

**THE GIST
BROOKFIELD R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT
OPEN SESSION --- REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 18, 2021**

The Brookfield R-III Board of Education, Brookfield, Missouri met in open session on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in person in the HS Media Center. The following board members were present in person: Jim McIntyre, Blake DeVoy, Galen Hicks, Mandy Tarpenting, Dave Shaw and Noel Staddie. Jered Wallace was absent. President McIntyre called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Collins asked that two new hires and a resignation be added to the closed session items under Personnel. The board approved this request and the Agenda unanimously. There were no public comments. The board also approved unanimously the Consent Agenda items as presented.

Dr. Collins presented retirement bells to Kevin Helton, Paula Fairchild, Cindy Blakely, and Karen Jackson.

The board discussed the upcoming calendar dates.

Dr. Collins reviewed the monthly finance reports for April 30, 2021 with the board. He noted that the beginning enrollment count for K-12 was 879 and we are currently at 872.

Director of Special Services Denise Carlson presented a program review on the district's PAT and Early Childhood programs.

Dr. Collins reviewed elements of his preliminary budget proposal with the board. He will make his final presentation at the June 15, 2021 board meeting.

The board went outside and took a quick tour of the Prop 2 construction project.

Dr. Collins reported that the HVAC upgrade and work with CTS will start in early June. They are visiting the district occasionally to prepare for the work scheduled to be done this summer.

Dr. Collins reviewed the plans for summer school. The dates are June 3 through June 30th, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 12:14 a.m. each day. Enrollment is: K-8 equals 108 and 9-12 equals 21. Transportation will be provided through a supplemental grant. Breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge to students through SSO. There will be 11 certified staff members, 1 nurse, 2 paraprofessionals, and 2 bus drivers employed for summer school. The approximate budget for summer school will be \$47,355 and ESSER III funds we will receive in 21-22 will reimburse the expenses we incur during June to run summer school.

Graduation is set for May 23rd at 1 p.m. at Burlington Field. If it rains, the ceremony will be moved to the BHS gym.

The Hurlbut Banquet is Friday, May 21st, at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Senior Awards Night at 7 p.m. in the BHS gym.

The board voted unanimously to approve the stipends of \$30/hour to be paid to certified staff for the professional development camp scheduled for June 22-23, 2021, with the stipends to be paid out of Title II funds.

The board voted unanimously to set breakfast and lunch prices for the 2021-22 school year as follows:

EL/MS Breakfast	\$1.50	Lunch	\$1.80
HS Breakfast	\$1.50	Lunch	\$1.95
Adults Breakfast	\$1.75	Lunch	\$2.35

Dr. Collins clarified that these prices would be the district's official prices; however, breakfast and lunch prices for students for the 2021-22 school year will remain free through the SSO program.

The board voted unanimously to approve the TIPS plans and expenditures related to TIPS as presented by Dr. Collins.

Dr. Collins reported that he is still expecting to receive the ESSER III funds in the 2021-22 school year. At this point, DESE still has not issued any guidance and allocations have not been specified. However, he did call DESE and was told that he would be able to use ESSER III funds for 2021 summer school.

Dr. Collins reviewed the current COVID situation in Linn County. Currently the CDC has stated that people who have been fully vaccinated do not need to wear masks. Also, currently Linn County and Livingston County have the highest active Covid cases in the State of Missouri. Currently the district has 25 students and staff quarantined, 8 current students positive for Covid, and 2 current staff members positive for Covid. Linn Co. Health has transitioned to a 10-day quarantine for asymptomatic close contacts. They may return to work/school after 10 days from last contact if they remain asymptomatic. They must wear a mask and self-monitor the entire 14 days. May 3, 2021 was the district's first positive student test since March 1, 2021.

Administrative board reports were presented to the board.

There being no further business to discuss, the board adjourned the meeting and moved into closed session. During closed session a letter of resignation, effective at the end of the current school year, from BHS language arts instructor Angie Wallace was accepted; and the following teachers were hired for the 2021-22 school year: Holly Switzer - HS language arts, (2) Chris Calvert – Building Trades, (3) Jana Sprague – Vocational Business, (4) Monica Wever – Elementary, and (5) Hayley Brotherton – Elementary. Jonathan Kinder will teach Elementary P.E. for the 2021-22 school year.

The closed session meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.