

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES

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Brookfield Board of Education  
**Regular Meeting of the Board**  
Tuesday, October 23, 2012

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High School Library

- I. The Brookfield Board of Education met in open session on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the library.
  
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
  
- III. Roll Call:

Mrs. Ronda Bonekovic, President		present
Mrs. Kelly Bianco		present
Mr. Ron Brennan		present
Mr. Tim Filipovich		present
Mrs. Gwen Martino		present
  
- IV. Board of Education Reports
  
- V. Old Business
  
- VI. New Business
  
- VII. Superintendent's Report
  - a. Race to the Top
  - b. Enrollment Update – 1,183 pupils
  - c. Similar District Comparisons
  
- VIII. Public Input (five minutes per individual)
  
- IX. "Key Warrior Award"  
Presentation to Juan Fuentes and

**#12-186**

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Martino moved and Brennan seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session at 6:38pm to discuss the "appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee, official or student or the investigation of charges or complaints against such individual and/or other matters that need to be kept confidential by federal or state law."

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

Nays: None.

Ms. Bonekovic reconvened the regular session at 7:27pm.

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## **TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

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### **#12-187**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Brennan moved and Martino seconded that the following Board minutes be approved as submitted:

September 26, 2012 – Regular 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: Bianco, Bonekovic, Brennan, Filipovich and Martino.

Nays: None.

### **#12-188**

#### **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Brennan moved and Filipovich seconded that the September 2012 Check Listing, Financial Report by Fund and the Annual Spending Plan be approved as submitted.

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

Nays: None.

### **#12-189**

#### **CONTRACTED SERVICES FOR ERATE CONNECTION**

Martino moved and Brennan seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approve the following motion as submitted:

**WHEREAS**, in order for the Brookfield Local School District to receive federal Erate funds for Erate allowable expenditures to vendors,

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the District to contract with a Third Party Administrator to maximize discounts and refunds the District is entitled to,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, which the Brookfield Board of Education enter into an agreement with E-Rate Connection in the amount of \$2,200 or 7% of the funding award.

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

Nays: None.

**#12-190**

**FIVE YEAR FORECAST**

Bianco moved and Martino seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approve the following motion as submitted:

**WHEREAS**, the Treasurer has presented the Five Year Forecast to the Brookfield Board of Education in accordance with ORC 5705.39.1;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Five Year Forecast for years 2013-2017 be approved as presented.

Ayes: Bianco, Bonekovic, Filipovich and Martino.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Brennan.

**#12-191**

**OHIO SCHOOL FACILITIES COMMISSION CHANGE ORDER**

Brennan moved and Filipovich seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education accept the following change order to York Mahoning Mechanical Contractors:

Change Order #BF5-033: Relocate heat pump from classroom to corridor. Total Cost: \$29,534.91

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

Nays: None.

**#12-192**

**MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE**

Brennan moved and Martino seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approve the 15¢ Ohio **minimum wage increase** to become effective the first payroll of January 2013. Minimum wage rates for classified employees will increase to **\$7.85** per hour from the current rate of \$7.70. This will also increase the classified rate to \$7.85 for substitute cooks, cooks' helpers, cashiers and educational assistants.

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

Nays: None.

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

**#12-193**

**RESOLUTION FOR SCHOOL BOARDS REGARDING SEQUESTRATION**

Martino moved and Filipovich seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approve the following resolution from the National School Board Association:

**WHEREAS**, a world class public education is essential for the future success of our nation and today's schoolchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, the Budget Control Act of 2011 includes a provision to impose \$1.2 trillion in across-the-board budget cuts to almost all federal programs including education that would become effective January 2, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, these across-the-board budget cuts would impact school districts during the 2013-14 school year, with the exception of the Impact Aid program, with which a reduction would become effective this school year; and

**WHEREAS**, these across-the-board budget cuts, also known as sequestration, would impact education by a reduction in funds of 8.2 percent or more and could result in larger class sizes, fewer course offerings, possible four-day school weeks, loss of extracurricular activities, and teacher and staff lay-offs; and

**WHEREAS**, sequestration would impact almost every public school system in the nation and the millions of students educated through programs such as Title I grants for disadvantaged students, the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), English Language Acquisition, Career and Technical Education, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, Brookfield Local School District, as well as other public schools, would be impacted nationwide by an estimated \$2.7 billion loss from just three programs alone – Title I grants, IDEA special education state grants and Head Start – that serve a combined 30.7 million children; and

**WHEREAS**, federal funding for K-12 programs was already reduced by more than \$835 million in Fiscal Year 2011, and state and local funding for education continues to be impacted by budget cuts and lower local property tax revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, states and local governments have very limited capacity to absorb further budget cuts from sequestration, as Brookfield Local School District has already implemented cuts commensurate to state and local budget conditions;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Brookfield Local School District urges Congress and the Administration to amend the Budget Control Act to mitigate the drastic cuts to education that would affect our students and communities, and to

protect education as an investment critical to economic stability and American competitiveness.

