

# BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

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Brookfield Board of Education  
**Organizational Meeting of the Board**  
Wednesday, January 13, 2021

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Location: Library

- I. The Brookfield Board of Education met in open session on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call of the 2020 Board of Education members:

Ms. Ronda Bonekovic	PRESENT
Mr. George Economides	PRESENT
Mrs. Sarah Kurpe	PRESENT
Mr. Jerry Necastro	PRESENT
Mrs. Melissa Sydlowski	PRESENT

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

### #21-01-01

1. Open the floor for nominations for the Office of President of the Board by current Board President, Ronda Bonekovic:

Nominees: Sarah Kurpe

### Roll call to close the nominations for the Office of President:

Moved by Mr. Economides, Seconded by Mr. Necastro  
Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

### #21-01-02

2. The Brookfield Board of Education elects Mrs. Sarah Kurpe as President of the 2021 Brookfield Board of Education.

Moved by Mr. Necastro, Seconded by Mrs. Sydlowski  
Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

Treasurer declares Mrs. Sarah Kurpe as President of the 2021 Brookfield Board of Education.

**#21-01-03**

3. Open the floor for nominations for the Office of Vice President of the Board by President, Mrs. Kurpe:

Nominees: Melissa Sydlowski

**Roll call to close the nominations for the Office of the Vice President:**

Moved by Mr. Necastro, Seconded by Mr. Economides  
Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

**#21-01-04**

4. The Brookfield Board of Education elects Mrs. Melissa Sydlowski as Vice President of the 2021 Brookfield Board of Education.

Moved by Mr. Necastro, Seconded by Mr. Economides  
Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

Treasurer declares Mrs. Melissa Sydlowski as Vice President of the 2021 Brookfield Board of Education.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

**#21-01-05**

**2021 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES AND TIMES**

5. The Brookfield Board of Education establishes the **3rd Wednesday of each month** as the meeting date for all regular Board of Education meetings in the 2021 calendar year. The time for these meetings will be **6:00 p.m.** (subject to change), with the work session beginning at 5:30 p.m. Board meetings will be held in the Brookfield Local School District auditorium and governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

Moved by Ms. Bonekovic, Seconded by Mr. Necastro  
Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

**#21-01-06**

**BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

6. The Brookfield Board of Education establishes Board Member liaisons for the following committees for 2021:

Athletic Council:	Ronda Bonekovic & Jerry Necastro
Building, Grounds & Transportation:	Jerry Necastro & George Economides
School Funding & Finance:	Sarah Kurpe & George Economides
Certified/Classified Negotiations:	Sarah Kurpe & George Economides
Academic Committee:	Melissa Sydlowski
OIP/DLT Representatives:	Ronda Bonekovic & Melissa Sydlowski
Trumbull Career & Technical Center:	Ronda Bonekovic & Melissa Sydlowski
Legislative Actions:	Ronda Bonekovic

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

**#21-01-07**

**LEGAL COUNSEL**

7. Economides motioned and Sydlowski seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer to utilize the services of the Trumbull County Prosecutor as legal counsel to the Board, and to designate the law firms Ennis Britton Co., Roth-Blair, Squire Patton Boggs, Bricker and Eckler, and Gingo & Bair as legal counsel to the Board, pursuant to Board Policy.

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

**#21-01-08**

**DESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS FOR PUBLIC RECORDS TRAINING**

8. Bonekovic motioned and Necastro seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education appoints the Treasurer as the district official to attain required certified public records law training for the district's elected officials.

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

**#21-01-09**

**NEWSPAPER DESIGNEE**

9. Economides motioned and Necastro seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education designates *News on the Green* and *The Tribune* as the newspapers of record.

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**#21-01-10**

**OPEN ENROLLMENT**

10. Bonekovic motioned and Sydlowski seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education continues Interdistrict Open Enrollment (Statewide) as per Board Policy.

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**#21-01-11**

**TREASURER AUTHORIZATIONS**

11. Necastro motioned and Bonekovic seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the following Treasurer authorizations:

- a. Authorize the Treasurer of the Brookfield Local School District to request the Trumbull County Auditor to advance taxes from the proceeds of the tax levies to meet current expenses, as needed, from the period of January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, pursuant to RC 321.34.
- b. Authorize the Treasurer to pay all bills within limits of the appropriations as bills are received and when the merchandise has been received in good condition. (ORC 3313.29)
- c. Authorize the Treasurer to make transfers, if needed within funds, and to request a change in total appropriations due to increase or decrease in funds.
- d. Authorize the Treasurer to invest interim funds not needed to meet current expenditures at the most productive interest rate, pursuant to RC 135.14 and RC 135.142.
- e. To authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the President of the Board, to borrow necessary money, including borrowing between funds on a temporary

basis, prior to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, pursuant to the provisions of law.

Ayes: Bonekovic, Economides, Kurpe, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**#21-01-12**

**SUPERINTENDENT AUTHORIZATIONS**

12. Necastro motioned and Economides seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the following Superintendent authorizations:

- f. Authorize the Superintendent of Schools as purchasing agent, procurement representative and administrator of government surplus, grants, programs and funds under the provisions of ORC 3313.47 and ORC 3319.01; thereby authorizing the Superintendent to approve purchases within the appropriated amount insofar as such purposes are consistent with approved educational goals and programs of the district.
- g. Authorize the Superintendent to serve as Administrative Agent for State & Federal Programs, Title I, Title II-A, Title IV, Title V and IDEA-B.
- h. Authorize the Superintendent to approve attendance of employees, within appropriations, at professional meetings which lead to the improvement which lead to the improvement of educational programs (ORC 3313.20).
- i. Authorize the Superintendent to represent the district at county, state and national meetings as the Board representative.
- j. Authorize the Superintendent to employ such temporary personnel as is needed for emergency situations and to make offers of employment and accept resignations, and to acknowledge acceptance of such items. Such employments and resignations to be presented for approval by the Board of Education at its next regular meeting.
- k. Authorize the Superintendent, on behalf of the Board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to the ratification of this Board.
- l. Authorize the Superintendent, during periods when this Board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or nonteaching positions on behalf of this Board, and to acknowledge

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acceptance of such offers on behalf of this Board, subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by this Board.

- m. Authorize the Superintendent or his designee authority to file applications for all projects considered desirable for the Brookfield Local School District.

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

**#21-01-13**

Adjourn Meeting. Time: 5:21pm

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

The next scheduled Board meeting is being held this evening, Wednesday, January 13, 2021, @ 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium.