

**THE GIST
BROOKFIELD R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 18, 2017**

The Brookfield R-III Board of Education, Brookfield, Missouri met in open session on Tuesday, July 18, 2017, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office. All board members were present except Jered Wallace. President Vogel called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

No changes were made to the agenda. There were no public comments. The Consent Agenda items were approved unanimously.

Dr. Collins shared a letter of resignation from HS Guidance Secretary Laura Clark effective for the 2017-18 school. Nile Thudium and a small committee are currently interviewing applicants for the position.

No program evaluations were presented.

Finance reports from 06/30/17 were reviewed by the board and Dr. Collins. Dr. Collins stated the district's projected having approximately 18.9 percent in unrestricted fund balances. Once the ASBR is completed, reviewed by the auditor, and approved by DESE, he will know the exact year-end totals.

Dr. Collins reviewed the following bids received on tires, oil and propane for 2017-18 with the board. The items with asterisks are the items Dr. Collins recommended the board approve, which they did unanimously:

Propane

*Ferrellgas	.941 firm
MFA	.97 unspecified
Ray-Carroll	.98 firm
Mo Energy-Purdin	1.089 firm

Oil

*Rainbo Oil – Premium Blue 15W40 CK-4	9.38 firm
Rainbo Oil – Lubriguard 15W40 CK-4	6.43 firm
MFA	9.77 escalating

Tires

*Brookfield Tire – XDE	395.79 (\$10 delivery fee)
*Brookfield Tire – XZE-2	420.64 (\$10 delivery fee)

The 2017 Tax Rate Hearing was set for Tuesday, August 15, 2017, at 5:30 p.m., just prior to the regular August board meeting.

The board set the 2017-18 non-resident tuition rate at \$3,500.00 per year, which is the same rate as the 2016-17 rate.

Dr. Collins reviewed with the board a substitute pay comparison report of several area schools that he created. All in all, Brookfield R-III is in line with what most other districts pay, but Dr. Collins stated he felt it would not hurt to raise our rates just slightly to stay competitive. As recommended by Dr. Collins, the board voted unanimously to raise the daily substitute pay rates as follows:

Old Rate for Non-Certified Subs \$75 per day	New Rate for Non-Certified Subs (2017-18) \$80 per day
Old Rate for Certified Subs \$80	New Rate for Certified Subs (2017-18) \$85
Old rate for Long-Term Subs (both Non-Certified & Certified) \$100	New rate for Long-Term Subs (2017-18) (both Non-Certified & Certified) \$105

Dr. Collins stated that he would like to put together a long-term facilities planning committee to outline facility priorities for the next three to five years. He also reviewed some financial information from L. J. Hart on the potential for a no tax increase capital improvements bond election. Director Burnie Hicks agreed to be the board representative on the long-term facilities planning committee. No formal action was taken.

Dr. Collins discussed the fact that the current tax temporary tax levy will decrease by .40 cents in tax year 2019 and thereafter. The board discussed the possibility of continuing the .40 cent tax levy beyond tax year 2019. No formal action was taken.

There being no further business to discuss, the board adjourned at 6:55 p.m. and moved into closed session.