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

Nays: None.

**#12-194**

**2012-2013 FREE AND REDUCED BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROGRAMS**

Brennan moved and Filipovich seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approve the participation of Brookfield Local Schools in the school breakfast and lunch programs for free and reduced price meals sponsored by the National Food Service Division. Brookfield Local Schools will receive reimbursement for breakfast and lunch for the 2012-2013 school year as follows:

<u>Breakfast Program:</u>	<u>Lunch Program:</u>
Paid: \$.27	Paid: \$.29
Reduced: \$1.55	Reduced: \$2.48
Free: \$1.85	Free: \$2.88

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

Nays: None.

**#12-195**

**RETIREMENT RESIGNATION**

Brennan moved and Martino seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education accept the retirement resignation of **Joyce Kirila**, elementary teacher, effective January 31, 2013, and authorizes and directs the Superintendent to execute on behalf of the Board all necessary and agreed upon severance documentation with Mrs. Kirila and the Brookfield Federation of Teachers. Joyce has been an employee of the Brookfield Local School District for the past thirty (30) years.

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

Nays: None.

**#12-196**

**2012-2013 SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS**

Martino moved and Brennan seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approve the following 2012-2013 supplemental contracts\*:

English Festival MS	<b>Shirley Piccirilli</b>
SADD HS	<b>Stephanie Anthony</b>
SADD MS	<b>Keith Joseph</b>
Ski Club HS	<b>Steve Varga</b>

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

Nays: None.

**#12-197**

**ABOLISH POSITIONS**

Brennan moved and Martino seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education abolish two (2) cook's helper/cashier positions @ 4 hours per day effective October 2, 2012. The employees affected are **Leigh Ann Mosora** and **Tammi Vadala**.

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

Nays: None.

**#12-198**

**ABOLISH POSITION**

Martino moved and Brennan seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education abolish one (1) cook's helper position @ 4 hours per day effective October 2, 2012. The employee affected is **Chris Swanson**.

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

Nays: None.

**#12-199**

**COOK'S HELPER/CASHIER**

Brennan moved and Filipovich seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education employ **Leigh Ann Mosora** as a Cook's Helper/Cashier for 5 hours and 55 minutes per day effective October 3, 2012.\*

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

Nays: None.

**#12-200**

**COOK'S HELPER/CASHIER**

Brennan moved and Bianco seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education employ **Tammi Vadala** as a Cook's Helper/Cashier for 5 hours and 55 minutes per day effective October 3, 2012.\*

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

Nays: None.

**#12-201**

**COOK'S HELPER**

Martino moved and Brennan seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education employ **Chris Swanson** as a Cook's Helper at 5 hours and 55 minutes per day effective October 3, 2012.\*

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

Nays: None.

**#12-202**

**STUDY HALL MONITOR**

Martino moved and Filipovich seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approve the employment of **Jennifer Schultz** as a 5 hour and 55 minute Study Hall Monitor effective October 16, 2012.\* Hourly rate: \$10.59

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

Nays: None.

**#12-203**

**STUDY HALL MONITOR**

Brennan moved and Bianco seconded that the Brookfield Board of Education approve the employment of **Deana Wells** as a 4-hour Study Hall Monitor effective October 29, 2012.\* Hourly rate: \$10.59

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

Nays: None.

**#12-204**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE**

Brennan moved and Filipovich seconded that be it resolved that the Board President, Superintendent and Treasurer are authorized and directed to enter into a settlement agreement

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

Nays: None.

**#12-205**

**RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE EMPLOYMENT OF JOHN GRAHOVAC SR., GRANTING UNPAID LEAVE AND ACCEPTING HIS RESIGNATION FOR PURPOSES OF RETIREMENT**

Brennan moved and Martino seconded the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Board reinstates the employment of John Grahovac Sr., effective retroactive to August 19, 2011, on a continuing contract.

Resolved, further, that the Board grants the request of John Grahovac Sr. for an unpaid leave of absence for the period of August 19, 2011 through December 19, 2012.

Resolved, further, that the Board accepts the resignation of John Grahovac Sr. for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of business on December 18, 2012.

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

Nays: None.

**#12-206**

Brennan moved and Martino seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 7:44pm.

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

Nays: None.