

**THE GIST
BROOKFIELD R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT
OPEN SESSION --- REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2024**

The Brookfield R-III Board of Education, Brookfield, Missouri met in open session on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 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 Noel Staddie. Samantha Howell 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 amended with additions of discussions on health insurance, MSBA Policy Updates 23D, and amended bus routes. There were no public comments. The board unanimously approved all of the Consent Agenda items and reviewed the upcoming calendar dates.

Under Program Reports, Dr. Hoyt reviewed the bus fleet with the board and stated that two buses need to be rotated out of use and sold, and two buses need to be purchased. He is working with LJ Hart on figuring out our bonding capacity in able to lease purchase two new buses. A single bus costs approximately \$136,000. He said he is also looking into purchasing an additional school vehicle, similar to the school Explorer. The Explorer is used for trips a great deal and it is less expensive all the way around to use than a school bus when low numbers of students/staff are expected. He will keep the board posted on all these transportation issues in the coming months.

The board reviewed the finance reports for 12/31/23. Kindergarten through twelfth grade enrollment is currently at 811.

Dr. Hoyt thanked Galen Hicks and Noel Staddie for filing for the two open board positions. We will not need to hold an election since the number of candidates who filed equal the number of available openings on the board.

Dr. Hoyt reported that the administrative team is still working on the new eight period schedule for next year. There is a great deal to discuss and figure out, especially when it comes to making our lunch schedule work K-12. He will keep updating the board on this each month.

Dr. Hoyt reviewed the Annual Performance Report briefly with the board. The administrative team will review it more thoroughly next month with the board.

Dr. Hoyt reported that he had a meeting with our MEUHP health insurance representatives recently. We do not have our renewal rates yet, but our year is looking decent so far. Dr. Hoyt should have more to report in February or March on this matter.

The recent weather has led to Dr. Hoyt and Paul Frey discussing the need for a hard surface policy when it comes to our transportation routes. They will work together to develop a policy that helps the district run more efficiently when weather and road conditions are extremely dangerous. Dr. Hoyt reported that tomorrow there will be a few families who will either drive their students to school or to a different bus stop than usual for the safety of all concerned.

Administrative reports were presented to the board.

The board voted unanimously to move into closed session and adjourned open session at 6:00 p.m. During closed session, the board accepted retirement letters effective at the end of the current school year from MS counselor Jonna Weydert, elementary music teacher Laquetta Ewigman, and special education teacher Stacey Vestal. The board then excused Dr. Hoyt in order to conduct his annual evaluation. Closed session meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.