

**THE GIST**  
**BROOKFIELD R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**OPEN SESSION -- REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**JANUARY 19, 2021**

The Brookfield R-III Board of Education, Brookfield, Missouri met in open session on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the HS Media Center. All board members were present.

President McIntyre called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. The board approved the Agenda and the Consent Agenda items. There were no public comments.

Under Program Evaluations Director of Special Services Denise Carlson presented reports on Title I, Special Education and At-Risk.

The board unanimously approved a letter of retirement from Karen Jackson, Food Service Bookkeeper, and letters of resignation from Athletic Director Mike McBroom and A.D. Secretary Barbara Hayes, all effective at the end of the current school year.

The board reviewed the upcoming calendar dates. Dr. Collins noted that we will now be in school on April 1, 2021 because of the snow day we recently used. It was also noted that graduation is May 23, 2021, at 1 p.m.

Dr. Collins reviewed the finance reports for December 31, 2020 with the board.

Dr. Collins reported that board filing for the April 6, 2021, school board election ended today at 5 p.m. Three people field for the two open positions: Incumbent Mandy Tarpenting, Amy Lewis and Noel Staddie.

Dr. Collins gave a construction update. Everything is moving along smoothly now that work has finally begun on the Prop 2 construction projects (ball field, concession stand, restrooms, parking lot repairs and lighting). The slab for the main building will be poured on Thursday (01/21/21) if everything stays on schedule.

Dr. Collins and School Nurse Teresa Doss gave a Covid 19 update regarding mask wearing, vaccinations and quarantining. The Education K-12 group falls within Phase 1B – Tier 3 of the vaccination schedule. Dr. Collins and Nurse Doss are in regular contact with the county health department. Dr. Collins stated that the health department has been very good to work with throughout the pandemic. He will keep the board updated on the vaccination schedule.

Dr. Collins discussed the community-wide sidewalk & trails project, formally known as the Brookfield Area Community Pedestrian Project. He discussed a resolution that needs to be approved in order for All State Consultants to complete the grant that will hopefully fund a great majority of this project. Every organization and business involved with this project is being asked to approve such a resolution. The resolution the board is being asked to approve commits the district to contributing funds not to exceed \$35,000 for Phase 1, A B & C. Director B. Hicks moved to approve a commitment of funds not to exceed \$35,000 for Phase 1, A B & C to the Brookfield Area Community Pedestrian Project. Director DeVoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Collins reviewed a board resolution that will extend Covid 19 leave for those staff members who must take leave due to Covid 19 illness and quarantining issues, much like what the district followed first semester but that expired on 12/31/20. Director DeVoy moved to approve THE BROOKFIELD R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION REGARDING COVID-19 LEAVE. Director Shaw seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Collins reviewed a board resolution that would approve the Linn County Mitigation Plan, which is a plan each county must have in place for times of emergency. If not approved, the district cannot apply for any type of federal relief funds if a natural hazard were to take place. Director B. Hicks moved to approve A RESOLUTION OF THE BROOKFIELD R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT ADOPTING THE LINN COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN. Director Tarpene seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Collins gave a legislative update, focusing on Senate Bills 25 and 55, which are both detrimental to public education in the State of Missouri. Dr. Collins stated that we all need be active in our support of public education, especially during this current legislative session.

Dr. Collins and the board reviewed the health insurance loss run figures, which are not good. The district has had many high claims in the last year and this will definitely effect our renewal rates, which we should get probably sometime in March. This is an expense that will play a large part in budget decisions for the next year.

Administrative reports were presented to the board.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. and the board moved into closed session.