

**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

Brookfield Board of Education
Regular Meeting of the Board
Wednesday, July 29, 2015

School Auditorium

- I. The Brookfield Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at 6:10 pm in the school auditorium.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call:

Mr. Timothy Filipovich, President	present
Mrs. Kelly Bianco	present
Ms. Ronda Bonekovic	present
Mr. Ron Brennan	present
Mr. George Economides	present
- IV. Board of Education Reports
- V. Business Old
- VI. New Business
- VII. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Stadium Update
 - b. Building Maintenance & Summer Cleaning
 - c. Strategic Plan Draft & Next Steps
- VIII. Financial Report
- IX. Public Input (5 minutes per individual)

BOARD RECOMMENDATION

#15-115

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Economides moved and Brennan seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session at 7:10pm for the purpose of "considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official" and "matters required to be confidential by Federal law or regulation or state statutes."

Ayes: Bianco, Bonekovic, Brennan, Economides and Filipovich.

Nays: None.

Mr. Filipovich reconvened the regular meeting at 8:10pm.

TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

#15-116

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Economides moved and Bianco seconded that the following board minutes be approved as submitted:

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: Bianco, Bonekovic, Brennan, Economides and Filipovich.

Nays: None.

#15-117

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Bonekovic moved and Brennan seconded that the June 2015 Check Listing, Financial Report by Fund, Annual Spending Plan, Estimated Revenues and Appropriations and Bank Reconciliation be approved as submitted.

Ayes: Bianco, Bonekovic, Brennan, Economides and Filipovich.

Nays: None.

#15-118

OHIO SCHOOL MEDICAID PROGRAM AGREED UPON PROCEDURES AUDIT

Brennan moved and Bonekovic seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Brookfield Local School District has received federal matching Medicaid funds for Medicaid allowable services provided by licensed practitioners to Medicaid eligible students living in the District,

WHEREAS, Medicaid School Program providers (LEA) are required to engage in an agreed upon procedures process which must be performed by a Certified Public Accountant (CPA),

WHEREAS, REA & Associates, Inc. has submitted the lowest and best quote for such services,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education enter into an agreement with REA & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$1,400 per year for such services for the FY2014 and FY2015 reporting periods.

Ayes: Bianco, Bonekovic, Brennan, Economides and Filipovich.

Nays: None.

#15-119

OHIO SCHOOLS COUNCIL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

Brennan moved and Bonekovic seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the District purchases various materials and supplies in the operation of the District;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District to save costs by joining the Ohio Schools Cooperative Purchasing program;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brookfield Board of Education enter into an agreement with the Ohio Schools Council for FY2015-16 in the amount of \$400 for such services.

Ayes: Bianco, Bonekovic, Brennan, Economides and Filipovich.

Nays: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

#15-120

RESIGNATION OF ADMINISTRATOR

Brennan moved and Bianco seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education accept the resignation of **Shari Baxter**, Middle School Principal, effective July 31, 2015. Shari has been a teacher and an administrator for Brookfield Local Schools for the past twenty six (26) years.

Ayes: Bianco, Brennan, Economides and Filipovich.

Nays: Bonekovic.

#15-121

CAFETERIA SUPERVISOR

Brennan moved and Bianco seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approve the following supervisor contract:

Donna Bailey	Cafeteria Supervisor Three (3) Year Supervisor Contract Effective: August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2018 191 Days per year 2015-2016: \$27,500 2016-2017: \$28,000 2017-2018: \$28,500
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Ayes: Bianco, Bonekovic, Brennan, Economides and Filipovich.

Nays: None.

#15-122

TITLE 1 ELEMENTARY TEACHER

Brennan moved and Bonekovic seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approve the transfer of **Kim Bickel** to the newly created position of Elementary Title 1 Teacher effective at the start of the 2015-2016 school year*. Salary: M+45 Step 19 (Salary amount to be determined pending certified negotiations.)

Ayes: Bianco, Bonekovic, Brennan, Economides and Filipovich.

Nays: None.

