

THE GIST
BROOKFIELD R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT
OPEN SESSION --- REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 15, 2022

The Brookfield R-III Board of Education, Brookfield, Missouri met in open session on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in person in the HS Media Center. All board members were present: Jim McIntyre, Blake DeVoy, Jered Wallace, Galen Hicks, Mandy Tarpening, Dave Shaw, and Noel Staddie. President McIntyre called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. No changes were made to the Agenda and the board approved it and the Consent Agenda items unanimously.

During Student Recognition time, Dr. Collins announced that Alex Sharp has been chosen as the MSBA Regional Belcher Scholarship Award winner. The Region 2 meeting is set for April 13th in Trenton and Dr. Collins is hoping some of the board members can attend this dinner meeting with him. Alex will be formally recognized at the dinner and meeting that night.

Calendar dates were reviewed. Dr. Collins clarified that as far as snow days go, we do not have any days that must be made up at this point. School make-up days of April 14, April 19 and April 22, 2022 will not be used as make-up days. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and no changes will be need to be made to the school calendar for the remainder of the 21-22 school year.

During calendar time, it was also noted that the Hurlbut Banquet and Senior Awards Night have been moved to Wednesday, May 18, 2022, due to state track, where some of seniors will most likely be on the originally schedule date. Next year and in future years, the banquet and awards night would probably be okay being scheduled on a Friday again.

Finance reports from 02/28/22 were reviewed. Dr. Collins stated that both revenues and expenditures are in line with where they should be at this point in the school year. The ESSER III funds have finally been approved at the state level and our allotment is \$2,536,172, of which 20% must be set aside for direct student services like tutoring and summer school. The other 80% will be used on projects the board prioritized earlier. Veregy (formerly CTS) was present at the meeting and once again reviewed with the board the different ESSER III projects (restroom remodels, MS/ES gym HVAC, playground improvements) they are overseeing for us. The board voted unanimously to approve the VEREGY AGREEMENT dated March 15, 2022, between the Brookfield R-III School District and Veregy, LLC, for services rendered connected to the district's ESSER III projects.

Dr. Collins reported that he is still working with the Prop 2 construction company and subcontractors in resolving plumbing (toilet) issues in the new restroom facilities and proper drainage on the ball field. When the weather cooperates in the next couple of days, more work will be done on the infield of the baseball field. The plan on the plumbing right now in the restrooms is to go ahead and use the facilities and see how they manage as they stand right now. Dr. Collins has not released the final payment to the contractor yet. He will keep the board updated on these matters.

The board and Dr. Collins set the Proposition Bulldog public information meeting for March 22, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the BHS Cafeteria. Dr. Collins is beginning to speak to a few community groups regarding this issue on the April 5, 2022 ballot.

Dr. Collins gave the board information from Weydert Insurance on the 22-23 health insurance renewal and plans offered by MEUHP for 22-23. Dr. Collins learned last week the district has been accepted into the MEUHP Consortium for our health insurance coverage, beginning July 1, 2022, should the board vote to join. MEUHP stands for Missouri Educators Unified Health Plan. Dr. Collins

went on to explain that MEUHP is a non-profit corporation which was formed by school districts, for school districts. By joining together, over 90 school districts are able to offer employees, families and retirees quality health insurance with more rate stability. Dr. Collins provided the board with information to look over and stated that there will be a special board meeting on Tuesday, March 29th, at 5 p.m. for the board to vote on what direction to go – join the MEUHP Consortium or stay with our current carrier and experience a 26.50% increase in our premiums. Dr. Collins will also hold a work session on the 22-23 budget during this special board meeting.

Administrative reports were presented to the board by each administrator. There being no further business to discuss, the board adjourned at 6:12 p.m. and moved into closed session. During closed session, the board accepted resignations effective at the end of the current school year from Carey Davison and John Wiggans.