

**THE GIST  
BROOKFIELD R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OPEN SESSION --- REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

The Brookfield R-III Board of Education, Brookfield, Missouri met in open session on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 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, Dave Shaw, Ryan Burns, and Galen Hicks. Noel Staddie was absent. President McIntyre called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Collins asked that item 4 under closed session be deleted from the proposed agenda. The board approved the Agenda as amended and consent agenda items as presented.

Under program evaluations, Mr. Thudium, Mrs. Wilbeck and Mrs. Kensie reviewed each building level's at-risk programs with the board.

Administrative reports were presented to the board.

Upcoming calendar dates were reviewed.

Finance reports from 01/31/23 were reviewed by the board. Dr. Collins reported that the RTU's for the MS gym have still not come in but Veregy will contact us as soon as they know something more definitive. He also reported that Irvinbilt sent their own plumbers to the new concession stand to fix all of the plumbing problems, and everything seems to be in working order now.

The board held a second reading of the MSBA Policy Updates 22B. No action was taken.

The board held a second reading of the 2023-24 school calendar options. There are two options the staff members are reviewing at this time, and they differ only slightly with one having an extra day off in March of 2024 and the other not having that day off so one calendar has the last school day as May 15, 2024 and the other calendar has the last school day as May 16, 2024. Dr. Collins will report to the board at the March 21<sup>st</sup> board meeting which calendar the staff likes the most.

Dr. Collins gave a legislative update. The board unanimously approved the following resolution:

**THE BROOKFIELD R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION REGARDING OPEN ENROLLMENT**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Education has resolved to focus resident taxpayer resources upon the education of students who reside in the District;**

**WHEREAS, no credible research shows that open enrollment improves student achievement; and**

**WHEREAS, open enrollment will result in a significant adverse financial impact on public schools;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Brookfield R-III School District hereby resolves to oppose any legislation providing for open enrollment in Missouri public schools of non-resident students.**

Dr. Collins asked the board to approve the district holding summer school again this coming summer for 2023-24 school year. No exact dates have been selected yet but he will have a more definitive information at a future board meeting. The board unanimously approved the district providing summer school for the 2023-24 school year.

The board set a special board work session on the 2023-24 budget for Monday, March 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Some of the proposed budget items Dr. Collins mentioned to the board so far are:

- 1 Increase the base of the certified salary schedule by \$1500, bringing it to \$34,500, and raise non-certified staff members' hourly rate by \$1/hour or a 5% increase.
- 2 The health insurance renewal has come in with a 1.25% increase, which is much better than hoped for, so Dr. Collins would like for the district to cover that premium raise for staff.
- 3 Maintain Career Ladder the same as this year. The Governor has included it in the budget and hopefully it will be a 60/40 split like this year.
- 4 Maintain the \$38,000 minimum salary for certified teachers like it is this year as long as the Governor has it in the budget, which he currently does. Hopefully the state will once again pay 70%.

There being no further business to discuss, the board adjourned the meeting and moved into closed session. During closed session the board accepted speech pathologist Gail Young's resignation effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year. Also during closed session, the board voted unanimously to hire Mary Hoyt as the Middle School computer skills instructor for the 2023-24 school year and to hire Jordan Maxwell as an elementary teacher for the 2023-24 school year.