

**THE GIST  
BROOKFIELD R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OPEN SESSION --- REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JULY 19, 2022**

The Brookfield R-III Board of Education, Brookfield, Missouri met in open session on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in person in the HS Media Center. The following board members were present: Jim McIntyre, Blake DeVoy, Dave Shaw, Noel Staddie, and Ryan Burns. Jered Wallace was absent. President McIntyre called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Collins asked that "Green House Bids" be added as item one under Unfinished Business. The board unanimously approved the Agenda as amended and the Consent Agenda Items as presented.

Dr. Collins reviewed with the board the Schedule for Teacher Work Days, which runs from August 15<sup>th</sup> to August 18<sup>th</sup>. Finance reports from 06/30/22 were reviewed. Ending balances are not yet finalized. Work is still being done on the ASBR but currently it looks as if the district will end with an approximate surplus of \$150,000 once all of the bond issue related expenses are finalized in Fund 4.

Jessica Dobrzenski was present and she reviewed the three greenhouse bids that were submitted. This project is being funded by a grant for \$150,000. The three bids were from: Stuppy for \$70,200; Hummert for \$83,822; and Greenhouse Megastore for \$53,527 (see attached). The bids were very similar but after reviewing them carefully, Dr. Collins and Mrs. Dobrzenski were recommending the bid from Stuppy be approved with some adjustments made to a few of the items included in the bid. The new greenhouse will be placed where the current greenhouse is standing. The current greenhouse will be put up for sale as a surplus item. The bids submitted do not include the construction of the greenhouse. That will be done locally with our building trades class possibly doing a great deal of the work with a few sub-contractors being brought in for certain items. Director Tarpenev moved to approve the bid from Stuppy for the new greenhouse for \$70,200, with a few adjustments being made to the bid that will not significantly affect the price of the bid. Director DeVoy seconded the bid. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Collins gave a construction update to the board on the ballfield plumbing issue, which has not been resolved yet, the restroom remodels, the MS gym HVAC project, and the new playground project. He is hoping that the bathroom floor installers come next week so that everything can stay on schedule. He will keep the board updated. The HVAC and playground projects are running on schedule.

Dr. Collins reviewed the Return to Learn Plan that must be updated and approved by the board periodically. The board approved the Amended Return to Learn Plan dated 07/19/22.

The board reviewed the following transportation bids:

**TIRE BIDS (one bid only):**

Brookfield Tire

XZE-2 Michelin (Drive) \$552.80

XZE-2 Michelin (Steer) \$429.60

**PROPANE BIDS (two bids):**

MFA

\$1.75/gallon firm

Ray-Carroll

\$1.88/gallon firm

OIL BIDS (two bids):	
MFA	\$12.05/gallon firm
Rainbo Oil	\$14.95/gallon escalating

Director DeVoy moved to approve the following transportation bids:

TIRES - Brookfield Tire	XZE-2 Michelin (Drive) \$552.80 XZE-2 Michelin (Steer) \$429.60
PROPANE – MFA	\$1.75/gallon firm
OIL – MFA	\$12.05/gallon firm

Director Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The August tax hearing was discussed. Director Staddie moved to set the annual Tax Rate Hearing for August 16, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., just prior to the start of the regular monthly board meeting. Director DeVoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Non-Resident Tuition rate was discussed. Director Staddie moved to set the 2022-23 Non-Resident Tuition rate at \$3500.00 per year per student. Director Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The substitute teacher pay rates were discussed. Director Staddie moved to set substitute teacher pay for the 2022-23 school year as follows: \$100/day for subs, \$110/day for teacher certified subs, and \$125/day for long-term subs. Director DeVoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The substitute bus driver pay rate was discussed. Director Tarpending moved to set the substitute bus driver rate for the 2022-23 school year at \$48 per route. Director DeVoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Collins reviewed the 2022-23 budget with the board. He stated the budget will be amended once the levy is set in August. Since he anticipates a slight budget surplus from 2021-22 fiscal year, that will also effect the 2022-23 budget. He will keep the board updated on this matter.

The board reviewed Policy BBB (School Board Elections). MSBA sent the district a recommended revised version of this policy to be in line with current law due to filing periods for election of school board members changing. For the April 2022 election, board filings begin on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, and end on Wednesday, December 28, 2022. Director DeVoy moved to approve Policy BBB as recommended by MSBA. Director Tarpending seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Collins and the board discussed the high cost of completing the now mandatory CDL training courses for those individuals wishing to obtain an CDL in order to drive a school bus. Dr. Collins and Paul Frey, the new Transportation Director due to Tim Speichinger's retirement, are researching different courses available closest to this area for those wishing to complete the course. According to most current research, the cost can run anywhere from \$1800 to \$8000. That being the case, Dr. Collins is trying to find the least expensive option but he still recommends the board pay some or all

of that expense for good applicants the district would like to hire as bus drivers, otherwise the district will not be able to employ the number of bus drivers needed. Discussion followed and it was decided that this matter would be tabled until next month after more research has been done.

There being no further business to discuss, the board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting and move into closed session. During closed session the following personnel were hired:

Heather Fiala – LCACTC Graphic Arts Instructor  
Dee Ann Nickell – LCACTC Computer Networking  
Connie Clawson – HS Social Studies Instructor (under the critical shortage rule)

Closed session adjourned at 6:37 p.m.