THE GIST BROOKFIELD R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT OPEN SESSION - REGULAR BOARD MEETING AUGUST 15, 2017

The Brookfield R-III Board of Education, Brookfield, Missouri met in open session on Tuesday, August 15, 2017, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the District Conference Room. All board members were present. President Vogel called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Collins asked that a campus tour be added at the end of open session for the board to take its annual tour of the campus before closed session. The board approved the agenda as amended.

The Annual Tax Rate Hearing was held. Dr. Collins reviewed the tax rate proposals with the board and presented his recommended tax rates for the 2017-18 year. Director B. Hicks moved to approve Dr. Collins' recommendation of setting the 2017-18 tax levy as follows: 4.4231 for the operating fund (3.9992 + .4239 temporary operating) and .6600 for the debt service fund, for a total tax levy of 5.0831. Director Fay seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion:

Yeas-Vogel, Fay, McIntyre, Wallace, B. Hicks, G. Hicks, DeVoy

Navs-None

The motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

The board approved the Consent Agenda items as presented. Director of Maintenance, Matt Parn, reported on the various summer maintenance projects that have been completed by the maintenance staff this summer.

Director of Special Services, Denise Carlson, presented a revised Special Education Compliance Plan for the 2017-17 school year, and the board then approved it.

Jonna Weydert, PD Chair, presented the 2017-18 Professional Development proposed budget and calendar to the board, and the board then approved both items.

Dr. Collins reported that custodian Richard Abeln has resigned.

Dr. Collins reviewed briefly the first submit of the ASBR. He stated that once the auditor and then the state approves the ASBR, we will receive the official ending fund balance letter from the state. He will report back to the board when that occurs. Currently the ending fund balances are: Fund 1 = 1,974,703.09; Fund 2 = 0; Fund 3 = 604,374.54; and Fund 4 = 2,579,077.63.

Finance reports from 07/31/17 were reviewed by the board and Dr. Collins.

Dr. Collins and the board continued their discussion on the temporary tax levy decreasing by .40 cents in tax year 2019 and thereafter and the possibility of continuing the .40 cent tax levy beyond tax year 2019. No formal action was taken.

Each building administrator gave a brief review of the start of the school year.

Dr. Collins reviewed a proposed 2017-18 budget amendment, which showed \$116,051 in additional revenue and \$56,837 in additional expenses, for a net change of \$59,214 in the black. The board approved the budget amendment.

The board re-adopted Policy BBFA (Board Member Conflict of Interest & Financial Disclosure) as recommended by MSBA and required by law every other year.

Director Fay reviewed the current Board of Education academic recognition program with the board. She presented some information regarding a possible academic letter program for high school students. The board discussed the possibility of having high school students receive a letter for their academic success and the middle school students still take part in the current recognition program. Director Fay asked the board to take the information home and review it so a decision could be made at a later date. No formal action was taken.

Dr. Collins reviewed the Food Service RFP for our district cafeteria needs for the next five years. The timeline is as follows:

Pre-Bid Meeting September 12, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. Proposals Received October 3, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

FSMC Selected October 17, 2017 regular board meeting

Contract Begins July 1, 2018 (yearly renewal option for 5 years)

There being no further business to discuss, Director B. Hicks moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. so the board could go on the annual tour of facilities and then move into closed session.