

BARKHAMSTED BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING –March 4, 2019

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Prelli-Hester, T. Brodnitzki, D. Beaudoin, R. Brainard, D. Farr, K. Mann, C. Shaw

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: J. Agostine, Superintendent
K. Plocki, Principal
E. Sacharko, Curriculum Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: J. Kreske, Teacher/Community member
H. Olson, Teacher

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chair, J. Prelli-Hester.

#2019-009 **MOTION** by T. Brodnitzki, **seconded** by K. Mann, “to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Feb. 11, 2019, as presented.” **MOTION CARRIES:** 6-0-1. D. Farr abstained.

A brief discussion took place regarding Draft #1 of the proposed BOE budget for 2019-20. The Town of Barkhamsted’s share of the Region 7 Budget is going up by 5.7% as we are sending 9 more students and New Hartford is sending 23 less students.

#2019-010 **MOTION** by R. Brainard, **seconded** by D. Farr, “to approve and adopt Draft #1 of the proposed BOE Budget for 2019-20 in the amount of \$4,084,095.97, and to present it to the Board of Finance at its March 19th meeting.” **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** This is a (.86%) decrease from the 2018-19 budget.

J. Agostine reviewed the proposed calendar for the 2019-20 school year with the BOE members.

#2019-011 **MOTION** by C. Shaw, **seconded** by T. Brodnitzki, “to approve and adopt the 2019-2020 School calendar, as presented.” **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

J. Agostine read a letter from Region 7 Superintendent, J. Palmer, regarding the Kindness in Motion Grants allocated to the Barkhamsted Elementary School. M. Read-Sexton, Chair of the Region 7 BOE, sent a letter of invitation to the elementary districts in the region to attend a CAFE workshop at the high school.

K. Plocki reviewed her Principal’s report with the BOE which included the following updates: Read-Aloud Day took place on Feb. 13th organized by our Library/Media Teacher, L. Hedenberg; Look for the Good Project organized by M. Viens, our School Social Worker, and Kindness in Motion Grants have received 20 applications; Unified Sports Team update: Penguin Plunge and Grants to get started, buddies and athletes identified and to begin practice, and an end of the year event on May 18th at Region 7; Professional and Curriculum development: ALICE Safe school training held on Feb. 15th, RULER Team attended YALE workshop on Feb. 26th, RULER parent workshop held at Region 7 on Feb. 28th, Regional 6th grade NGSS PD on Feb. 28th and 5-12 Regional Math meeting to be held on March 5th; Instructional Rounds will be on March 7th; and PTO events – Night under the Stars and Penny Auction. Sarah Petersen’s presentation was tabled until the April BOE meeting.

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E. Sacharko gave a brief presentation of the Next Generation Accountability System Results for 2017-18.

J. Agostine reviewed Bills Paid and Budget Expended Reports for February 2019 with the BOE. An update on the progress of the Oil tank removal and replacement project was provided. He also spoke with the Board about an energy audit for LED lighting that is being conducted by Bantam-Wesson, in collaboration with Eversource.

J. Agostine reminded the Board of the following dates for the budget process:

- March 19th – Presentation of our budget to the Board of Finance at the Barkhamsted School
- April 9th – Budget hearing at the Barkhamsted School
- May 7th – Budget vote at the Barkhamsted School

#2019-012

MOTION by K. Mann, **seconded** by T. Brodnitzki, “to adjourn this special meeting of the BOE” at 7:28 P.M. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Education adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Beaudoin,
Secretary

THESE ARE NOT APPROVED MINUTES. SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL AT THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING.