

**THE GIST
BROOKFIELD R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT
OPEN SESSION --- REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2023**

The Brookfield R-III Board of Education, Brookfield, Missouri met in open session on Tuesday, November 21, 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 and Noel Staddie. Galen Hicks and Samantha Howell were 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 and the Consent Agenda items as presented. The board then reviewed the upcoming calendar dates.

Maria Crespo and Stephanie Berger presented to the board information regarding how they and some of our BHS students spent some time in Costa Rica this past summer. Specially, they mentioned that the students were motivated to raise money for the 3rd grade classroom of children they spent the day with so that their teacher would be able to buy an air conditioner for the classroom. They are selling chocolate pretzels to raise funds to send to the school in Costa Rica. Mrs. Crespo stressed how important and impactful this trip ended up being once our students were able to work directly with the students. The trip was a language learning experience as well as a time of rich awakening for our students to see the wider world.

John Gillum, CPA, presented the 2022-23 Audit to the board for its approval. The board had received an electronic version last week so they would have time to review it. The beginning and ending fund balances for the 2022-23 school year were as follows:

FUND	Beginning 2022-23 Balance	Ending 2022-23 Balance
Fund 1	4,321,801	4,955,926
Fund 2	-0-	-0-
Fund 3	841,729	939,375
Fund 4	90,000	-0-
Total	5,253,530	5,895,301

The board unanimously approved the 2022-23 audit as prepared by John Gillum, CPA, and the completed 2022-23 ASBR.

The board reviewed the finance reports for 10/31/23. Kindergarten through twelfth grade enrollment is currently at 818.

Dr. Hoyt and the board reviewed how going to an 8 period day at the high school effects so many different parts of our school day at each building level. The administrative team has been working on the new schedule that is mandated by our latest CSIP document to take place at the beginning of the 2024-25 school year. He added that the hours of the school day would be altered slightly, as well as certain electives and course offerings. Dr. Hoyt will continue to update the board on the work that is being done in this regard.

Dr. Hoyt reported that the first day candidates can file for the school board is Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. The last day to file is Tuesday, December 26, 2023, at 5 p.m. Galen Hicks' and Noel Staddie's terms end after the April 2, 2024 election, so they will need to file if they wish to run again.

The board voted unanimously to give all staff members \$40 in Brookfield Bucks as a holiday gift this year.

Administrative reports were presented to the board.

There being no further business to discuss, the board adjourned at 6:20 p.m. During closed session Dr. Hoyt shared retirement letters effective at the end of the current school year from Julee Reese, Angie Downey, and Joel Magnuson. He shared letters of resignation from Anna Stinson and Holly Lindsay.