

The Board of Education

Town of Brooklyn
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Joan Trivella, Vice Chair
Keith Atchinson, Secretary

Mae Lyons
Kelly Coddling
Nathan Richards

March 28, 2018

The Brooklyn Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on March 28, 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. Administrators, 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 7:10 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comments

Amy Sorrentino expressed her concerns about Woodstock Academy participating in the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council (NEPSAC) rather than the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC).

Jason Donolfo asked for clarification on NEPSAC.

Mrs. Buell read a letter from Ally Crescimano, a Woodstock Academy student, who expressed her concerns about Woodstock Academy participating with NEPSAC.

Motion to eliminate Agenda Item 12 a Discussion of changes being made at Woodstock Academy in that no changes have been made
(Trivella / Coddling)
Opposed: Atchinson
Motion Passed

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Education Regular meeting February 28, 2018

Let the minutes reflect that charges for use of facilities is to cover custodial cost.

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2018 as amended
(Trivella / Coddling)
Unanimous vote to approve

5. Correspondence and Communication

a. Board of Education Appreciation Month

Mrs. Buell acknowledged the Board of Education members in honor of Board of Education Appreciation Month

b. Presentation by Head of School, Chris Sandford, Woodstock Academy Student Data

Dr. Harten, Dean of Students at Woodstock Academy, gave a presentation on academic highlights, residential life, the South Campus, AP/ECE highlights, SAT scores, CAPT and PSAT results, and the school climate and parent survey.

Mr. Sandford, Woodstock Academy's Headmaster, reviewed Woodstock's 2018/2019 Operating Fiscal Plan

Motion to move Agenda Item 7b Brooklyn Schools' Next Generation Accountability Report to discuss at this time
(Lyons / Coddling)
Unanimous vote to approve

Mrs. Wimmer, 5th grade teacher, and Mr. Bejma, 8th grade science teacher, gave a presentation regarding Next Generation testing in science.

Mrs. Nault, 6th grade geography teacher, and Ms. Geeza, 7th grade geography teacher, gave a presentation regarding the Next Generation testing in social studies.

Mrs. Wimmer spoke about the math curriculum and how to effectively teach changes to align with the Next Generation Testing standards.

Mrs. Michaud and two elementary school teachers, Amanda Langevin and Nichole Duquette, gave a presentation on the writing curriculum and the work they are doing in the classroom.

Mrs. Michaud presented the Next Generation Accountability Report for 2016-2017.

c. Communication from Woodstock Academy

Mrs. Buell informed that there has been communication with Woodstock Academy regarding CIAC.

d. Communication from families

Communications from families was included in the Board of Education members packets

e. Thank you notes

Mrs. Buell informed the Board of Education members of the thank you notes she has recently sent out.

6. Brooklyn's Best
BES:

The 3rd and 4th grade Art Pace students are painting murals. The 1st and 2nd graders have had visits from Connecticut Storytellers. Kindergarten students enjoyed seeing the animals on the Zoomobile that visited the elementary school.

BMS:

The middle school production of Alice in Wonderland was a great success. Spring sports have begun.

7. Administrative Reports:
a. Current budget

Mrs. Buell presented the current budget status to the Board of Education members.

b. Brooklyn Schools' Next Generation Accountability Report

Agenda Item moved to earlier in the meeting

8. Board of Education Committee Reports
Nothing to discuss at this time.

9. Board Representatives to Other Committees

The recent Board of Finance meeting was cancelled due to weather.

The Board of Education will present their budget to the Board of Finance on Tuesday, April 10, 2018.

The Quinebaug Middle College has had an administrator resign.

A presentation on violence in schools was given at EastConn.

Woodstock Academy gave a presentation on their new health center.

Woodstock Academy will hold a meeting on April 2, 2018 at 7 pm to discuss the topic of NEPSAC / CIAC. Parents are encouraged to come and give their opinions at that time.

10. Old Business

a. Final sign off of Roof Project

Motion to accept the State Project No 019-0030 RR for the Brooklyn Elementary School Roof Replacement project, and State Project No 019-0029 for the Brooklyn Middle School Roof Replacement project as complete

(Lyons / Trivella)

Unanimous vote to approve

b. Finalization of the 2018-19 calendar

Motion to approve the 2018-2019 school calendar as presented (Trivella / Lyons)

Unanimous vote to approve

11. New Business

a. Approval of the Proposed Estimate of Expenditures for FY 19 to be sent to the Board of Finance

Mrs. Buell presented the Proposed Estimate of Expenditures

Motion to approve the Estimate of Expenditures for FY 19 (Lyons / Richards)

Unanimous vote to approve

b. Current Enrollment Report

The Enrollment Report was included in the Board of Education members' packets for their review.

c. Curriculum development update - provided by administration

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

12. Other

a. Discussion of changes being made at Woodstock Academy

This agenda item was eliminated earlier in the meeting.

13. Public Comments

Mr. Otto stated that it was unfortunate that the Board of Education members decided against discussing the possible changes in competitive sports at Woodstock Academy. He expressed his disapproval with the possible change to NEPSAC.

Mrs. Sorrentino expressed her concerns and disapproval of Woodstock Academy's possible change to NEPSAC.

Mr. Kerouac thanked the administrators and teachers for their presentations on what is going on in the classrooms on a day to day basis at both the elementary and middle schools. He also stated that he appreciated hearing about Brooklyn's Best.

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:49 PM

(Trivella / Richards)

Unanimous vote to approve

Respectfully Submitted

Joann M. Engel

Recording Secretary