

**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AGENDA**

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Brookfield Board of Education

Location: George Economides Board Meeting Room

**Regular Meeting of the Board**

Friday, January 13, 2023

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- I. Call to order: "Work Session" - Time: 5:30 p.m.
  
- II. The Brookfield Board of Education met in regular session on **Friday, January 13, 2023**, at 6:00 p.m. in the George Economides Board Meeting Room. This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda (Item XI).

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Roll Call: Ms. Ronda Bonekovic, President Present  
Mrs. Sarah Kurpe Present  
Mr. Derek Mihalcin Present  
Mr. Jerry Necastro, Vice President Present  
Mrs. Melissa Sydlowski Present

V. Board of Education Reports  
The board members congratulated Ms. Bonekovic and Mr. Necastro on their respective appointments as President and Vice President of the board as well as thanking Mrs. Kurpe and Mrs. Sydlowski on their service to the board as outgoing President and Vice President. The board also suggested more public forums for recognizing student achievements such as at a board meeting or at the OSBA conference.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Enrollment Data:

	Current	Change from Previous Month
Elementary	387	- 6
Middle	324	- 8
High	299	- 8
Online	<u>13</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	1044	-21

IX. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Gibson reported on developments with the middle school remediation and HVAC upgrades as well as basic snapshot of how the year is going so far, with the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grading period coming up on 1/20/2023. He also told the board about the teacher PD that occurred on 1/13/2023 that was meant to strengthen the teacher's social and emotional learning (SEL.)

X. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Weber reported that he and his staff had recently wrapped up calendar year end items such as W-2s and 1099s.

XI. Public Input (5 minutes per individual)

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**TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

**#23-01-13**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

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**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, Kurpe, Mihalcin, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**#23-01-14**

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

2. Sydlowski motioned and Mihalcin seconded that the December 2022 Check Listing, Financial Report by Fund, Annual Spending Plan and Bank Reconciliation be approved as submitted.

Ayes: Bonekovic, Kurpe, Mihalcin, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**#23-01-15**

**RATE RESOLUTION**

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3. Kurpe 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, 2022; and for calendar year January 1, 2023; 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; therefore, 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 County the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

Estimated Value: 146,427,970  
 Total Millage: 55.90

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

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	878,568	3,223,546	6.00	42.95
Bond Retirement Funds		717,497		4.90
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Classroom Facilities Fund		65,206		0.50
Total	878,568	4,233,212	6.00	49.90

SCHEDULE B  
 LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES

FUND		Maximum Rate Authorized to be Levied	County Auditor's Estimate of Yield of Levy (Carry to Schedule A, Column II)
<b>General Fund:</b>			
Current Expense Levy authorized by voters on Continuous	00/00/76	23.80	
Current Expense Levy authorized by voters on Continuous	06/02/81	6.80	
Current Expense Levy authorized by voters on Continuous	02/07/95	7.50	
Current Expense Levy authorized by voters on Continuous	05/07/13	4.85	
<b>Special Levy Funds:</b>			
Levy authorized by voters on Bond Levy—not to exceed 28 years	11/06/07	4.90	
Levy authorized by voters on Bond Levy—not to exceed 28 years	11/06/07	1.55	
Levy authorized by voters on Classroom Facilities Levy—not to exceed 23 years	11/06/07	0.50	

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

Ayes: Bonekovic, Kurpe, Mihalcin, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**#23-01-16**

**FUND TRANSFERS**

- BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon recommendation of the Treasurer, the Brookfield Board of Education approves the following transfer of funds:

Fund 467 (Student Wellness and Success) to Fund 001 (General) - \$10,577.81

Fund 572-9020 (Title 1 - FY20) to Fund 001-0000 (General) - \$ 330.40

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

**#23-01-17**

**CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTE WAGE INCREASE**

5. Kurpe motioned and Mihalcin seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the classified substitute positions being paid at \$10.00 per hour to be increased to \$10.10 per hour effective January 1, 2023, based upon the Ohio minimum wage increase.

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

**#23-01-18**

**DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE INVENTORY**

6. Sydlowski motioned and Necastro seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the disposal of forty-six (46) items from the collection of the high school/middle school library media center as they are dated, worn, and/or in a state of disrepair.

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

**#23-01-19**

**DONATIONS**

7. Necastro motioned and Kurpe seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education accept the following generous donations:

<b>George Economides</b>	money for Christmas gift cards (HS students)
<b>Mark &amp; Kelly Martin</b>	money for Christmas gift cards (HS students)
<b>Kaszowski family</b>	food for pantry
<b>New Life Community Church</b>	bacterial wipes for classrooms

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

**#23-01-20**

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**OHIO SCHOOLS COUNCIL GOVERNANCE POLICY CHANGE RESOLUTION**

8. Mihalcin motioned and Sydlowski seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the following OSC resolution:

*The Board of Education of the Brookfield Local School District hereby grants the Superintendent of the Brookfield School District the authority to modify, amend, or supplement Ohio Schools Council Policy 1.1 Section 10 Agreement, Policy 1.3 Section Bylaws, and any other Agreements requiring Ohio Schools Council Assembly approval. These modifications, amendments, and supplements may occur at any regular or special meeting of the Ohio Schools Council Assembly at which a quorum is present. Approval of a modification, amendment, or supplement requires a simple majority vote of the quorum.*

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

**#23-01-21**

**FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE (FMLA)**

9. Kurpe motioned and Necastro seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the Family Medical Leave (FMLA) request of **Hannah Borawiec** beginning January 4, 2023, through March 29, 2023, pending doctor's release with a possible earlier return date.

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

**#23-01-22**

**LANE CHANGE**

10. Sydlowski motioned and Kurpe seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the salary lane change of the following certificated employee to be effective January 2, 2023\*:

**Kristen Foster**, Director of Teaching, Learning & Accountability  
\$92,993.13 (M+30), prorated

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

**#23-01-23**

**LANE CHANGE**

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11. Sydlowski motioned and Mihalcin seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the salary lane change of the following certificated employee to be effective January 2, 2023\*:

<b>Joseph Meyer</b>	CBI Teacher	\$52,734.43 (BA+150), prorated
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Ayes: Bonekovic, Kurpe, Mihalcin, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

**#23-01-24**

**UNPAID LEAVE**

12. Kurpe motioned and Necastro seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the unpaid leave request of **Jessica Zebroski-Flanagan** for one (1) day on March 3, 2023.

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

**#23-01-25**

**RESIGNATION**

13. Sydlowski motioned and Kurpe seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education accepts the resignation of **William Trunick**, bus driver, effective January 13, 2023.

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

**#23-01-26**

**RETIREMENT**

14. Sydlowski motioned and Kurpe seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education accepts the retirement resignation of **Loretta Anderson**, speech pathologist, effective the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Ms. Anderson has 24 years of teaching experience, 19 of which are in the Brookfield school district.

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

**#23-01-27**

**RETIREMENT**

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15. Sydlowski motioned and Kurpe seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education accepts the retirement resignation of **Debra Zebroski**, educational aide, effective the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Zebroski has been with the district for 24 years.

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

**#23-01-28**

XII. Adjourn Board Meeting. Time: 6:16 p.m.

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

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, in the George Economides Board Meeting Room.

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Enclosures  
dd/word/board mtgs 2023 January Mtg

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