

**THE GIST
BROOKFIELD R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT
OPEN SESSION *** REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

The Brookfield R-III Board of Education, Brookfield, Missouri met in open session on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in person in the HS Media Center. All board members were present: Jim McIntyre, Blake DeVoy, Jered Wallace, Galen Hicks, Mandy Tarpene, Dave Shaw, and Noel Staddie. President McIntyre called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. No changes were made to the Agenda, which the board approved unanimously. The board also approved unanimously the Consent Agenda items as presented.

During program evaluation time, each building administrator reviewed how his or her building implements its at-risk programs, who oversees their at-risk students, and their current number of identified at-risk students.

The school calendar for the remainder of the year was reviewed. Dr. Collins clarified that since the change in the DESE rule on counting attendance hours instead of days, the district is still in very good shape when it comes to having our possible snow days covered. We are not close to using any of our possible snow days that were built into the calendar at this point.

Finance reports from 01/31/22 were reviewed. Dr. Collins stated that both revenues and expenditures are in line with where they should be at this point in the school year. He is still waiting to hear from Jefferson City as to when the ESSER III funds will be released.

Dr. Collins reported that Veregy (formerly CTS) is ready to get started on our different ESSER III projects (restroom remodels, MS/ES gym HVAC, playground improvements). However, until we know if current the legislative session releases these funds to Missouri school districts, Dr. Collins cannot authorize Veregy to begin its work. Every other state in the nation has released their ESSER III funds to their school districts.

Dr. Collins reported that he is still working with the Prop 2 construction company and subcontractors in resolving plumbing (toilet) issues in the new restroom facilities and proper drainage on the ball field. Until these issues are resolved to our satisfaction, the final payment will not be made nor will the facilities truly be turned over to the district.

The board held a third reading on the MSBA Policy Update 21C. The board voted unanimously to approve the recommended MSBA revisions to the following policies:

BBB-School Board Elections
DCB-Political Campaigns
KKB-Audio Visual Recording

and to take no action on Policy JHDE-Behavioral Risk Assessment.

Dr. Collins and the board talked about the upcoming Proposition Bulldog issue that will be on the April 5, 2022 ballot, which asks the voters to authorize increasing the total operating tax levy by \$0.2374 to \$4.4519 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation and to make permanent the existing temporary operating tax levy of \$0.4242 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation in order to provide additional funds to attract and retain quality certified and support staff, maintain its facilities, and meet the operating expenses of the District. If this proposition is approved, the current adjusted operating tax levy of the District of \$4.2145 will be increased to \$4.4519 which can be applied to the

assessed valuation in tax year 2022 and each year thereafter and the present expiration of the existing temporary levy of \$0.4242 scheduled to occur after tax year 2023 is eliminated. Dr. Collins reviewed a FACT SHEET with pertinent information on it regarding this ballot issue. The board unanimously to authorize Dr. Collins to form an election committee to educate the public about this ballot issue, made up of community members and a few board members.

Dr. Collins reported that the district received three bids for our Agent of Record for the district's health/life insurance needs: Weydert Insurance Services, Inc. out of Brookfield, MO, Bukaty Companies out of Leawood, KS, and Thomas McGee Group out of Kansas City, MO. The basic elements of their bids were as follows:

| Company | Fees (Option 1) | Fees (Option 2) | Years of Experience | Insurance Companies Represented |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Weydert | 1.50% | None | 28 | BCBS, Cigna, Humana, United, Aetna, Unum, et al |
| Bukaty | 2% | Net of Commission (\$25K) | 30 | BCBS, Cigna, Humana, United, Aetna, Assured |
| Thomas McGee | 2% | Net of Commission | 33 | None included in bid |

Dr. Collins recommended that this matter be tabled so he has a little more time to look into the possibility of the district joining a health insurance consortium. He is currently looking a couple of possibilities. He doesn't yet know if the consortiums would accept us nor what the exact coverage and cost would be. The board voted unanimously to table this issue for another month.

Dr. Collins reported that the district received only one bid for our Agent of Record for the district's insurance needs (other than health & life). DeVoy-Baker Insurance, the district's current Agent of Record, presented the following proposed fee structure:

- Commercial Property: 10%
- General Liability: 10%
- Directors, Officers, & Trustees Liability: 10%
- Commercial Auto: 10%
- Commercial Crime & Fidelity: 10%
- Commercial Inland Marine: 10%
- Workers Compensation: 6%

The board unanimously to accept the bid from DeVoy-Baker Insurance as our Agent of Record for our insurance needs (other than health & life) for the next six years.

The board reviewed the proposed 2022-23 calendar one last time. Back-to-School Night was moved from August 17 to August 18, but other than that no new changes were made to it since last month. This is still the calendar that the majority of teachers and staff members prefer. Dr. Collins recommended the board approve Calendar A, which it did unanimously.

Dr. Collins gave a legislative update. He asked the board to please keep reading their legislative newsletters and to stay on top of the educational issues being discussed and voted on during the current legislative session.

Dr. Collins stated it was time to renew our one-year extension of our food service contract with Opa. This is the fourth of four extension renewal requests allowed before another bid process is required to

be initiated. Much discussion followed regarding the quality of food and the services Opaa provides the district versus how the district could possibly run their own food service department in the future. Director Shaw moved to renew the one-year extension with Opaa Food Management, Inc. Director DeVoy seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion:

Yeas---McIntyre, DeVoy, Hicks, Shaw

Nays---Staddie, Tarpenting, Wallace

The motion carried.

Administrative reports were presented to the board by each administrator.

Dr. Collins recommended the board to authorize him and the administrative team to move forward with making detailed plans for Summer School 2022, with such plans to be presented to the board at a future board meeting. Dr. Collins stated that it would be very similar to the summer school session run in 2021. The board voted unanimously to authorize Dr. Collins and the administrative team to move forward with making detailed plans for Summer School 2022 and present those plans at a future board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m., at which time the board moved into Closed Session. During said Closed Session, the board read a letter of retirement from Lead Nurse Teresa Doss effective at the end of the current school year (no action necessary). The board also approved letters of resignation effective at the end of the current school year from: Jon Kinder (Elementary PE), Denise Ewing (speech language pathologist), Avery Bailey (MS social studies), Crystal Martie (Elementary), and Angie Sensenich (MS Language Arts).