

**THE GIST
BROOKFIELD R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT
OPEN SESSION -- REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2022**

The Brookfield R-III Board of Education, Brookfield, Missouri met in open session on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, 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, Noel Staddie, and Ryan Burns arrived at 5:52 P.M. Mandy Tarpene was absent. President McIntyre called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. The board unanimously approved the Agenda and Consent Agenda items as presented.

Mr. Parn, Director of Maintenance, reviewed all of the numerous projects his team has been working on throughout the summer.

Mrs. Jonna Weydert, PD Chair, reviewed the 2022-23 Professional Development Plan and budget. The board unanimously approved the 2022-23 Professional Development Plan and budget as presented by Mrs. Weydert.

Ms. Denise Carlson presented the annual Special Education Compliance Plan for 2022-23. The board unanimously approved the 2022-23 Special Education Compliance Plan as presented by Ms. Carlson.

The board reviewed the upcoming calendar events and the 07/31/22 finance reports. Dr. Collins reported that the district ended up ending the 21-22 school year approximately \$80,000 in the black. He reminded the board that the first submission of the 2021-22 ASBR is included in their electronic packets. This report includes all kinds of financial information for the board to review. It does not need formal approval until DESE has sent the district a balance letter with their formal approval of the ASBR.

Dr. Collins and the board discussed the recent federal law that went into effect that requires anyone applying for a CDL to complete special training. School bus drivers must have a CDL. This new training was intended for over-the-road truck drivers and not school bus drivers, but now it is a part of the law so school districts are required to follow it. The closest and cheapest facility that provides this CDL training is in Hannibal, MO, and it costs approximately \$1800. The board discussed how incredibly difficult it will be for the district to find people willing to pay for this training in order to become a bus driver. The idea of offering to reimburse the cost of the CDL training to those people who the district has intention of hiring as bus drivers was discussed. Director DeVoy moved to authorize Dr. Collins to reimburse those individuals successfully completing a certified CDL training, with the following provisions included: (1) The CDL program must be one that has been approved by Dr. Collins in advance; (2) Once the prospective driver can provide proof of enrollment, he or she will be reimbursed the first half of the total cost of the CDL training; (3) When the prospective driver has successfully completed the CDL training, has provided such proof to Dr. Collins, and has worked for the district as a school bus driver for three consecutive months, he or she will be reimbursed the second half of the cost of the CDL training. Director Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The administrators each gave brief reviews of the beginning of the year activities and their CSIP action steps for the new year.

Mr. Chris Calvert, the district's Building Trades instructor, gave a presentation to the board about a possible house he would like his classes to start working on at some point in the new 2022-23 school year on one of the district's lots in Blue Pride Heights. He reviewed his plans and hopes for what can be accomplished in the new school year regarding this house. He stated this would be a multi-year project. Director DeVoy moved to authorize Dr. Collins and Mr. Calvert to begin the process of constructing a building trades home on one of the lots the district owns in Blue Pride Heights as soon as possible. Director Staddie seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

The board toured the high school restrooms to see the new improvements first-hand. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned and the board moved into closed session.