracts with

- i. Killingly Public Schools
- ii. Woodstock Academy

The Contracts were included in the Board of Education members packets for their review.

c. Budget Update Policy Review: (Second Read)

- 6171 Special Education
- 4118.22 Code of Ethics
- 5145.511 Sexual Abuse Prevention and Education Program
- 5113 Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal
- 5113.2 Truancy
- 6146.2 Statewide Proficiency/Mastery Examinations
- 4131 Staff Development
- 6146 Graduation Requirements
- 5125 Student Records; Confidentiality
- 3520.13 Data-Based Information and Management System
- 3516.33 Do Not Resuscitate Order
- 4112.2 Certification
- 5141.3 Health Assessments and Immunizations
- 2141 Recruitment and Appointment of Superintendent
- 4111/4211 Recruitment and Selection
- 6172.1 Gifted and Talented Students Program
- 6111 School Calendar
- 5144.1 Use of Physical Force
- 5114 Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process
- 4112.51/4212.51 Employee/Reference Checks

Motion to put aside the 2nd reading of the policies to allow for more time to review

(Coddling / Richards)

Unanimous vote to approve

d. Review dates for 2018-19 Budget Steering Committee Meetings

- January 24, 2018 6:00-7:00PM Budget Workshop**
- 7:00PM BOE Meeting**
- February 7, 2018 5:00-6:00PM Budget Workshop**
- 6:00-8:00PM Lighthouse District Training**
- February 21, 2018 5:30-6:30PM Budget Workshop**

**February 28, 2018 6:00-7:00PM Budget Workshop
7:00PM BOE Meeting**

e. Approval of the Brooklyn Administrators Association Contract

Motion to approve the Brooklyn Administrators Association Contract
(Lyons / Richards)

Unanimous vote to approve

12. Other

Nothing to discuss at this time.

13. Public Comments

An audience member asked where she can find a list of the Board of Education meeting dates. She also asked for clarification as to why Killingly High School tuition is so much higher than other schools.

Mrs. Genna informed that the meeting dates are listed on the Town of Brooklyn website.

Mrs. Buell stated the current high school tuitions:

Killingly High School	\$13,056 per student per year
Woodstock Academy	\$13,676 per student per year
Norwich Free Academy	\$12,573 per student per year
Plainfield High School	\$13,036 per student per year
Putnam High School	\$11,477 per student per year
Griswold High School	\$11,867 per student per year

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:41 pm
(Coddling / Lyons)

Unanimous vote to approve

Respectfully Submitted

Joann M. Engel

Recording Secretary