

The Brooklyn Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on May 26, 2010 in the Middle School library. In attendance were: Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Downs, Mr. McNally (left at 8:30 p.m.) and Mrs. Trivella. Also present were: Mr. Otto, Mr. Caruso, Mr. Yanku and Mrs. Berry. In the audience were: Mrs. Hardell, representing the BEA, and Mrs. Congdon-Marr.

**1. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Lyons at 7:10 p.m.**

**2. Public Comments/Comments by Representatives of:**

- a. **BEA** - Mrs. Hardell commented on the excellent coverage of the Masterpiece Art Show.
- b. **Local 1303** - no report
- c. **PTO** - no report
- d. **Public** - no report

**3. Minutes of Board Meeting:**

MOTION: (Johnson/Downs) to approve the minutes, as amended, of the April 28, 2010 meeting. VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: (Downs/Johnson) to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2010 meeting. VOTE: Unanimous

**4. Correspondence:**

Letters were received from:

- Woodstock Academy on the selection of a Brooklyn student as the 2010 Salutatorian at the Academy - John Bartolotta.
- Commissioner of Education, Mark McQuillan, on the performance of the Brooklyn School in relation to the targets in the State Performance Plan as required by IDEA, Section 616.

**5. Consent Agenda:**

There were no items on the consent agenda.

**6. Administrative Reports:**

**a. Middle School Principal:**

Mr. Yanku's report included the following comments:

- We are grateful to our PTO and families for providing our staff an outstanding breakfast and luncheon during Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Art PACE visited the Lyman Allen and the Slater Museums on April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The spring choral concert was held on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to our chorus members and Mrs. Dehls for a terrific concert.
- Our third quarter honors assembly was held on May 13<sup>th</sup>, when we recognized honor roll students and presented Lions Club Awards.
- The PTO sponsored Art Showcase held on May 14<sup>th</sup> was impressive - the art work displayed was truly amazing.
- Mrs. Byrne's fifth grade class staged evening performances of A Spy for a Day on May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Our fifth graders visited Plimoth Plantation on May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- There was a seventh and eighth grade dance on May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Progress reports for the fourth quarter were issued on May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Student Council sponsored the annual Penny Wars competition as part of our fundraising effort, which culminated in our participation in the Relay for Life at the Woodstock Fairgrounds on May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- An informational parent meeting regarding the DC trip was held on May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Honors night is scheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup> and Graduation will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**b. Elementary School Principal:**

Mr. Caruso's report included the following issues:

- BES Spring Concert -The BES grades 3 & 4 choral group held our Spring Concert on Thursday, May 6th under the direction of Mrs. Patricia O'Rourke. We had a large audience and our students did a great job. Congratulations to Mrs. O'Rourke and all her students.
- PTO Mother's Day Project - On Friday, May 7th the PTO sponsored a Mother's Day flower project for all our students. Each student planted a flower for their mom. Thank you to Tiffanie Schley for coordinating this project, and to all the volunteers who helped out.

**6. Administrative Reports (continued):**

**b. Elementary School Principal (continued):**

- BES Masterpiece Art Show - On Friday, May 14th, BES and BMS students displayed their many artistic and musical talents to a large and enthusiastic community gathering. Job well done to Laura Tedeschi and Lori Ciccarelli for coordinating this event, and to the large number of volunteers who helped to make this event a success.
- Kindergarten Orientation - As part of our entry process for students and their parents, we hosted a Welcome to Kindergarten event on May 19th. Incoming Kindergarten students and their parents were able to meet our Kindergarten teachers, visit the classroom, and generally get better acquainted with Brooklyn Elementary School.
- Upcoming Events
  - Friday, June 11th - Fun Day
  - Tuesday, June 15th - Move-Up Day
  - Wednesday, June 16th - Grade 4 Promotion Ceremony

**c. Assistant Principal**

Mrs. Sweet's reports are included below:

**ERR Report - April 13, 2010 – May 17, 2010 - (Time Period #8)**

	Minor Infraction 1	Major Infraction 2	Academic etc. 3	# Students 4
Grade 5	36	1	14	20
Grade 6	24	5	6	18
Grade 7	12	3	21	6
Grade 8	13	8	16	14
<b>Totals</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>58</b>

- 1 Recess, Lunch, One Class Period +/-
- 2 Full Day ERR
- 3 Make-up Work, Injury, Late to CMTs, etc.
- 4 Only student referred for Categories 1 and 2

The above table shows the eighth, 20 day period of ERR this year. Fifty-eight students have been referred to the program for behavioral issues during this time period. Special Education students have not been separately noted in the above data. The table below shows year-to-date data.