#15-123

4th GRADE TEACHER

Brennan moved and Bianco seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approve the transfer of **Sallie Brenner** to Elementary 4th Grade Teacher effective at the start of the 2015-2016 school year*. Salary: Bachelors @150 Step 2 (Salary amount to be determined pending certified negotiations.)

Ayes: Bianco, Bonekovic, Brennan, Economides and Filipovich.

Nays: None.

#15-124

4th GRADE TEACHER

Brennan moved and Bonekovic seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approve the employment of **Natalie Huda** as an Elementary 4th Grade Teacher effective at the start of the 2015-2016 school year*. Salary: Bachelors @150 Step 0 (Salary amount to be determined pending certified negotiations.)

Ayes: Bianco, Bonekovic, Brennan, Economides and Filipovich.

Nays: None.

#15-125

NEW BOOSTER ORGANIZATION

Brennan moved and Bonekovic seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approve the bylaws, officers and budget of the newly created **Brookfield Soccer Boosters (BSB)**. Some fundraisers proposed are a pancake breakfast, car washes and a pizza night. The purpose of the **BSB** is to promote and support the sport of soccer at the high school level. The members of this booster club will encourage participation in this sport, support the coaches, foster enthusiasm and team spirit, raise funds and volunteer time to accomplish these objectives. All paperwork is on file in the Board office.

Ayes: Bianco, Bonekovic, Brennan, Economides and Filipovich.

Nays: None.

#15-126

LANE CHANGES

Bonekovic moved and Brennan seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approve certified lane changes for the following certified employees effective at the start of the 2015-2016 school year: (Credentials are on file in the Superintendent's office.)

Jennifer Backes	- from Bachelors 150 to <u>Masters</u>
John DeSantis	- from Bachelors 150 to <u>Masters</u>
Jessica Zebroski	- from Bachelors 150 to <u>Masters</u>

Ayes: Bianco, Bonekovic, Brennan, Economides and Filipovich.

Nays: None.

#15-127

2015-2016 SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Brennan moved and Bianco seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approve the following individuals for 2015-2016 supplemental contracts*. (Salary amount to be determined pending results of contract negotiations.)

Kari Filipovich	Middle School Cheerleading Advisor - Step 1
Whitney Winch	Assistant Volleyball Coach - Step 1

Ayes: Bianco, Bonekovic, Brennan, and Economides.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Filipovich

#15-128

2015-2016 CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTE

Brennan moved and Bianco seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education has approved the following individual as a classified substitute effective immediately*:

Juan Fuentes	Bus Driver
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Ayes: Bianco, Bonekovic, Brennan, Economides and Filipovich.

Nays: None.

#15-129

ACE DIGITAL ACADEMY 2015-2016

Brennan moved and Bianco seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education adopt a resolution approving, in collaboration with Ace Digital Academy, an internet-based educational delivery system designed for grades K-12, providing alternative educational options for credit deficiencies, alternative programs, students being home schooled at home, and summer school programs. The contract period is effective for 13 months, from June 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The student license fee is \$150 per student, with a district data base set up fee is \$1,000. Teacher stipends, per student, per course are \$210 for a full year course and \$105 for a semester course.

Ayes: Bianco, Bonekovic, Brennan, Economides and Filipovich.

Nays: None.

#15-130

DONATION

Bonekovic moved and Brennan seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education accept the generous donation from **Cortland Savings & Banking Company** of curriculum materials for Financial Literacy class at Brookfield High School. The approximate value of this donation is \$250.

Ayes: Bianco, Bonekovic, Brennan, Economides and Filipovich.

Nays: None.

#15-131

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE CHARTER SCHOOL STATE LAW

Bonekovic moved and Brennan seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approve the following resolution:

CALLING ON THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CHANGE STATE LAW TO ENSURE GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY FOR OHIO CHARTER SCHOOLS:

WHEREAS, a fully funded, thorough and efficient system of public education is mandated by Ohio's Constitution, all while strong and fiscally sound local school system has provided the educated citizenry necessary to maintain the American democracy, with good local schools being critical for attracting and retaining residents to Ohio's communities, particularly in the township of Brookfield; and

WHEREAS, state funding for Ohio's traditional public school districts declined by \$515,000,000 in 2014-2015, compared to the 2010-2011 school year; and

