

**THE GIST  
BROOKFIELD R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OPEN SESSION --- REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 2023**

The Brookfield R-III Board of Education, Brookfield, Missouri met in open session on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in person in the HS Media Center. The following board members were present: Jim McIntyre, Blake DeVoy, Ryan Burns, David Shaw, Galen Hicks, and Samantha Howell. Noel Staddie was absent.

President McIntyre called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. The board unanimously approved the Agenda as presented, the Consent Agenda items as presented. The board reviewed the upcoming calendar dates.

Stephanie Berger and four of her JAG students gave a presentation on the JAG program, its purpose, its activities and their hopes for the future. JAG stands for "Jobs for America's Graduates" and is a federally funded program that strives to empower of nation's young people with the skills and support to succeed in education, employment and life.

The board reviewed the finance reports for 09/30/23. Kindergarten through twelfth grade enrollment is currently at 830. There were no items to report on under Unfinished Business.

The board unanimously approved Policy GCPB – RESIGNATION OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBERS, which provides professional staff members the opportunity to participate in the Early Resignation Incentive for the 2023-24 school year. Under such policy, any full-time certified staff member who submits a resignation letter by the following dates, effective at the end of his or her contract year, and completes all contractual obligations to the district, will receive the following compensation: ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2023 AN INCENTIVE AMOUNT OF \$750 or ON OR BETWEEN FEBRUARY 2, 2022 AND MARCH 1, 2023 AN INCENTIVE AMOUNT OF \$500.

Dr. Hoyt reported to the board the district has received a School Safety Grant in the amount of \$82,758. These funds will be used to improve and install fencing along Highway 36 and to update our MS and HS hallway intercoms.

Dr. Hoyt reported that the district will be looking at purchasing two new buses in July 2024. The board will need to decide if it would rather use lease purchasing for financing or pay for the buses with our surplus funds. A new bus now costs approximately \$135,000. This matter was tabled for the time being.

Dr. Hoyt and the Planning Committee will soon begin discussions on salaries, benefits and calendar topics for the 2024-25 school year.

The board unanimously approved the signing of a quitclaim deed that would deed back over to the Decker/Graves family 1.3 acres making up the North Eagle school property that was deed to the "school" in 1891. Per the original deed, the family gave it to the "school" with the stipulation that if the school did not use it, ownership would revert back to the family.

Administrative reports were presented to the board.