

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BUSINESS MEETING**

**December 14, 2021**

**6:00 p.m. Executive Session**

**7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

**MINUTES**

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The Board of Education of the Brighton Central School District held an Education Meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at the Brighton High School Auditorium.

Present: Larry Davis, President  
Julene Gilbert, Vice President  
Andrea Costanza  
Karen Hatch  
Christina Lee  
Dr. Susan Gasparino  
Esther Winter

Also Present: Dr. Kevin McGowan, Superintendent of Schools; Louis Alaimo, Assistant Superintendent for Administration; Dr. Allison Rioux, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Principals: Tom Hall, Maurin Jeffries, Danielle Edmunds and Matt Tappon; Nicole Ureles, BTA Representative; Peter Wegman, PTSA Representative; Lila Munger, Student Representative; Dan Goldman, Communications Coordinator.

- I. At 4:30 p.m., adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session: Dr. Susan Gasparino

Second: Julene Gilbert

Dr. Susan Gasparino departed meeting at 6:35 PM.

At 6:38 PM, the Board of Education resumed public session. Students from FRES and BHS provided music in the newly renovated Brighton High School Auditorium and offered appreciation for the Board's service.

Mr. Davis recalled the Business meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

- II. Public Participation

Mrs. Sally Bonn discussed her concern over the stoppage of social distancing during lunch at the Twelve Corners Middle School. She advocated for resuming all COVID precautions previously in place. Superintendent McGowan responded.

Beth McNeil discussed survival rate for children against COVID-19 and the risks of harm by maintaining the mask mandate required throughout the school day. She provided statistics in support of her concern.

Melaney Bernhardt discussed concern over messaging by the district encouraging vaccination. She expressed concern over reliance on CDC messaging without providing supporting statistics and potential health risks. Mr. Davis responded that the Board of Education will respond to the comments in writing. Dr. McGowan also responded with source of data that informs the District's weekly update.

Ron Knott encouraged all sides of an issue to conduct their own research and to discuss issues with character.

### III. Approval of Agenda

Motion for approval of Agenda: Julene Gilbert

Second: Karen Hatch

Approval: Unanimous (6 Yes and 0 No)

IV. Approval of Minutes from the November 30, 2021 Meeting. Julene Gilbert noted a correction to the name of a community speaker.

Motion for approval of Minutes: Andrea Costanza

Second: Esther Winter

Approval: Unanimous (6 Yes and 0 No)

V. Student Services Program Update – Deanna Spagnola presented the Student Services Program update.

VI. BHS Facilities Plan Update – Lou Alaimo and the capital project team presented the BHS Facilities Plan update.

### VII. Reports

#### A. Financial Reports

Mr. Alaimo provided the Board with the Executive Summary Budget Status Reports, Financial Reports and Treasurer's Report for the periods ending September 30, 2021 and October 31, 2021.

Motion to approve the Financial Reports: Karen Hatch

Second: Esther Winter

Approval: Unanimous (6 Yes and 0 No)

B. Student Representative – Lila Munger provided student updates including college admission processes and events and activities led by Brighton students.

C. Board of Education – Julene Gilbert provided update from Information Exchange. Karen Hatch provided an update from Legislative Committee. Larry Davis provided update from MCSBA Board Presidents and Vice Presidents meeting.

Mr. Davis noted that the BOCES report was posted from mark Kokanovich. Julene Gilbert provided an update on the School Start Time Committee and Wellness committees. Karen Hatch noted that she attended the DEI meeting at TCMS and will attend the upcoming Districtwide DEI meeting. Esther Winter discussed presentation by Dave Alquist. Larry Davis noted attendance at the District Hiring Practices committee. Christina Lee provided summary of Teacher Center Policy Board meeting.

- D. BTA Report – Nicole Ureles highlighted what teachers and students have been doing in and out of the classroom. The full report is posted to the District web site.
- E. PTSA – Peter Wegman’s report focused on the many current and future PTSA activities and events happening in the schools.
- F. Superintendent – Dr. McGowan expressed appreciation for the Student Services team and the programs and services supported by the department. He reminded the community about an opportunity to meet the TCMS principal candidates. He reminded the community that all overnight trips will require students be vaccinated. In addition, all athletes participating in post-season athletics may require vaccination. Lastly he reported on the school safety forum hosted on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

VIII. Approval of Cooperative Bid Evaluations for Electricity Supply, School Lunch Paper and Plastic.

Motion to approve cooperative bid evaluation for electricity supply and school lunch paper and plastic: Julene Gilbert  
Second: Andrea Costanza  
Approval: Unanimous (6 Yes and 0 No)

IX. Approval of First Read Policies

- A. Policy 6110 – Personnel – Code of Ethics for Board Members and All District Personnel
- B. Policy 6121 – Personnel – Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
- C. Policy 7550 – Students – Dignity for All Students

Motion to approve first reading of Policies 6110, 6121, and 7550: Karen Hatch  
Second: Christina Lee  
Approval: Unanimous (6 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 Committee on Special Education Report 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 Committee on Special Education Report as explained in the accompanying materials.

D. Approval of Fundraising Activities

Recommendation: The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the fundraising activities a-e as explained in the accompanying materials.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda: Julene Gilbert

Second: Esther Winter

Approval: Unanimous (6 Yes and 0 No)

XI. Motion to Adjourn: Karen Hatch

Second: Esther Winter

Approval: Unanimous (6 Yes and 0 No)

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lou Alaimo for Kim Lanzafame  
District Clerk