

Brooksville School Committee Meeting
Monday, April 3, 2017 – 5:00pm
Brooksville Elementary School
Minutes

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair, Helen Condon, followed by the salute to the flag.

Members Present: Helen Condon, Patty Tapley, Eliot Coleman

Members Absent: Charles Tarr, Matt Freedman,

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt, Cammie Lepper, Ray Pata, Susanne Dodge, Nada Lepper, Amelia Poole, Earl Clifford, Jr., Elizabeth Clifford, Gayle Clifford, Jackie Pike, Annie Silver, Emma Altman

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings (March 6, 2017)

A motion was made by Patty Tapley, seconded by Helen Condon, to approve minutes of the March 6, 2017 meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

D. Communications

1. UPSTARTS Presentation

3 of the 8th graders, and their parents came to ask the Board permission to spend the UPSTARTS money on a stage, storage building, a sound system, and speakers. Accompanying them were Earl and Gail Clifford and Elizabeth Clifford who was instrumental in setting up UPSTARTS over 10 years ago. The account balance is now \$56,184.99. The plan is to get this project going before graduation. The building will be 12x16, with 2-3" doors, and new windows. It will be vinyl. The dugouts will also be moved. The money will have to be voted on at a special town meeting in April. A motion was made by Patty Tapley, seconded by Eliot Coleman, to approve this plan. Motion passed 3-0.

E. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Patty Tapley, seconded by Eliot Coleman, to approve the agenda after moving 13 (8th Grade Trip Proposal/Approval to May agenda). Motion passed 3-0.

F. Comments and Questions from the Public

None.

G. Reports

1. GSA Report

Tim Seeley, Headmaster, handed out Brooksville student data for GSA students to the Board. He can get this report to the Board annually. Also, he talked about the residential program, which currently has 47 beds. He has recently visited with families in China and Vietnam. The overriding reasons for Asian students to come to GSA are: 1) to go to an American college 2) because of the creativity, personal autonomy, and non-specialized nature of the education in America.

2. Principal's Report

1) Survey Update

Mary Jane McCallum, consultant, has the survey results and will need to meet with the Steering Committee. Then the data will be put into vision/mission/and action steps. At that point, she will meet with the Board in May or in June.

Cammie also talked about MEA's and Discovery Week.

Cammie will search out Pre-K and Kindergarten students.

Reports (cont'd)

3. Superintendent's Report

1) Softball/Baseball Coach Nominations

A motion was made by Patty Tapley, seconded by Eliot Coleman, to hire Alex Drenga as PenBrook baseball coach, and Fred Lebel as PenBrook softball coach. Motion passed 3-0.

Also, accepted retirement from long-time teacher (17 years) Nada Lepper and thanked her for her service to the students of Brooksville.

4. Other Reports

None.

H. Old Business

1. Soccer Field Proposed Contract

The Board members signed the 10-year agreement with Denis Blodgett.

2. Board Goals 2016-2017

The survey results will dictate the goals. This will be an agenda item in May also.

3. Policy # 8340 – School Board Powers and Responsibilities – Second Reading

A motion was made by Patty Tapley, seconded by Eliot Coleman, to approve the policy.

Motion passed 3-0.

4. Policy # 8341 – Board Member Authority and Responsibilities – Second Reading

A motion was made by Patty Tapley, seconded by Eliot Coleman, to approve the policy.

Motion passed 3-0.

I. New Business

1. Anticipated Balances Report (2016-2017)

Noted. Will have another Anticipated Balances Report in May.

2. Approve School Union #93 2017-2018 Calendar

A motion was made by Patty Tapley, seconded by Eliot Coleman, to approve the calendar.

Motion passed 3-0.

3. 8th Grade Trip Proposal/Approval

This item will be on the May agenda.

J. Items for Next Month's Agenda

1) Teacher Presentation

2) Continuing/Probationary Contracts

3) Possibly Hiring Ed Tech III, grade 5-6 and grade 3-4 teachers

4) Mary Jane McCallum, Consultant

5) Board Goals 2016-2017

6) Anticipated Balances Report

7) 8th Grade Trip Proposal/Approval

K. Signing of vouchers

Completed.

L. Adjournment – The meeting

was adjourned at 6:08pm by Chair, Helen Condon.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Hurvitt

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