

BRIGHTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2035 MONROE AVENUE
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14618

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUSINESS MEETING

October 30, 2018

6:00 p.m.

TWELVE CORNERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD ROOM

MINUTES

The Board of Education of the Brighton Central School district held a Business Meeting on Tuesday, October 30, 2018, at the Twelve Corners Elementary School Building.

Present: Mark Kokanovich, President
Julene Gilbert, Vice-President
Marvin Sachs
Karen Hatch
Larry Davis
Christina Lee
Andrea Costanza

Also Present: Dr. Kevin McGowan, Superintendent of Schools; Beth Jackelen, BTA Representative; Leslie Seltzer, PTSA Representative; Lizzie Bernold, Student Representative; Dan Goldman, Communications Coordinator and Kim Lanzafame, District Clerk.

- I. At 7:11 p.m., Mr. Kokanovich called the meeting to order.
- II. Public Participation – None
- III. Approval of Amended Agenda
Motion to approve the Amended Agenda: Mr. Davis
Second: Mrs. Hatch
Approval: Unanimous (7 Yes and 0 No)
- IV. Approval of Minutes from the October 9, 2018 Meeting
Motion for approval of Minutes: Mrs. Lee
Second: Mrs. Hatch
Approval: Unanimous (7 Yes and 0 No)

V. Reports

A. Financial Reports

Motion to approve the Amended Agenda: Mrs. Gilbert

Second: Mrs. Hatch

Approval: Unanimous (7 Yes and 0 No)

B. Student Representative – Lizzie Bernold reported boys soccer is in overtime tied 0-0 in the finals (they won a Section V championship shortly after the report. Congratulations!). Boys volleyball is still going in sectionals (their season unfortunately ended Tuesday night). Cross-country sectionals are this weekend. Over the weekend, the play “45 Seconds From Broadway” was performed at BHS. Everyone is excited about the winter musical, “Newsies.” Climate Club held a rally on Monday in support of Juliana vs. the United States. The first student senate meeting was Tuesday. The BHS Blue Ribbon Ceremony is being planned for December 7th.

C. Board of Education

1. MCSBA

- Labor Relations – the September 19th meeting was about hiring practices to build teaching staffs. The Oct. 24 meeting was about the Janus law and how it will affect us. The Nov. 28 meeting is about field trips.
- Information Exchange – They met Oct. 16 about school security with a presentation from Campus Construction on hardening campuses and a presentation from Sheriff Todd Baxter and the head of security for Webster Schools about overall security. Nov. 14 will be from Harris Beach attorney Douglas Gerhardt about social media pacts.
- Legislative – The Oct. 3 meeting was to set priorities for the school year. Priorities are funding, local control, and safety. They are working on two position papers on school safety and supporting the emotional wellbeing of students. The Nov. 7 meeting is a convention and election debrief. Dec. 10 is the Albany trip.

2. BOCES – The Board and Administration visited BOCES’ facility in Fairport on Oct. 17. Urban-Suburban Program has 853 students enrolled in 14 districts. A total of 896 families applied to the program and they accepted 141 new students. The Board came away impressed with all that BOCES is doing for students.

3. Other Board Member Reports

- Julene Gilbert said the Wellness Committee’s event at the market was cancelled due to the weather. They are hoping to reschedule it for the spring.
- Marv Sachs - Curriculum Council meeting focused on codifying non-academic skills and behaviors.
- Karen Hatch said Audit Committee had its first meeting since June. External auditor Ray Wager and Internal Auditor Chris Tickyj worked

with the committee on the audit of the past school year. She credited Assistant Superintendent Lou Alaimo, Finance Director Dahlia Watts, and the Business Office with having the District's finances in a good place.

- Larry Davis said the District is working on a 4 to 5 year facilities project that will get the District ready for full-day kindergarten at Council Rock in the fall of 2021. State Education Department approval has been received for Council Rock's designs so that project can now go out to bid. With the construction, there will be a period of messiness, but schools will be much better in the end. The project with the track and turf field is complete.
- Andrea Costanza said the Foreign Language Review Committee is deciding what areas they will look at this year.
- Christina Lee said the Library Media Evaluation Committee had its second meeting in October. They are covering curriculum, instruction, lifelong readers, info literacy, assessment, social responsibility, and environment. The Rennes exchange is here and her family is hosting a student.
- Mark Kokanovich said the Community Leaders Breakfast in October had great attendance from leaders throughout the community. Dr. McGowan presented on where we are as a District. Kokanovich also attended the Town Safety Meeting and there was a great discussion about the relationship between the District and the police department. Pedestrian safety and BPD foot patrols were discussed. All of the Department's officers have had anti-bias and mental health first-aid training.

B. BTA – Beth Jackelen

- A big thank you to all our Brighton nurses for scheduling flu shot clinics in our schools. We appreciate them keeping us healthy during the upcoming flu season.
- On October 3, my classroom was able to meet the Israeli exchange students. It was an hour of building connections, sharing cultures and making friendships. Technology played a role as the Israeli students gave a presentation on Israel. The students partnered up with our visitors and began to create a PowerPoint together on similarities and differences. We only had an hour, but the memory of this visit will last a lifetime for our students. -Mary Anne Pettit, 4th grade FRES
- On Saturday, October 6, around 20 students took part in Brighton's very first Day of Dance. Students took hour-long workshops and learned new styles of lyrical, hip-hop, musical theater and tap dancing. Linda Goebel, a RIT instructor and dance teacher in the community, taught the tap class. Students truly enjoyed this experience and we hope to have more dance opportunities throughout the year. -Jessica Padilla, 7th grade science teacher
- I will be presenting at the SUNY Oswego Technology Conference on the use of Arduino computers in elementary education in a talk entitled "A Computer in Every Hand". The Arduino computers were purchased with a

grant from the Brighton Education Fund. -Ellen Harp, Technology Teacher
FRES

- Did you know that the remake of the song Africa by the band Weezer was started with a tweet from a persistent teenager from Ohio? Well, the fifth graders in Mrs. Cole's music class do! Mrs. Cole's fifth graders have been diving into an Orff arrangement of the song by Toto as we complete our music literacy objectives. The kiddos are engaged and having a BLAST learning a song that is currently on the radio. They are empowered to know that a student like them made it a top 40 hit with a tweet! Christine A. Cole, FRES General Music
- Our Foreign Language interns have arrived! This is a program where we bring college students from a French speaking country, and Germany and Spanish speaking countries. These native speakers work with our foreign language students sharing their cultures and language expertise at TCMS and BHS until June. Our German intern: Simone Gaertner, Spanish intern: Jose Quintero, and Swiss intern: Guy Da Costa. We're off to a great start! - Viv and Linda Palmer
- "Historical monuments are, among other things, an expression of power- an indication of who has the power to choose how history is remembered in public places" ~Eric Foner During their unit on Reconstruction, students in 8th grade at TCMS have been following the current debate over the use of the Confederate Flag and Confederate Monuments in public places. To address the singular perspective that many of the Confederate Monuments show, students will be working in teams to create a Reconstruction Memorial that provides a more accurate and inclusive history from this era. Adrienne Forken, Social Studies - Team 8-1.
- Caitlin Baker and I (both first grade teachers), have been working with our classes on what it means to value one another, our classroom, and ourselves. We created a project with our classes, and titled it "What Lifts Us?" A little bit about our project: This project is inspired from the "What Lifts You Campaign" created by artist Kelsey Montague.
<https://kelseyontagueart.com/whatliftsus/>
Each student created five feathers using dots (as part of our Dot Day celebration back in September). We then combined the dots together to create wings, thus making our "What Lifts Us Mural". We photographed our students in front of the wings (with help from Eric Gruner), and had students speak to what "lifts" them. The mural now hangs in the main hallway of CRPS. We've invited our school community to join the movement! Here's how: Photograph yourself, students or family members in front of the wings. Then use the hashtag #whatliftsusCRPS to post your picture with a quote about "what lifts you?" to social media or SeeSaw!
- At Council Rock, we are preparing for our upcoming Author/Illustrator Visit! Newbery and Geisel honoree Grace Lin will visit on November 2. All over the CRPS, the excitement is building, and students are preparing to make Ms. Lin feel welcome. Some examples: all grade levels are enjoying her work in Library, and learning about Chinese-American culture, as depicted in her books; students in Art class are creating pieces inspired by her books; all second grade classes are using her novel "Year of the Dog" as a read-aloud; Extended Studies has developed a Habits of Mind unit based

on one of her books. On their own, students are creating welcome posters, and some have been inspired to write their own books, based on the characters Ling and Ting! -Adele A. Mockevicius, School Librarian, Council Rock Primary School

- My sixth grade, English Language Arts students wrote their own short stories and Danielle Edmunds taught them how to code them. This was an exciting opportunity for the students! -Maria Katsetos, Sixth Grade Teacher
- BTA continues with their participation in the Adopt –a- Highway Program. Members of the BTA recently beautified the stretch of Monroe Avenue between Highland Avenue and the 590 Expressway underpass. The BTA is proud to support the Brighton community.
- BTA Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk – A HUGE Success! The Brighton Teachers' Association welcomed all employees in the District to join us in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. It was a very successful event as we walked in support of many of our own colleagues, friends, and family who have battled, or are currently battling, this disease. The BTA is proud to announce that we raised \$4,204 with 38 registered participants. We had many additional family members join us in the walk, too. Our BTA team ranked 14th out of 454 teams! Thank you to the over 90 donors who made a contribution. Thanks to all who participated!
- Family and Consumer Sciences eighth grade is busy in their Home and Career classes. Food Labs have begun! In our Labs, we follow systems that emulate a workplace environment. Students collaborate, communicate, work under a time constraint and problem solve as a team and meet the demands of their job assigned for the lab unit. This year the students in eighth grade have a "Real World" opportunity to be recipe testers for the PBS food program "America's Test Kitchen." ATK sends recipes to Ms. Moran. Students make the given recipe and critique them in a survey that Ms. Moran makes available on Schoology. This information is sent to America's Test Kitchen for development toward cookbooks for kids! We have finished our Career Unit with Naviance and look forward to Mock Interviews on Oct. 23 and 24. -Amy E. Moran, FACS Teacher, Twelve Corners Middle School
- Katie Lambert (Library Media Specialist) and Justine Parks (Special Education Teacher) presented at the NYS Middle School Association Conference on October 19. In their presentation, "Collaboration Between the Library & the Classroom: Fostering Academic and Personal Growth Among Hard-to-Reach Students," they shared instructional strategies and assessment practices based on their collaborative experiences at TCMS.
- TCMS Library hosted award-winning author Laurie Halse Anderson on Oct. 18. Laurie refined her presentation for each grade level, met individually with interested students, spoke with some of our teachers, conducted an interview with the Newspaper Club, and celebrated with her super fans. The PTSA conducted a book sale of a selection of her books. Thanks to the Monroe County Library System for bringing her to Rochester, and the PTSA and administration for helping fund this opportunity. Photos from the day can be found on the library website: <http://libguides.monroe.edu/tcms> -Katie Lambert, TCMS Library Media Specialist

C. PTSA – Leslie Seltzer

- Central PTSA
 - PTSA has been busy this year selling the PTSA district calendar and PTSA spiritwear at building and town events. Calendars are still for sale in the administration building. PTSA had a jam-packed table at homecoming this year with residents crowding in for Brighton wear. The spirit wear sale just ended but look for another one later in the year.
 - Our PTSA hospitality chairs in all four buildings collected food donations from parents to welcome back teachers with a spread of treats on their first days back to school.
 - PTSA hosted its second annual Welcome Back to School Food Truck Rodeo in the BHS back parking lot offering families a chance to connect and experience some community as we head into the new school year. Local band Cadillac Dawn performed. Despite the crushing heat, it was very well attended.
 - PTSA held its first two Central PTSA meetings, one morning one and one evening one. We are expanding our evening meeting times to be more accessible to working families who would like to be involved. All dates and times are listed on the first page of the PTSA calendar.
 - PTSA celebrated “*School Board Appreciation Week*” by providing desserts and cider for the Oct. 9 Board of Education meeting. Also, a donation in the name of the Board of Education was made to the Brighton Food Cupboard by the PTSA.
 - The PTSA sent out email inquiries to gauge interest for forming two new committees. We are looking at forming a *Diversity, Inclusion & Equity Committee*, as well as an *Advocacy Committee*. About a dozen parents replied expressing interest in being a part of these new ventures. We will hold an evening “Listening Session” to formulate goals and strategies with as many interested parties that can attend in November.
 - Several members of the PTSA attended the Brighton Town Board Meeting October 24 for the Board’s announcement of prohibiting smoking on all town owned property and parks. We made a supportive and thankful statement to the Board for their actions.
 - Central PTSA Executive Board members have contributed over 150 hours of volunteer time.
 - PTSA ran school pictures in all four buildings. Pictures taking days are now completed, with retake days coming up in the next month. School pictures can be ordered until the end of the year.
- BHS PTSA
 - BHS PTSA members have contributed 56 hours in volunteer time.
 - They hosted their first two Meetings with the Principal for school families to connect with BHS principal Tom Hall. Vaping was a big concern that was discussed and Tom will bring his talk on that subject to a Central PTSA meeting to reach more parents with important info. Both were well attended.
 - BHS PTSA’s main focus has been helping with the planning of the National Blue Ribbon celebration coming up in December. PTSA building chairs are part of a committee Tom has created along with teachers and students to help plan activities for the big week. PTSA is donating \$1500 to help with the festivities.

- BHS PTSA has 6 parent volunteers to sit on the BHS Brighton Believes Committee to help plan out this year's Brighton Believes day on March 6.
- TCMS PTSA
 - TCMS PTSA members have contributed 85 hours in volunteer time
 - As well as selling calendars and spiritwear, TCMS PTSA had volunteers stationed to give out locker numbers and combinations to students.
 - TCMS PTSA hosted a meeting with the principal in which Rob Thomas gave a wonderful presentation on the new grading policy and "how to survive middle school".
 - Bike/walk to school day had 207 students participating. TCMS PTSA had volunteers signing students in to be entered into a raffle that occurred during WIN period. 50 lucky students won popsicles donated by the PTSA.
 - Award winning Author Laurie Halse Anderson, who wrote classics such as Speak, Chains, and Fever 1793 came to visit TCMS, sponsored in part by funding from the PTSA. She did an assembly for each grade, was interviewed by the TCMS newspaper and had a reception with students at the end of the day and signed books.
 - PTSA has just finished running its first round of Activity Nights for the sixth, seventh and eighth graders. The student attendance was very high, especially for the sixth and seventh grades where they topped over 200 students enjoying each night.
- FRES PTSA
 - FRES PTSA members have contributed 75 hours in volunteer time
 - FRES PTSA started out the school year sponsoring a community service School Supply and Backpack drive for students in need. They followed that up with a Winterwear drive for the month of October asking for gently used items to help those in need stay warm as we move into the colder weather. Items can still be donated up until Oct. 31.
 - FRES PTSA held the FRES Family Picnic out on the back lawn of FRES with Tom Wahl's food truck and ice cream. Impact Earth was there to assist in helping everyone learn about sorting their waste. Families were able to mingle and reconnect at the start of our school year.
 - FRES PTSA hosted its first Meeting with the Principal where Alison Rioux discussed the accelerated math and extended studies programs. FRES PTSA also hosted, in conjunction with SPED PTSA, an informational meeting for parents on what services are available for students who are struggling in school.
 - FRES PTSA hosted its first round of afterschool roller skating events. They enlisted Red Jacket Juice Co. to donate juice and apples for the kids to enjoy before beginning to roll around the gym.
- CRPS PTSA
 - CRPS PTSA members have contributed 84 hours in volunteer time
 - CRPS PTSA also started the school year sponsoring a School Supply and Backpack community service drive and then also followed that up with a Winter Wear drive.
 - CRPS PTSA hosted its Let's Chat Meeting with the Principal where Matt Tappan provided introductory information on what's happening and goals in

- CRPS this year. Their next meeting will be in conjunction with SPED PTSA discussing promoting independence in children
 - CRPS PTSA piloted a Child Watch at Curriculum Nights and it was an enormous success. They provided two adult volunteers each night and 3-5 Helping Hands high school volunteers to supervise children so parents could attend curriculum night presentations. It was so popular they had to turn away 29 children because they were at capacity. The most frequent response to the exit survey that PTSA conducted indicated if child watch had not been available to parents they would not have attended curriculum night. Others said that one parent would have stayed home but this allowed both to attend. Here are a few comments parents wrote:
 - “I think this is a wonderful program. As a single mom this is a great way to ensure that I can attend school events”
 - “This is a fabulous option this year. Please continue to offer. My spouse works evenings and (on) school nights sitters aren’t usually available.”
 - CRPS PTSA is planning to offer the program again next year and expand to both cafeterias to accommodate up to 50 children. Parents also requested that this be offered at FRES (and TCMS for younger siblings) Both requests are being looked at for next year. Could be an opportunity for Community Service hours that middle and high school students need to complete.
 - The CRPS PTSA library volunteer coordinator hosted trainings for parents interested in volunteering in the CRPS library.
 - The CRPS PTSA Book Fair was held for three school days this year as well as a Family night. We have hired the new vendor this year, the book publisher Follett, with the suggestion of BCSD librarians. The book fair was held early this year to get students ready for the CRPS author visit.
 - Author/Illustrator Grace Lin will visit CRPS on Nov 2 sponsored in part by funding from the PTSA. She is the author/illustrator of more than 20 books for kids. She believes “books erase bias, they make the uncommon everyday, and the mundane exotic. A book makes all cultures universal”.
 - The BCSD Zero Waste initiative has expanded to CRPS this year. The CRPS PTSA has discovered that for the young children at CRPS parent volunteers are needed to assist Impact Earth representatives in helping children in separating their garbage. Seeing this need the CRPS PTSA has created the Recycling Helpers committee to coordinate and implement this.
 - CRPS PTSA shared some great website resources with the principal dealing with conscientious teaching of the Thanksgiving Story and Native Americans in general that he will share with faculty.
- VI. Principal Reports - - Principals Rob Thomas, Dr. Rioux and Mr. Tappon, shared goal progress, highlights and upcoming events for their respective buildings. Dr. Hall did not present and his report can be found on the website.

VII. Approval of First Reading of the Following Policies

A. Policy 6121 – Personnel – Sexual Harassment in the Workplace

Motion to approve first reading of Policy 6121: Dr. Sachs
Second: Mrs. Hatch
Approval: Unanimous (7 Yes and 0 No)

B. Policy 5412 – Non-Instructional/Business Operations – Procurement Uniform Grant Guidance for Federal Awards

Motion to approve first reading of Policy 5412: Mr. Davis
Second: Mrs. Lee
Approval: Unanimous (7 Yes and 0 No)

C. Policy 5730 – Non-Instructional/Business Operations – Transportation of Students

Motion to approve first reading of Policy 5730: Mrs. Costanza
Second: Mrs. Hatch
Approval: Unanimous (7 Yes and 0 No)

D. Policy 7131 – Students – Education of Students in Temporary Housing

Motion to approve first reading of Policy 7131: Dr. Sachs
Second: Mrs. Lee
Approval: Unanimous (7 Yes and 0 No)

VIII. Approval of Corrective Action Plan – Independent Financial Audit

Motion to approve Corrective Action Plan: Mrs. Hatch
Second: Mr. Davis
Approval: Unanimous (7 Yes and 0 No)

IX. Approval of Cooperative Bid for Fine Paper (Standard Copy Paper)

Motion to approve Cooperative Bid for Fine Paper: Mrs. Gilbert
Second: Mrs. Costanza
Approval: Unanimous (7 Yes and 0 No)

X. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Personnel Changes

Recommendation: The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the personnel changes as explained in the accompanying materials.

B. Approval of Recommendations from the Committee on Special Education
Recommendation: The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the Recommendations from the Committee on Special Education as explained in the accompanying material.

C. Approval of the Recommendations from the Committee on Preschool Special Education
Recommendation: The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the recommendations from the Committee on Preschool Special Education as explained in the accompanying material.

D. Fundraising Activities

1. Brighton Wrestling Booster Club – Apparel Sale (online store) – October 18, 2018 – February 10, 2019
2. Brighton Wrestling Booster Club – Car Magnet Sale – October 29, 2018 – February 10, 2019
3. Brighton Wrestling Booster Club – Dairy Queen – November 8, 2018
4. Brighton Wrestling Booster Club – Chipotle – January 14, 2019
5. Brighton Boys Swimming and Diving Team – Chipotle – Jefferson Road – November 19, 2018

Recommendation: The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the fundraising activities listed 1-5 above and as explained in the accompanying materials

E. Approval of Gifts:

1. A gift in the amount of \$2,015 from the Brighton Education Fund and Brighton PTSA toward the cost of two author visits.
2. A gift in the amount of \$237 from the Brighton Education Fund's David DeHaven Memorial Fellowship to cover the additional expense for a Brighton High School Science teacher to attend the STANYS conference.
3. A gift in the amount of \$100 from Mrs. Mary Lou Burnside to the Visual and Performing Arts Department to the Dennis Miller Scholarship fund in honor of the late Arthur L. Miller.
4. A gift in the amount of \$250 from the Brighton Education Fund for Council Rock Primary School (Ackerman and Rhodes classrooms) for the purchase of green screen and stand, two microphones, iPad stand and 26 DOink Apps for the two classes' iPads.
5. A gift in the amount of \$1,799 from the Brighton Education Fund for French Road Elementary School for materials to enable the establishment of an afterschool coding club for grades 3-5 and also for use in classroom programs.
6. A gift in the amount of \$2,500 from the Brighton Education Fund for Brighton High School for an interdisciplinary program involving the BHS mixed choir and orchestras, and AP English classes.

7. A gift in the amount of \$280 from the Brighton Education Fund to Brighton High School as part of a targeted grant to support the Science Olympiad registrations for an upcoming competition.

Recommendation: The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the gifts listed 1-7 above and as explained in the accompanying materials.

Motion to approve first reading of Policy 7131: Mrs. Hatch

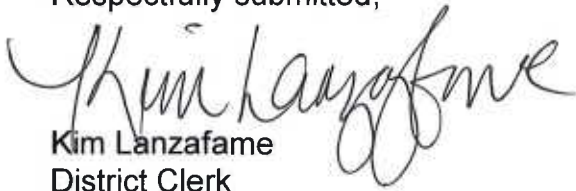
Second: Mr. Davis

Approval: Unanimous (7 Yes and 0 No)

- XI. Motion to Adjourn: Dr. Sachs
Second: Mrs. Hatch
Approval: Unanimous (7 Yes and 0 No)

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kim Lanzafame
District Clerk

APPROVED: