

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA

Brookfield Board of Education

Location: George Economides Board Meeting Room

Organizational Meeting of the Board

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

I. The Brookfield Board of Education met in open session on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the George Economides Board Meeting Room.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call of the 2025 Board of Education members:

Ms. Ronda Bonekovic, President	Present
Mrs. Sarah Kurpe	Present
Dr. Derek Mihalcin	Present
Mr. Jerry Necastro, Vice President	Present
Mrs. Melissa Sydlowski	Present

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

#25-01-01

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

Nominees: Derek Mihalcin

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

Moved by Kurpe, Seconded by Sydlowski

Ayes: Bonekovic, Kurpe, Mihalcin, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#25-01-02

2. The Brookfield Board of Education elects Derek Mihalcin as President of the 2025 Brookfield Board of Education.

Moved by Kurpe, Seconded by Necastro

Ayes: Bonekovic, Kurpe, Mihalcin, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Treasurer declares Derek Mihalcin as President of the 2025 Brookfield Board of Education.

#25-01-03

3. Open the floor for nominations for the Office of Vice President of the Board by President, Ms. Bonekovic

Nominees: Jerry Necastro

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

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

#25-01-04

4. The Brookfield Board of Education elects Jerry Necastro as Vice President of the 2025 Brookfield Board of Education.

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

Treasurer declares Jerry Necastro as Vice President of the 2025 Brookfield Board of Education.

BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

#25-01-05

2025 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 2025 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 George Economides Board Meeting Room, located in the Board office, and governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

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

#25-01-06

LEGAL COUNSEL

6. 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 Graydon, and Gingo & Bair as legal counsel to the Board, pursuant to Board Policy.

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

#25-01-07

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS FOR PUBLIC RECORDS TRAINING

7. 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.

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

#25-01-08

NEWSPAPER DESIGNEES

8. The Brookfield Board of Education recommends designating *News on the Green* and *The Tribune* as the newspapers of record.

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

#25-01-09

OPEN ENROLLMENT

9. The Brookfield Board of Education recommends continuing Interdistrict Open Enrollment (Statewide) as per Board Policy.

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

#25-01-10

TREASURER AUTHORIZATIONS

10. The Brookfield Board of Education recommends approving 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, 2025, through December 31, 2025, 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.

Moved by Bonekovic, Seconded by Necastro

Ayes: Bonekovic, Kurpe, Mihalcin, Necastro, Sydlowski

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#25-01-11

SUPERINTENDENT AUTHORIZATIONS

11. The Brookfield Board of Education recommends approving the following Superintendent authorizations:

- a. 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.

- b. Authorize the Superintendent to serve as Administrative Agent for State & Federal Programs, Title I, Title II-A, Title IV, Title V and IDEA-B.
- c. Authorize the Superintendent to approve attendance of employees, within appropriations, at professional meetings which lead to the improvement of educational programs (ORC 3313.20).
- d. Authorize the Superintendent to represent the district at county, state and national meetings as the Board representative.
- e. 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.
- f. 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.
- g. 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 acceptance of such offers on behalf of this Board, subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by this Board.
- h. Authorize the Superintendent or his designee authority to file applications for all projects considered desirable for the Brookfield Local School District.

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

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BOARD COMMITTEES

12. The Brookfield Board of Education approves the following board members to sit on the listed committees for 2025:

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

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

#25-01-13

Adjourn Meeting. Time: 5:18 p.m.

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

The next scheduled Board meeting is being held this evening, Wednesday, January 15, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m. in the George Economides Board Meeting Room.

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Enclosures

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