

BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Tuesday, September 11, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Donald Faugno, Chair
Barbara Wilson, Vice-Chair/Secretary
Sharron Austin, Tantasqua Representative

ALSO PRESENT:

Erin M. Nosek, Superintendent; Jeff Zanghi, Assistant Superintendent; Kathleen Hosterman, Principal; and Stephen J. Comtois II, Chair - Brookfield Board of Selectmen

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Mrs. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to enter into Executive Session according to MGL Chapter 30A Section 21(a) 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. The Committee will reconvene in open session.

VOTE: Austin - yes Faugno – yes Wilson – yes

The Committee reconvened in open session at 6:45 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Motion 13-01

Mr. Faugno moved, seconded by Mrs. Austin, to approve the minutes of June 8, 2012 Regular Session.

Discussion: Correction on Page 3 ...Mrs. Hosterman reported the students involved have been identified..."

VOTE: Unanimous

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dr. Nosek reviewed the Financial Report provided in the packet:

Mrs. Austin inquired as to how the extended day program revenue is used. Mrs. Hosterman replied that it is not designated for specific items, but is used, as needed, to further support the program.

Mr. Faugno requested guidelines on revolving account.

Mrs. Wilson asked at what location the Brookfield Elementary School bills are to be signed.

PTO REPORT

N/A

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N/A

COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Nosek reviewed the communications included in the school committee packet:
Thank you letter to Sheriff Evangelidis for the painting crew.
Letter of Commendation to Tim Brecht for the installation of the climbing wall.
Thank you letter to Jen Grybowski for the plantings in front of the school.

Mr. Faugno opened discussion regarding the Brookfield Elementary School Choice fund.

Mr. Faugno opened discussion on the enrollment data relative to school choice students. The Committee requested clarification on the school issue suggesting that a school choice policy be put in place.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Hosterman reviewed the Principal's Report, which was included in the packet.

Mrs. Austin requested that the PTO be referenced in any public documentation if they have been involved in an activity. She also requested that student enrollment be subtotaled by grade.

Mrs. Wilson asked what History curriculum is taught in Grades 5 and 6.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Nosek reported that the opening of school for FY 12-13 went great.

Sarah Ward, independent consultant, facilitated a professional development session on Executive Function (great survey results).

A professional development session on Smartboards will be facilitated by Karen Silva.

New Mass. General Law books were distributed.

We need to update some policies on gender identification and Executive Session.

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs. Austin reviewed the Tantasqua Representative Report:

Subcommittee assignments were distributed.

Tuition reimbursement was discussed.

Principals' Reports were reviewed.

The Tantasqua Regional School District Committee scheduled a retreat for September 15, 2012.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

N/A

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N/A

Motion 13-02

At 7:45 p.m., Mrs. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wilson
Secretary

BW/dg