

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Brookfield Board of Education
Regular Meeting of the Board
Monday, January 13, 2020

Location: Library

- I. Call to order: "Work Session" - Time: 6:00 p.m.

#20-01-16

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Necastro motioned and Economides seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education adjourns to Executive Session for the purpose of "considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, demotion, or compensation of an employee or official of the school district.

Moved by Mr. Necastro Seconded by Mrs. Sydlowski

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Adjourn to Executive Session. Time: __6:01pm__

Return from Executive Session. Time: __6:16pm__

- II. The Brookfield Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 13, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

- III. Pledge of Allegiance

- IV. Roll Call: Ms. Ronda Bonekovic, President PRESENT
 Mr. George Economides PRESENT
 Mrs. Sarah Kurpe PRESENT
 Mr. Jerry Necastro PRESENT
 Mrs. Melissa Sydlowski PRESENT

- V. Board of Education Reports

- a. Mr. Economides would like the Board to set 1-2 priorities for each year.

- VI. Old Business

- a. NONE

- VII. New Business

- a. NONE

VIII. Enrollment Data:

	Current	Change from Previous Month
Elementary	395	1
Middle	311	-2
High	<u>309</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	1016	-1

IX. Superintendent's Report

- a. School Reports

X. Treasurer's Report

- a. Thank the board for last 3 years and welcome new treasurer.

XI. Public Input (5 minutes per individual)

- a. Mary Arp

TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

#20-01-17

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Economides motioned and Necastro seconded that the following Board minutes be approved as submitted:

December 11, 2019 – Special Meeting of the Board
December 18, 2019 – Regular Meeting of the Board
December 30, 2019 – Special Meeting of the Board

BE IT RESOLVED under the provision of ORC 3319.26 regarding the reading of the minutes, that the reading be waived and the minutes approved.

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#20-01-18

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. Sydlowski motioned and Economides seconded that the December 2019 Check Listing, Financial Report by Fund, Annual Spending Plan and Bank Reconciliation be approved as submitted.

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Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski
Nays: None
Motion Carried

#20-01-19

ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET PLAN FOR FY2021

3. Necastro motioned and Kurpe seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education, Trumbull County, Ohio, approves the Fiscal Year 2021 Alternative Tax Budget as presented.

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski
Nays: None
Motion Carried

#20-01-20

RATE RESOLUTION

4. Economides motioned and Sydlowski seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education adopts the following resolution accepting the amount and rates as determined by the Budget Commission of Trumbull County, Ohio and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the Trumbull County Auditor:

WHEREAS, the Brookfield Board of Education, in accordance with the provisions of law, has previously adopted the Alternative Tax Budget Information for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Commission of Trumbull County, Ohio has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within the ten mill limitation; there be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Brookfield Local School District, Trumbull County, Ohio that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, that there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said school district the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation:

SCHEDULE A
SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET
COMMISSION AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES

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FUND	Amount Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 Mill Limitation	Amount to be Derived from Levies Outside 10 Mill Limitation	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied	
			Inside 10 Mill Limitation	Outside 10 Mill Limitation
	Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
General Fund	793,097	3,150,001	6.00	42.95
Bond Retirement Funds		707,178		5.35
Bond Retirement Funds		218,102		1.65
Classroom Facilities Fund		64,094		0.50
Total	793,097	4,139,374	6.00	50.45

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of Trumbull County.

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#20-01-21

MEDICAID AUDIT CONTRACT

- Economides motioned and Kurpe seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the three-year agreement with Rea & Associates (same vendor renewal contract) for the purpose of verifying data reported on the Medicaid School Program Agency Cost Report for report dates ending 2019, 2020, and 2021. Cost of services is not to exceed \$1,675 for each cost report.

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#20-01-22

DONATION

- Kurpe motioned and Sydlowski seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education accepts the generous donation of programs for the elementary Christmas concerts from **Mark and Ellie Starheim**, parents of **Effie Starheim**.

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Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski
Nays: None
Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

#20-01-23

BUS DRIVER RESIGNATION

7. Necastro motioned and Economides seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education accepts the resignation of **Daniel McCormack**, Bus Driver, effective January 31, 2020.