Year-To-Date

Minor Infraction 1	Major Infraction 2	Academic, etc. 3	# Students 4
16	3	31	16
37	9	56	27
41	8	52	35
54	6	37	31
71	14	72	49
80	13	39	52
88	10	38	45
85	17	57	58

**6. Administrative Reports (continued):**

**b. Assistant Principal (continued):**

Mrs. Trivella requested that the Educational Resource Room Report include a separate listing for students who are sent to that program because of injuries which prevent them from participating in physical education classes or other activities.

**Spring Sports**

Softball - Coach Lohbusch reports as of May 20<sup>th</sup> the girls' record is 6 wins and 2 losses. He states this team is quite talented and they play as a cohesive group.

Baseball - Coach Jacobson reports as of May 20<sup>th</sup> the boys' record is 1 win and 6 losses. They are practicing hard but, the weather has not been cooperating. A number of games have been postponed.

Track - Mr. Partyka reports that there is a smaller track team than usual this season. Injuries have reduced the numbers. The girls' team is quite young. As usual throwers are doing well, particularly Kara Heilemann who is a sixth grader and has already won two discus competitions and placed first once in shot put. Kara has one of the longest discus throws recorded in the conference this year. The girls have finished second (of three) in each of the first four meets.

The boys have had a strong season to date winning their first three meets and losing to mighty Griswold by less than the number of points Griswold earned in the high jump (we do not enter this event). This has been a spectacular year for record setting events on the part of the boys. The 4X100M team of Nick Davis, Vin Lamb, Kyle Bulmer and Kyle Keenan broke a seven year old school record. Matt McMerriman broke a five year old record in the 400, a four year old record in the 800 and has twice lowered the school record for the 1600. Matt has not lost an individual event, in conference competition, for cross country or track this entire school year. The 4X400M team of Mitchell Conroy, Ryan Heilemann, Nick Labossiere and Matt McMerriman shattered the four year old mark. This is the most successful boys' track team in the program's history.

**6. Administrative Reports (continued):**

**d. Director of Student Services:**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION ENROLLMENT MAY (21) 2010**

BES		BMS		KHS		WA		OUTPLACEMENT	
APR.-10	MAY.-10	APR.-10	MAY.-10	APR.-10	MAY.-10	APR.-10	MAY.-10	APR.-10	MAY.-10
GR./NO.	GR./NO.	GR./NO.	GR./NO.	GR./NO.	GR./NO.	GR./NO.	GR./NO.	GR./NO.	GR./NO.
PK 14	PK 13	5 17	5 17	9 2\$	9 2 \$	9 11©©	9 11©©	PK 0	PK 0
K 7	K 8	6 15	6 15	10 3	10 3	10 0	10 0	K 0	K 0
1 7	1 7	7	7	11 0	11 0	11 2©	11 2©	1 0	1 0
2 11	2 10	8 18(1HT)	8 19 (1HT)	12 1	12 1	12 5©©	12 5©©	2 0	2 1
3 13	3 13							3 1*	3 1*
4 11	4 12							4 0	4 0
								5 1	5 1
								6 1	6 1
								7 1	7 1
								8 0	8 1
								9 1	9 1
								10 2 (1H)	10 1(1H)
								11 3*	11 3*
								12 0	12 0
								Ungraded 1	Ungraded 0
								Total: 11	Total: 11
Total: 63	Total: 63	Total: 57	Total: 58	Total: 6	Total: 6	Total: 18	Total: 18	<b>Grand Total: 156 (May)</b>	

\* State Agency Placements  
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\$ Over 50% (High School )  
DP - Diagnostic Placement

H - Home (N/C)  
HT - Home Tutored

(G) Graduated

**e. Superintendent's Report:**

The following reports/issues were included in Board packets and Mrs. Berry commented on a number of them:

- Payment of Bills - a list of bills dated May 26, 2010 was presented at the Board meeting.

MOTION: (Johnson/McNally) to approve the payment of bills as presented.

VOTE: Unanimous

- Graduation Bond Award

MOTION: (Johnson/Trivella) to approve the \$50 cost for the Savings Bond the Board annually presents at graduation.

VOTE: Unanimous

**6. Administrative Reports (continued):**

**e. Superintendent's Report (continued):**

- Elementary Art Program - Job Sharing - as Mrs. Hardell and Mrs. Dougal have participated in this position successfully for many years, the Board of Education members are supportive of their willingness to continue this job sharing position.

MOTION: (Johnson/McNally) to continue the elementary art job sharing position at the elementary school with the present staff - Mrs. Dougal and Mrs. Hardell.

VOTE: Unanimous

- Health Insurance - Oxford Plan

MOTION: (Johnson/Downs) to extend the period stipulated in the BEA employment contract for review of a proposed change in the provider of health insurance by one week - until May 14th.

VOTE: Unanimous

- Healthy Food Certification Statement

MOTION: (Johnson/McNally) on behalf of the Brooklyn Board of Education and pursuant to Section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes, all food offered for sale to students in the school(s) under our jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, meet said standards during the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Such certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including, but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises, whether or not school sponsored.

VOTE: Unanimous

- Grants - Mrs. Berry reviewed the applications submitted for:  
School Readiness (\$107,000)  
Special Education Programs (\$234,461)

MOTION: (Downs/Trivella) to approve the School Readiness and Special Education Grant applications to be sent to the State Department of Education for funding.

VOTE: Unanimous

Mrs. Berry also commented on the grant award notification (\$100,000) which was received for technology during March, 2010 - August, 2011. This funding will be used for equipment and professional development.

**6. Administrative Reports (continued):**

**e. Superintendent's Report:**

- Other Reports included in Board packets were:  
Connecticut State Department of Education  
Connecticut's Race to the Top (RTTT) Phase II  
Participating Local Agency (LEA) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU);  
Cafeteria report for April, 2010;  
Enrollment report for May, 2010.

Mrs. Berry also commented on the status of the 2009-2010 Budget.

**7. Public Comments:** none

**8. Committee Reports:**

- **Curriculum** - A meeting of the Curriculum Committee was held on May 10th. Issues reviewed were: technology education and the 2010-2011 grant of \$100,000; a report from Eastconn on a new training center and the Eastconn role in the use of My RTI software; a review of Brooklyn's use of RTI and STBI software; the Student Assistant at the Middle School; Brooklyn School "Brag Sheet"; Elementary School Curriculum; and the need to review other curricular areas.
- **High School Relations** - Minutes of the April 27th meeting of the Woodstock Board of Directors and the April 28th meeting of the Killingly Board of Education were distributed.
- **Information** - The following events have had press coverage: Masterpiece Art Show; and Fifth Grade Program with the Stafford School System - arranged through Eastconn.
- **Policy** - The following policies were given to Board members for review and will be acted upon at the next Board of Education meeting. Policies - 1312; 3524.1; 4152.6; 4252.6; 5125; 5141.27; 5141,4; 6141.321 and Regulations - 4152.6; 4252.6 were distributed.
- **Recreation** - This committee met on May 10th and the next meeting is June 5, 2010.
- **Staff Negotiations** - The next meeting of the Negotiations Committee is scheduled for June 22nd to continue negotiations with Local 1303.

**9. Old Business:**

Mrs. Berry asked the Board of Education to act on the education budget as proposed by the Board of Finance - \$15,520,839 - which would be presented at the town meeting on June 2nd as a zero based increase.

MOTION: (Johnson/Downs) to approve an educational budget of \$15,520,839 in order to present to the taxpayers a zero increase in the 2010-2011 town and school budget.

VOTE: Unanimous

**10. New Business:**

Mr. McNally stated that he is resigning from the Board of Education and is moving to Minnesota this summer. He thanked the members of the Board of Education for their support and commented positively on his experience as a Board member.

He will submit a written resignation to the Town Clerk shortly.

**11. Other:** none

**12. Public Comments:** none

**13. Adjournment:**

MOTION: (Trivella/Downs) to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

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Mrs. Valerie Downs, Secretary