

**THE GIST
BROOKFIELD R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT
OPEN SESSION -- REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

The Brookfield R-III Board of Education, Brookfield, Missouri met in open session on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in person in the HS Media Center. All board members were present: Jim McIntyre, Blake DeVoy, Ryan Burns, David Shaw, Galen Hicks, Noel Staddie, and Samantha Howell. President McIntyre called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Hoyt asked that "Summer School 2024" be added to new business. The board unanimously approved the Agenda as amended and the Consent Agenda items as presented.

The board reviewed the upcoming calendar dates. It was noted that May 8, 2024 is the date for the Hurlbut Banquet at 5:30 p.m. and then Senior Awards Night at 7 p.m.

Under Program Reports, Dr. Hoyt and each administrator reviewed in detail the district's Annual Performance Report for each grade level. This information is available to the public through DESE's website.

The board reviewed the finance reports for 01/31/24. Kindergarten through twelfth grade enrollment is currently at 810.

The board held its first reading of the MSBA 2023C and 2023D Policy & Procedure Updates. The updates are very lengthy and will take some extra review before being voted on by the board.

Dr. Hoyt explained the 2024-25 proposed school schedule, which includes the following characteristics:

1. School will start at 8 a.m. and dismiss at 3:10 p.m. in order to start the 8 period schedule in the High School next school year.
2. The ten-block schedule in the High School will cease to exist at the end of the current school year.
3. Fridays will have a 2:15 dismissal time for students to allow for professional development time for teachers and to better accommodate the sending schools at the Career Center.
4. High School class periods will be 45 minutes long.
5. Teachers contracted dismissal time will be at 3:40 Monday through Thursday and 3:30 p.m. on Fridays.

Dr. Hoyt reminded the board that this change is in line with our CSIP goals. The board voted unanimously to approve the new 8 period schedule as defined by Dr. Hoyt at the start of the 2024-25 school year.

Dr. Hoyt stated that the district is still looking at purchasing two new buses for next year. The district would most likely finance the buses through lease purchases or pay for some of the purchase prices with fund balances and the rest with lease purchases. He is going to deliberate a little longer to make a decision on the financing, as well as the purchase of second school vehicle.

Dr. Hoyt reported that the two big topics regarding education in the Missouri legislative session still appear to be open enrollment and the continuation of the Teacher Baseline Salary Grant. He will keep the board updated on these matters.

Dr. Hoyt and the planning committee are currently getting input from staff on two different calendar options for the 24-25 school year. He will report on them next month.

The board unanimously approved a special board work session on the 24-25 proposed budget for Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Dr. Hoyt explained to the board the need for the district to have a technology assistant for Matt Anderson beginning next year for multiple reasons, but specifically so Matt can concentrate on the infrastructure of the district and its many needs and the assistant can help with daily tasks and trouble-shooting. The board voted unanimously to authorize Dr. Hoyt to advertise for a technology assistant for the 2024-25 school year.

The board voted unanimously to approve 2024 Summer School, which will begin on May 22 for the Elementary and the Middle School and May 28 for the High School, and will end approximately June 18, 2024.

Administrative reports were reviewed by the board.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. and the board moved into closed session. During closed session the board renewed administrative contracts for next year and accepted a retirement letter from Tammy Yaeger, HS English teacher, and a resignation letter from Amber Wood, both effective at the end of the current school year.