

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATION MEETING**

May 14, 2019

**Executive Session - 6:00 p.m.
Regular Session – 7:00 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, May 14, 2019, at the Twelve Corners Elementary School Building.

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

Also Present: Dr. Kevin McGowan, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Debby Baker, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Lou Alaimo, Assistant Superintendent for Administration; Carolyn Rabidoux, Student Services Director; Principals: Dr. Tom Hall, Rob Thomas, Dr. Allison Rioux and Matt Tappon; Dan Goldman, Communications Coordinator; and Kim Lanzafame, District Clerk.

- I. At 6:00 p.m., Mr. Kokanovich called the meeting to order
Approval for an Executive Session to Discuss a Particular Employee
Motion for approval: Mrs. Costanza
Second: Mrs. Hatch
Approval: Unanimous (7 Yes and 0 No)
At 7:13 p.m., the Board voted unanimously to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene the public meeting.
- II. Public Budget Hearing – Dr. Kevin McGowan presented the proposed 2019-2020 School Budget
- III. Public Participation - Dante Pennacchia is a Vietnam veteran and came to talk about veterans exemptions in schools. Rochester has provided a veterans exemption on schools since 2015 (up to median value of houses \$180,000). Gates-Chili was the first suburban school board to approve a partial veteran exemption in February of 2019. There are 807 veterans in Brighton. The exemptions for them account for \$31,644,000 in property value and \$781,923 in taxes. Across the 11,292 parcels it

would come to \$69.24 per parcel for the full exemption. The average exemption is \$39,000. He proposed that Brighton announce this exemption around Memorial Day.

Board President Mark Kokanovich said the Board will discuss this. He said other taxpayers would have to pick up a slightly higher burden if they went forward with this exemption. Schools have asked the state to provide the funding for the exemption.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve Agenda: Mr. Davis

Second: Mrs. Hatch

Approval: Unanimous (7 Yes and 0 No)

V. Approval of Minutes

April 23, 2019 – Education Meeting

Motion to approve Minutes for the April 23, 2019 Meeting: Dr. Sachs

Second: Mrs. Costanza

Approval: Unanimous (7 Yes and 0 No)

VI. Library Media Program Evaluation – presented by Dr. Debby Baker, Howard Enis, Katie Lambert, Justin McVey and Adele Mockervicius.

VII. World Language Program Evaluation – presented by Christine Treasure, Andrea Costanza, Linda Palmer, Loren Mashewske and Robin Newcomer.

VIII. Brighton Facilities Improvement Plan Update – presented by Lou Alaimo.

IX. Reports

A. Financial Report

Mr. Alaimo provided the Board with the Financial Report and the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending March 31, 2019 and Student Activities at TCMS and BHS from January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019.

Motion to approve the Financial Report, Treasurer Report for the period ending March 31, 2019 and the Student Activities at TCMS and BHS report from January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019: Mrs. Hatch

Second: Mrs. Lee

Approval: Unanimous (7 Yes and 0 No)

B. Student Report – None

C. Board of Education

1. MCSBA

- a. Labor Relations had their last meeting in April and discussed pathways to teaching.
- b. Information Exchange – no report
- c. Legislative Committee had its final meeting of the year. There isn't a lot of activity around Albany at this time. They did meet with Assemblywoman Jamie Romeo last week about legislative priorities. The other local districts all want the state to use the foundation aid formula. They have an upcoming meeting with Sen. Joe Robach.

2. BOCES - Superintendent Dan White spoke on a panel about equity at Columbia University. BOCES will use Campus Construction for their \$22 million capital project. Brighton students were among those that competed at the Skills USA Competition.

3. Other Board Member Reports

- The Board attended a Superintendent's Diversity and Inclusion Conference Day on Friday at BOCES 1. Presentations were made by several local superintendents. District representatives talked about how they can bring this information back to their districts.
- Diversity and Equity Committee will meet on Thursday as a whole committee.
- Wellness Committee wraps up next week.
- The final audit committee meeting is June 11.
- The grading non-academic behaviors subcommittee of Curriculum Council is continuing its work and will present to the larger group in a few weeks.
- The BHS Climate Club went to Monroe County Legislature urging them to adopt a Climate Action Plan on Tuesday.
- Thursday is the bus driver appreciation lunch.
- The final Budget Open House is from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, May 20
- Act 4 Education's Small Business Week kicked off last week at BOCES 2. It highlighted partnerships with businesses.
- Saturday May 4 was the Brighton Little League opening.
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D. BTA Report – Judy Wegman

E. PTSA – None

F. Superintendent – Dr. Kevin McGowan reminded everyone about the budget vote which will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Brighton High School. The Al Lewis Spaghetti Dinner is also that night.

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 materials.

C. Approval of 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 materials.

D. Approval of Election Inspectors for the Annual District Vote

Recommendation: The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the election inspectors for the annual district vote and as explained in the accompanying materials.

E. Approval of Fund-Raising Activities:

1. Girls Softball – Concession Stand – Meridian Center Softball Fields – May 11, 2019 – June 22, 2019
2. Girls Soccer Booster Club – Applebee’s – Henrietta – September 22, 2019
3. Girls Soccer Booster Club – Five Guy’s – Pittsford – October 2, 2019
4. Girls Soccer Booster Club – Car Wash – BHS Parking Lot – September 7, 2019
5. Girls Soccer Booster Club – Autism Up Fundraiser – BHS Turf Field – August 30, 2019
6. Brighton Football Booster Club – Football Program Fundraiser – May 10, 2019

Recommendation: The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the acceptance of the fundraising activities listed 1-6 above and as explained in the accompanying materials.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda: Mrs. Gilbert

Second: Dr. Sachs

Approval: Unanimous (7 Yes and 0 No)

VIII. Motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.: Mrs. Hatch

Second: Mr. Davis

Approval: Unanimous (7 Yes and 0 No)

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Lanzafame
District Clerk

APPROVED: