

**THE GIST**  
**BROOKFIELD R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**OPEN SESSION --- REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 15, 2020**

The Brookfield R-III Board of Education, Brookfield, Missouri met in open session on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 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, Jered Wallace, Galen Hicks, and Dave Shaw. Mandy Tarpenting and Burnie Hicks attended remotely through Google Meet. President McIntyre called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Collins asked that the item under New Business regarding Phase One of the Brookfield Area Community Pedestrian Project Presentation be moved to right before Program Evaluations so the presenters can get in and out as early as possible. The board approved the Agenda as amended and the Consent Agenda items as presented. There were no public comments.

Chad Sayre and Christina Caldwell with Allstate Consultants gave a presentation of Phase 1 of the proposed Brookfield Area Community Pedestrian Project that many different community members, businesses and organizations have been working on in order to submit a grant to build better walk-ways around the City of Brookfield. It is the plan for most of the funding for this project to come from grants. The best grant possible is a 80/20 grant that would have the community, including the school, paying just 20% of the cost of the project. There are other grants the group can apply for also, but the 80/20 grant is the best possibility. Phase 1 is made up of three different parts: Phase 1A includes creating walkways from the school district to the YMCA, Phase 1B includes creating walkways from the YMCA traveling east down Helm Street to just past State Street, and Phase 1C includes creating walkways from Helm Street traveling south to Highway 11/Main Street just south of McDonald's. After Mr. Sayre and Ms. Caldwell were done presenting, they left and the board discussed the project, including how the district could help. Dr. Collins thought that the district could help financially to some extent, especially since all of our students would be benefiting from this project. Dr. Collins will keep the board posted on any updates he receives on this project.

During program evaluation time, Dr. Collins reviewed the investment earnings the district has received in the past year and Matt Anderson, Director of Technology, reviewed the various technology projects that have been completed in the past year and all the projects currently underway.

Calendar events were reviewed, and Dr. Collins reviewed the finance reports for November 30, 2020 with the board.

Dr. Collins reported that board filing for the April 6, 2021, school board election began today. Two people have filed so far for the two open positions: Incumbent Mandy Tarpenting and Amy Lewis. Filing ends at 5 p.m. on January 19, 2020.

Dr. Collins reported that the construction site trailers will be put in place and work will begin next week on the Prop 2 construction projects (ball field, concession stand, restrooms, parking lot repairs and lighting).

Dr. Collins reviewed our Covid and quarantine numbers with the board. The board discussed mask wearing and all the different factors that play a part in that being effective, should the district go to mandated mask wearing for staff and students.

Dr. Collins reviewed DESE items with the board. The State Board of Education approved waiving the use of spring assessments (MAP and EOC) for state and federal accountability purposes. However, the state still plans to administer them. Dr. Collins also reviewed highlights from a DESE Covid 19 webinar he attended recently.

Dr. Collins reported there was no MAP or EOC testing data to review due to Covid 19 closures last school year. The great news, however, was that our ACT scores exceeded the state average for the second year in a row. The board and Dr. Collins reviewed the District Report Card. Dr. Collins also reviewed the most recent legislative update he received.

Administrator reports were presented to the board in their electronic packet.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. and moved into closed session.