

THE GIST
BROOKFIELD R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT
OPEN SESSION -- REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2017

The Brookfield R-III Board of Education, Brookfield, Missouri met in open session on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the District Conference Room. The following board members were present: Jeff Vogel, Toni Fay, Jim McIntyre, Jered Wallace, Galen Hicks and Blake DeVoy. Burnie Hicks was absent.

President Vogel called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Collins stated that Early Graduation Requests should be dropped from the closed session items because there ended up not being any students eligible. The board approved the agenda as amended. There were no public comments. The board approved the Consent Agenda items as presented.

During program evaluations, Dr. Collins asked that the board formally approve the 2017-18 TIP payments that were presented during the TIP program evaluation at the September 19, 2017 board meeting. He presented them with a list of those proposed payments for their review. The board approved the list of proposed payments unanimously.

Also during program evaluations, Stacey Stanfield, our district Opaa food service director, and Mark Blythe, one of Opaa's business developers, presented an overview of the services Opaa provides for our district. Brookfield R-III has been contracting its food service needs from Opaa for 39 years and the district was the first public school district in Missouri to sign on with Opaa.

Dr. Collins updated the board regarding the work that is being done on the district's CSIP. He will continue to keep the board up-to-date throughout the year as more aspects of the CSIP are completed.

The board read a thank you note from Cindy and Andrea Severa for the district's support of the Pink Out game, which raised \$21,700 for area families in Linn County who have family members battling cancer.

Mr. Thudium recognized Jordan Hasty, one of the district's high school seniors, for his outstanding achievement of being selected as a National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalist, along with other major accomplishments he has made during his high school years. Mrs. Smith reminded the board of his winning first place at FBLA Nationals in Agri-business last year. Jordan thanked all of his teachers, his administrators, and specifically Mrs. Lisa Hofstetter for her support and encouragement. The board expressed how proud it is of Jordan, his achievements, his work ethic, and his student leadership skills.

Led by instructor Brittney Tarpenting, a presentation was given to the board regarding the MS PBS program by the following 6th grade representatives: Zach Gullick, Klayton Doss, Mary Keune, and Maddie Wilbeck.

High School Language Arts instructor, Angie Wallace, and Tammy Yaeger, an instructor from Bucklin, presented an overview of the program Sources of Strength. Sources of Strength is a

youth suicide prevention project designed to harness the power of peer social networks to change unhealthy norms and culture, ultimately preventing suicide, bullying, and substance abuse. The mission of Sources of Strength is to prevent suicide by increasing help seeking behaviors and promoting connections between peers and caring adults. Sources of Strength moves beyond a singular focus on risk factors by utilizing an upstream approach for youth suicide prevention. This upstream model strengthens multiple sources of support around young individuals so that when times get hard they have strengths to rely on. Both Mrs. Wallace and Ms. Yaeger have received training in this program and will be taking part in future presentations throughout the Linn County schools. Funding for their training and for bringing the program into the Linn County schools has been provided by the Linn County School Foundation and the Taylor Wallace Memorial Foundation.

Finance reports from 09/30/17 were reviewed by the board and Dr. Collins.

Dr. Collins reported that only one bid was received on our food service needs. Bids were due on October 10, 2017, at 1 p.m. The only bid received was from Opaa. It is structured as a five year agreement, but the district has the option to renew it each for the next five years. The bid was as follows (reminder – these are prices charged to the district NOT meal prices charged to students and adults):

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Fixed price per student lunch	\$2.7537	\$2.8432	\$2.9427	\$3.0531	\$3.1752
Fixed price per student breakfast	\$2.0902	\$2.1581	\$2.2336	\$2.3174	\$2.4101
Fixed price per student after school snack	\$1.1933	\$1.2321	\$1.2721	\$1.3135	\$1.3562
Fixed price per non-student lunch	\$2.7537	\$2.8432	\$2.9427	\$3.0531	\$3.1752
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The meal equivalent factor	\$3.6000				
The meal equivalent factor for outside catered events	\$3.6000				
Fixed price per student lunch for Summer School	\$2.7537	\$2.8432	\$2.9427	\$3.0531	\$3.1752
Fixed price per student breakfast for Summer School	\$2.0902	\$2.1581	\$2.2336	\$2.3174	\$2.4101

The board approved the bid from Opaa unanimously.

Dr. Collins and the board continued their discussion on the expiring temporary operating levy. The current temporary operating tax levy increase passed in 2012 and is set to expire after the 2018-19 fiscal year. This will reduce the district's operating levy by \$0.40 in Tax Year 2019 and thereafter. This will have a significant negative effect on operating revenue. The board has discussed this matter at length at previous board meetings, especially at their October 11, 2017 board work session. Director McIntyre moved to approve placing an issue on the April 3, 2018 ballot seeking to extend the expiring \$0.40 temporary levy for five more years. Director DeVoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The board approved the proposed Certified Handbook and Job Descriptions as presented by Dr. Collins.

The board discussed the board academic recognition program further. The administrators are currently working on the criteria for high school students to receive an academic letter. After that is accomplished, the board will move forward with their discussion.

The board unanimously approved Policy GCPB, as required every year by October 30th, if the board wishes to authorize the district to offer the Early Resignation Incentive for the 2017-18 school

year. To qualify for the Early Resignation Incentive, any full-time certified staff member who submits a resignation by February 1st will receive a financial incentive of \$750 or if submission is made between February 2nd and March 1st a financial incentive of \$500.

Dr. Collins reported that there will be no senior trip this year.

Dr. Collins presented Budget Amendment #2 to the board, which is based on current revenue and expenditure projections. The net change in fund balances of the amendment is -\$28,554. The board approved the amendment unanimously.

Dr. Collins reviewed a proposed ordinance from the City of Brookfield in reference to a Lease Agreement between the City of Brookfield and the Brookfield R-III School District. The agreement allows the Brookfield R-III School District to use unused right-of-way property of the City of Brookfield in reference to installation of a fence at Burlington Field. Director McIntyre moved to approve City of Brookfield Ordinance No. 17-21. Director G. Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative reports were presented to the board.

There being no further business to discuss, Director McIntyre moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. and move into closed session.