

BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Tuesday, March 10, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Oxman, Chair/Secretary

Marie Pecore, Committee Member/Tantasqua Representative

Gary Brunell - Committee Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. Erin Nosek, Superintendent; Deborah Boyd, Associate Superintendent; Jeffrey Zanghi, Assistant Superintendent; Kathleen Hosterman, Principal; teachers and members of the community.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Motion 14-62

Mr. Brunell moved, seconded by Mr. Oxman, to approve the minutes of February 10, 2015 Regular Session.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Current Budget - No significant variances; utilities will be reviewed frequently
- Snow removal - Snow was removed with help from the DPW; without any additional cost

PTO REPORT

Upcoming Events:

- Received grant from the Brookfield Cultural Club for "Mike the Bubble Man"
- Gameshow scheduled
- End of year dinner scheduled
- PTO Red Sox Game scheduled for 6/23
- Genevieve's Fund Raiser to be held in the fall

PUBLIC ACCESS I

None

COMMUNICATIONS

- Superintendent Mid-cycle Goals Update - FYI provided in packet
- Draft Letters to Governor Baker and Representative Smola - FYI provided in packet
- New Library Book Listing - Roster provided in packet regarding purchased books last year

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Hosterman reviewed the Principal's Report; which was included in the packet. The full report is available for review.

Highlights:

- Met with staff reviewing MCAS protocols. Will be meeting with teachers to ensure protocols are followed. Mrs. Hosterman will be meeting with students grades 3-6 looking at historical and STAR data and discuss strategies as well as providing encouragement and setting goals. Students feel better after the meeting; knowing they can do it. MCAS testing on March 24th.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Day on the Hill - Advocacy day; visiting the State House
- Open Meeting Law training sessions are being provided by the Town Clerk in Ware
- Last day of school - As of now; Friday June 19th
- Appreciation to all the instrumental teachers for assistance provided for the All Region Instrumental Concert which included Grades 4-12.

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs. Pecore provided highlights from the meeting:

- OPEB - Voted to create a fund
- Proposal – Possible restoration of two FTE teaching positions at Tantasqua Jr. High (1) and Sr. High (1)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC ACCESS II

None

The Committee recessed to go into Public Hearing at 6:30.

FY16 Budget:

Mrs. Boyd provided an overview on the budget process; to be discussed page by page then voted in regular session (the total budget to bring to town meeting). Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. Hosterman reviewed the pie charts and budget items line by line answering any questions or concerns.

Motion 14-63

At 6:55 p.m. Mr. Brunell moved, seconded by Mrs. Pecore to adjourn Public Hearing to return to Regular Session.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 14-64

Mr. Brunell moved, seconded by Mrs. Pecore to bring the FY 2016 budget amount of \$2,916,070.00 to Town Meeting.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 14-65

Mrs. Pecore moved, seconded by Mr. Brunell to vote to fund the Capital Items provided in budget packet for FY2016 in the amount of \$183,400.00 from School Choice funds.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 14-66

At 6:55 p.m., Mr. Brunell moved, seconded by Mrs. Pecore to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Oxman
Secretary

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