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski
Nays: None
Motion Carried

#20-01-24

BUS DRIVER SUBSTITUTE

8. Economides motioned and Sydlowski seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the hire of the following individual as a substitute bus driver for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year*:

Scott Foster
Daniel McCormack

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski
Nays: None
Motion Carried

#20-01-25

FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE (FMLA)

9. Economides motioned and Necastro seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the Family Medical Leave (FMLA) request of **Betty Blystone** with dates to be determined at her next physician's appointment as per the classified negotiated agreement and Board policies, rules, and regulations*.

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski
Nays: None
Motion Carried

#20-01-26

2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGE

10. Sydlowski motioned and Kurpe seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approves an adjustment on the 2019-2020 school calendar to reflect a change in the primary election date by the Board of Elections from Tuesday, May 5, 2020, to

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Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Thus, March 17th would be closed (no school for staff and students) and May 5th would be a regular school day.

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#20-01-27

OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (OHSAA) MEMBERSHIP

11. Economides motioned and Kurpe seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education authorizes Brookfield Local School District's membership into the Ohio High School Athletic Association for the 2020-2021 school year. Schools eligible for membership are those that include one or more grades at the 7-12 level. Our athletic programs will be conducted in accordance with the constitution, bylaws, regulations, interpretations and decisions of the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#20-01-28

2019-2020 SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

12. Kurpe motioned and Sydlowski seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the following 2019-2020 supplemental contract for the individual below as per Board policies, rules and regulations*:

Dacoda Randall	Wrestling Coach	Volunteer
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Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

#20-01-29

NEW TREASURER

13. The Brookfield Board of Education recommends approval of the following administrative contract:

Julie Sloan	School Treasurer
	Three-and-a-Half (3.5) Year Contract
	Effective: 2/1/20 through 7/31/23

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Days/Year: 260
Salary: \$67,000

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#20-01-30

OHIO EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

14. Economides motioned and Necastro seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the resolution to oppose the State of Ohio EdChoice Scholarship (Voucher) Program as put forth below:

WHEREAS, the Ohio legislature has recently made amendments which greatly increase the number and availability of vouchers for students to attend private/parochial schools at public tax expense, and

WHEREAS, such vouchers will be available to numerous families and students who have never attended **Brookfield Local School District** or any other public schools and for whom state funding has never been provided to **Brookfield Local School District** or any other public schools, and

WHEREAS, **Brookfield's** state funding will be unjustly decreased by the amount of the vouchers provided to such families and students who have not and will not attend public schools and others who transfer to private/parochial schools, and

WHEREAS, private/parochial schools accepting students with public tax vouchers would not be required to accept all students but would be permitted to retain their selective admission policies without enforcement of other laws applicable to public schools, and

WHEREAS, private/parochial school students are not subject to the testing standards required of public school students so that the actual performance of private/parochial schools subsidized with public tax dollars will not be known, relative to equivalent public school evaluation standards, and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that the EdChoice voucher program as it currently exists presents serious constitutional issues regarding the separation of church and state and the funding of religious institutions with public tax dollars, and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has the constitutional responsibility to secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools, and

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WHEREAS, the EdChoice voucher program will have exactly the opposite effect by providing funding to private/parochial schools at the expense and to the detriment of public schools and their students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Brookfield Board of Education that this Board reaffirms its commitment to free accessible public schools which are adequately and equitably funded to guarantee a comparable education for ALL children and therefore opposes and respectfully requests the repeal of the ill-conceived EdChoice voucher program of the State of Ohio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board opposes any funding programs, vouchers or otherwise, that have the effect of diverting public tax dollars from public schools to private/parochial schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to forward copies of this Resolution to all Ohio state legislators, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Governor of the State of Ohio.

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#20-01-31

XII. Adjourn Board Meeting. Time: _____6:52pm_____

Moved by Mr. Necastro Seconded by Mrs. Sydlowski

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, in the school library.

TG/dd

Enclosures

dd/word/board mtgs 2020 Jan Mtg

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