

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

The Brookfield R-III Board of Education, Brookfield, Missouri met in open session on Tuesday, December 20, 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.

President McIntyre called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. No changes were made to the Agenda or the Consent Agenda before it was approved by the board.

Under program evaluations, Dr. Collins spoke about area CD rates in case the board wishes to invest some of our surplus funds in the future. No action was taken. Calendar dates and finance reports were reviewed by the board.

Board Secretary Becky Stephens swore in Galen Hicks as the seventh board member of the board due to Mandy Tarpenting's resignation. Director Hicks will finish out her term, which ends in April of 2024.

Dr. Collins reminded the board that board filing ends at 5 p.m. on December 27, 2022. So far Blake DeVoy and Dave Shaw have filed for the board. There are three seats to be filled.

Dr. Collins gave a construction update. When the weather cooperates, the board will tour the new playground and greenhouse.

Dr. Collins explained that the district has been awarded a 75/25 matching grant, an ARPA MACCO Grant, for \$500,000, from the State, so the district would be responsible for \$100,000 and the State will pay \$400,000 for improvements to the LCACTC. Grant funds must be utilized by December 30, 2026. Reimbursement may begin at any time, however all funds must be reimbursed by December 30, 2026. LCACTC improvements planned from this grant include: remodeling all 14 classrooms, renovating the break area and hallway, new energy efficient windows for the entire building, new shop heaters and garage doors for our four shop areas, new plasma cutter for welding, four new welders, new tire balancer, new tire mounter, and a lift for the building trades program. Director DeVoy moved to accept the ARPA MACCO State grant. Director Staddie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The board had a short preliminary review of the APR/EOC/MAP reports. A full report will be given at the January board meeting.

The board discussed the invitation letter from the Grand River Conference (GRC) inviting Brookfield R-III to join the GRC. After discussion, Director DeVoy moved to accept the invitation to change conferences from the CCC to the GRC beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. Director Burns seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrative reports were presented to the board. The meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:20 p.m. During closed session the board hired Sharon Hughes as a MS Science teacher for the 2023-24 school year and Sarah Willis as a HS Social Studies teacher for the 2023-24 school year also. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.