WHEREAS, charter schools ("community schools"), which have been part of the educational mix in Ohio for fourteen years, were originally introduced as a way to provide quality educational options to students in public schools, now expanding to have more than 120,000 students statewide, at a cost of over \$900,000,000 in state funding each year; and,

WHEREAS, charter school state funding, regardless of charter school quality or performance, is paid for through reduction from traditional public school state funds; and,

WHEREAS, in many ways, Ohio's charter school sector has not lived up to their promise of a better and more innovative education at a lower price, with only one in ten Ohio charter school students attending a school rating "high performing". Only 10% of all charter schools in Ohio are authorized by local school boards; and,

WHEREAS, in $\frac{3}{4}$ of all Ohio school districts, state funds allocated to those school districts were transferred to equal or poorer performing charter schools; and,

WHEREAS, the average Ohio school district last year received \$4,149 per pupil in state and which is \$1,596 less than the \$5,745 base amount per pupil paid to charter schools, which means that many local school districts had to decide whether to make up that \$1,596 per pupil in state funding shortfall by

using local property taxes to plug the gap, or reduce opportunities for its students; and,

WHEREAS, last year 511 of the 613 school districts in Ohio received less per pupil under the state's funding formula than the minimum \$5,745 per pupil received by the charter schools; and,

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 3327.01 requires Brookfield Local School District to transport all qualified students, including charter school students, and under the current funding formula, the cost exceeds the transportation reimbursement from the state, as well as creates scheduled conflicts for the Brookfield Local School District; and,

WHEREAS, Ohio's Auditor of State, Dave Yost, and numerous state audits have clearly shown that there is not enough transparency about how state money is being spent by charter school operators, as well as uncovering egregious violations and shortcomings, including among multiple charter schools in and around the Youngstown/Warren vicinity.

WHEREAS, charter school students are not required to meet Ohio Department of Education minimum standards in order to receive a high school diploma, and are exempt from State Board of Education minimum standards covering the assignment of professional personnel according to training and qualifications, proper organization, administration and supervision of schools, admission and promotion of students; and,

WHEREAS, the public has limited access to information about how taxpayer dollars are spent by charter school operators, many of whom are out-of-state organizations that operate for profit and receive more state funding per pupil than traditional public schools, even while maintaining lower overhead costs (such as by paying teachers less); and,

WHEREAS, according to the Ohio Legislative Service Commission (LSC), a nonpartisan agency that provides drafting, fiscal, research, training and other technical services to the General Assembly, Ohio law exempts charter schools from more than 150 requirements that other traditional public schools must follow; and,

WHEREAS, the impact of the loss of funding from traditional schools to charter schools has impacted the Brookfield Local School District's ability to provide quality educational services to children and its community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brookfield Local School District urges the Governor of Ohio and the Ohio General Assembly to enact meaningful governing laws to ensure greater accountability and transparency among Ohio's charter schools and stop the proliferation of poor performing schools that drain valuable resources from Ohio's public education system while allowing high performing schools offering unique education options to continue; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State of Ohio establishes a separate funding stream for charter schools that does not drain valuable resources from Ohio's public education system; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all charter schools must join the Ohio Online Checkbook Initiative (www.OhioCheckbook.com) as a condition for receiving any state funds; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all charter schools must be audited annually by the Ohio State Auditor as a condition for receiving any state funds over \$10,000; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all charter schools and their management companies, whether non-profit or for-profit, must submit to the Ohio Sunshine Law.

Ayes: Bianco, Bonekovic, Brennan, Economides and Filipovich.

Nays: None.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION

#15-132**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Brennan moved and Bianco seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session at 8:25pm for the purpose of “considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official” and “matters required to be confidential by Federal law or regulation or state statutes.”

Ayes: Bianco, Bonekovic, Brennan, Economides and Filipovich.

Nays: None.

Mr. Filipovich reconvened the regular meeting at 10:07pm.

#15-133

Bianco moved and Economides seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:08pm.

Ayes: Bianco, Bonekovic, Brennan, Economides and Filipovich.

Nays: None.

Treasurer

Board President