

**THE GIST  
BROOKFIELD R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OPEN SESSION \*\*\* REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 18, 2022**

The Brookfield R-III Board of Education, Brookfield, Missouri met in open session on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in person in the HS Media Center. The following board members were present: Jim McIntyre, Blake DeVoy, Jered Wallace, Galen Hicks, and Noel Staddie. Mandy Tarpenting arrived at 5:40 p.m. David Shaw was absent. President McIntyre called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Collins asked that Veregy's report (formerly CTS) be moved as Item 3 under Unfinished Business to Item 1 under Unfinished Business. Director DeVoy moved to approve the Agenda as amended as recommended by Dr. Collins. Director Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The board also unanimously approved the Consent Agenda items as presented.

There were no program evaluations for the month of January, and the board reviewed the upcoming calendar dates as usual. Finance reports from 12/31/21 were reviewed.

Veregy (formerly CTS) gave a presentation for the next phase of facility improvements (restroom remodels, MS/ES gym HVAC, playground improvements), based on the ESSER III relief funds the district will be receiving from the federal government this school year. There is much more work, discussion and decisions to be made on these projects before final decisions are made.

Dr. Collins reported that five individuals have filed for the two open board seats to be voted on at the April 5, 2022 general election. They are: Samantha Howell, Chase McPherson, Ryan Burns, Josh Huwar and Jim McIntyre.

The board discussed the ballot language for the April 5, 2022 Operating Levy issue the board has given considerable thought to over the last several months. Dr. Collins explained to the board candidates who were in attendance (McPherson, Burns, and Huwar) why the board feels such a levy is needed. Due to the decision in the Blankenship court case in Missouri, the Brookfield R-III District will lose approximately \$170,000 in tax revenue each year, unless the district places a proposition on the April or August 2022 ballot to hopefully cover this loss in revenue. Also, the board feels it is necessary to make permanent the existing temporary operating tax levy of \$0.4242 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation in order to provide additional funds to attract and retain qualified certified and support staff, maintain facilities, and meet the operating expenses of the district. Director DeVoy moved to approve a resolution setting forth **Proposition Bulldogs** to the voters at the April 5, 2022 general election, which includes the following ballot language:

**PROPOSITION BULLDOGS**

*Shall the Board of Education of the Brookfield R-III School District, Missouri, be authorized to increase the total operating tax levy by \$0.2374 to \$4.4519 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation and to make permanent the existing temporary operating tax levy of \$0.4242 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation in order to provide additional funds to attract and retain quality certified and support staff, maintain its facilities, and meet the operating expenses of the District?*

*(If this proposition is approved, the current adjusted operating tax levy of the District of \$4.2145 will be increased to \$4.4519 which can be applied to the assessed valuation in tax year 2022 and each year thereafter and the present expiration of the existing temporary levy of \$0.4242 scheduled to occur after tax year 2023 is eliminated.)*

Director Staddie seconded the motion. The roll-call vote on the motion:

Yeas---McIntyre, DeVoy, Wallace, Hicks, Tarpenting, Staddie

Nays---None

The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Collins reported that Veregy has fully completed their summer projects and it was a very good working relationship. As far as the ballfield and parking lot projects go from Summer 2021, Dr. Collins is still holding 5% of the contractor fee until issues with field drainage, parking lot drainage, and the ball field restrooms are completely corrected.

The board held a second reading of the MSBA Policy Updates 21C.

The board approved unanimously the Agent of Record Notice for Bids and Specifications for the district's health insurance as presented by Dr. Collins (must be bid out every three years) and the Agent of Record Notice for Bids for the district's Property/Liability/Errors & Omissions/Workers Compensation insurance as presented by Dr. Collins (must be bid out every six years).

The board held a first reading of the two calendar options for the 2022-23 school year. Dr. Collins explained that DESE is concerned with total instructional hours attended by students and not a specific number of days. Students must attend a minimum of 1044 hours in a school year and districts must plan for a minimum of 1080 planned hours to make room for snow days and other types of unforeseen closures. Calendar A has 1084.45 instructional hours, with Graduation on May 14 and students' last day on May 16, and includes a slightly longer holiday break in December. Calendar B has 1083.25 instructional hours, with Graduation on May 7 and students' last day on May 11. Dr. Collins reported that the planning committee has been polling their members and so far most of them prefer Calendar A. The board will be asked to approve a 2022-23 school calendar next month.

Dr. Collins gave a legislative update and encouraged the board to keep up to date on the legislative session currently being held as there are many educational issues being discussed and voted on.

Dr. Collins and the board discussed the district's health insurance loss run updates. The district is doing better than last year but our current loss run is still 178%. Dr. Collins is expecting another large increase in the district's health insurance premiums for the 22-23 school year.

Administrative reports were provided to the board electronically.

The board adjourned at 6:34 p.m. and moved into closed session.