

Brimfield Elementary School Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 29, 2025
Brimfield Elementary School
6:00 p.m.

SCHOOL CHOICE HEARING

Present: Jennifer Custance, Joe Venezia, Eric Jaeger, and John Fabrizio
Also Present: Deborah Boyd, Superintendent; Kristen Leo, Business and Finance Director; and Members of the Community
Absent: None

Minutes:

Motion 25-27 made by Joe Venezia and seconded by Eric Jaeger to Approve March 25, 2025, Regular Session Brimfield Committee Minutes.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Financial Report: *Highlights from the Financial Report:*

- Fiscal 2026 – Moving to town meeting – June 9, 2025

Communications:

- SOA Summary

Principal's Report: *Report provided within the packet, highlighting the following topics:*

- Enrichment Program: 100 students are participating in spring classes like dance, hockey, games, and Legos.
- Weekend Backpack Program: Weekly food bags are discreetly provided to any enrolled student through year-end.
- MCAS: Grades 3–6 are testing; ELA runs Mar 24–Apr 17, Math/Science from Apr 28–May 23.
- Family Fun Night: Grade 6 joined Union 61 peers for bingo and pizza on Mar 28.
- End of Year Activities: School and grade-specific events are being planned; dates coming soon.
- Teacher Appreciation Week: PTO is preparing staff celebrations for May 5–9.

Mr. Ledbetter reviewed the School Improvement Plan -Actions and Evidence provided for the following Goals:

- To increase student achievement.
- Maintain and enhance the school's program of student support services.
- Maintain and enhance the school's use of technology to support teaching, learning and communication.
- Enhance programming to focus on fostering a sense of belonging for all students, staff and families.
- Develop and maintain positive relationships with members of the school and community.

Tantasqua Representative: *Highlights below:*

- Negotiations
- Graduation Discussion
- MAVA Award – Outstanding Student

PTO Report: *None:*

- Interskate 91 – Occurring on May 18th
- Jog-a-thon – Will be held on May 10th
- Playground equipment – A lot has been delivered
- Teacher appreciation week wonderful things planned

Report of Committees: None

- Curriculum (TBD)
- Building and Physical Plant (TBD)
- Issue/Study Subcommittee (TBD)
- By-Law and Policy Subcommittee (TBD)
- Negotiations (TBD) – Begun the negotiation process
- Rec Committee (TBD)

Superintendent's Report: *Deborah Boyd reviewed the Superintendent's Report:*

SCHOOL CHOICE OPENED HEARING AT 6:21 PM
SCHOOL CHOICE HEARING CLOSED AT 6:22 PM

Motion 25-28 made by John Fabrizio and seconded by Joe Venezia to opt out of Brimfield being a School Choice School.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

- May Meeting will be 5/27
- Joint Meeting is Wednesday the 5/28 – Held at the Jr. High
- Senior Stroll – 5/29
- Graduation – 5/31 Rain Date is 6/1

Unfinished Business:

- ACGA - Civil Rights Grievance Procedure - New Second Reading and Adoption Reading
- ADDA - Background Checks - New Second Reading and Adoption Reading
- ADDA-R - DCJIS Model CORI Policy - New Second Reading and Adoption Reading
- AC - Non-Discrimination Policy Including Harassment and Retaliation - Amend Second Reading and Adoption Reading
- ACA - Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Sex - Amend Second Reading and Adoption Reading
- ACAB - Sexual Harassment - Amend - Second Reading and Adoption Reading
- BHE - Use of Electronic Messaging by School Committee Members - Amend Second Reading and Adoption reading
- IE - Organization of Instruction - Rescind - Second Reading and Adoption reading

Motion 25-29 made by Eric Jaeger and seconded by John Fabrizio to Accept on Second Reading and Adoption Reading New Policies, ACGA, ADDA, ADDA-R, Amend on Second Reading and Adoption Reading, AC, ACA, ACAB and BHE, and Rescind IE on Second Reading and Adoption Reading Minutes.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

New Business: None

Public Access: None

Request to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L. Chapter 30A ~ 21A (3), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if in the open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining of litigating position of the public body and the Chair so declares. The committee will adjourn from the Executive Session.

Roll Call @ 6:25 p.m. – (Out):

Venezia- Yes, Jaeger – Yes, Custance- Yes, Fabrizio – Yes

Adjournment vote occurred in the Executive Session at **6:30 p.m.** (vote within ES Minutes)

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Miarecki
Recording Secretary