

THE GIST
BROOKFIELD R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT
OPEN SESSION * REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

The Brookfield R-III Board of Education, Brookfield, Missouri met in open session on Tuesday, September 20, 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, Mandy Tarpeneing, Dave Shaw, Noel Staddie, and Ryan Burns. 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 unanimously, along with the Consent Agenda items. There were no public comments.

Under program evaluations, Nancy Polley reviewed the proposed 2022-23 Career Ladder Plan. She provided a list of which staff members are participating and on what level for 2022-23. She stated that out of the 70 teachers eligible to participate, 69 teachers had turned in plans. The board approved unanimously the proposed 2022-23 Career Plan as presented and the list of 2022-23 Career Ladder participants as presented.

Dr. Collins reviewed the upcoming calendar dates, the finance reports, and the ESSER III construction improvements with the board. The board will view the playground in person very soon after the turf has been laid. It is coming along very nicely.

Opaa representatives were present and explained what the MOBeef Program is and how it allows local beef to be used in the district cafeterias. Opaa will be partnering with local farmers in the very near future to use local beef that is donated to the district to be used in cafeteria meals. The first local family donating beef is the Keenan and Holly Switzer family. Opaa will pay all costs associated with processing the beef. The board thanked them for pursuing this program and looks forward to seeing how it works out in the future.

The board approved unanimously the 2022-23 transportation routes as presented by Paul Frey and the Free & Reduced Lunch Application Guidelines, as required each year by the federal government.

Mrs. Smith and Mr. Stevens presented beginning of the year reports from the High School, LCACTC, and athletic activities for HS and MS.

Dr. Collins presented a proposal from FireUp Consulting Group to facilitate the district's CSIP renewal process during the next several months. The board approved unanimously the proposal from FireUP at a cost of \$6500 plus travel expenses.

Dr. Collins explained that the district was notified that Amazon is discontinuing its Amazon Business Line of Credit as of January 10, 2023, nationally. Therefore, he asked for approval to apply for an Amazon Prime Card for the district to use for only Amazon purchases. The board voted unanimously to authorize Dr. Collins to apply for an Amazon Prime Card for the district with a credit limit of up to \$40,000.

Dr. Collins and Mrs. Smith reviewed the Area Career Center Construction Fund Grant the LCACTC has been rewarded, which could help significantly with roof repairs at the LCACTC. The one glitch is that funds from the grant must be expended by May 15, 2023, so we must bid this project out ASAP and make it a priority to get completed in the late winter/early spring of 2023. It is a 50/50 grant with the grant paying up to \$62,500 and the district having to match that same amount. Dr. Collins believes the entire roof repairs will cost approximately \$100,000. The board voted unanimously to

approve the 50/50 Area Career Center Construction Fund Grant with a match of up to \$62,500, to be used on repairing the Career Center roof and to authorize Dr. Collins to begin the bid process immediately.

Administrative board reports and the Opa newsletter were provided to each board member.

There being no further business to discuss, the board adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m. and moved into closed session. During closed session Dr. Collins presented his letter of retirement to the board, effective 06/30/23. The board voted unanimously to approve his letter of retirement.