

THE GIST
BROOKFIELD R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT
OPEN SESSION - REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2109

The Brookfield R-III Board of Education, Brookfield, Missouri met in open session on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the District Conference Room. All of board members were present: Jim McIntyre, Toni Fay, Jered Wallace, Burnie Hicks, Blake DeVoy, Galen Hicks and Mandy Wiedeman.

President McIntyre led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and then called the meeting to order. Dr. Collins asked that student recognition be moved to first of the agenda because one of the students needed to leave and perform in the High School music concert. The agenda was approved as amended.

During student recognition time, the board formally recognized and presented certificates to Olivia Montgomery, who was chosen as an All-State Choir member, and Alex Sharp, who earned the championship title at the State of Missouri Class 2 Girls Cross Country meet this fall.

There were no public comments. The board approved the Consent Agenda items.

Dr. Collins reviewed the district's surplus funds with the board and discussed the possibility of investing some of the district's surplus funds in the future. No action was taken.

Ms. Carlson reviewed the district's grant funded programs with the board.

Technology Coordinator Matt Anderson and Director of Transportation Tim Speichinger reviewed a possible new program that would help the transportation with their routes and different elements of the district's student transportation program. The program is titled Traversa and basically it is bus routing software that:

- Provides GPS tracking of our vehicle fleet;
- Ties directly into our Tyler SIS-K12 system;
- Gives bus route estimated times (live times for parents);
- Gives driving reports on bus drivers/staff using district vehicles;
- Informs the Transportation Department of student address changes;
- Informs the Transportation Department if a maintenance light appears on the dash of a vehicle.

There are other elements this program provides also, which would be explained more fully during the initial training sessions. It is somewhat costly software program. The initial one-time charge for the hardware/training is approximately \$16,696 and the annual maintenance fees would be approximately \$6858. It would take approximately four months to implement. Mr. Speichinger would very much like to proceed with purchasing this program. Dr. Collins recommended that the district do so also. After a short discussion, Director B. Hicks moved to authorize Dr. Collins to purchase the Traversa software package this year so that it could be up and running for the new school year (2020-21). Director DeVoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

During the program evaluation time for the district's Technology Department, Mr. Anderson discussed a possible timeline for overhauling the district's network. It is greatly needed and will take specific planning, time and money. He laid out a two-phase plan. No action was taken. Dr. Collins will include this plan in his proposed 2020-21 budget and update the board on the estimated cost involved and timeframe of key completion dates contained in the two phases.

The board reviewed upcoming calendar dates. Dr. Collins stated that since we used a snow day on 12/16/19, we will now be in school on 04/09/20, as that was our first scheduled weather make-up day.

Finance reports for November 30, 2019 were reviewed by the board.

Dr. Collins reported that board filing began today, 12/17/19, at 8:00 a.m. There are three seats to fill on the board at the 04/07/20 election. So far only Blake DeVoy as filed for the board. Filing ends at 5:00 p.m. on 01/21/20.

Dr. Collins reviewed a Prop 2 ballot language amendment suggested by LJ Hart. The proposed amendment clarifies the language the board approved at the 11/19/19 board meeting. The board compared the proposed amendment to the language approved last month. Director DeVoy moved to approve the following Prop 2 ballot language amendment as presented by Dr. Collins:

Proposition 2

Shall the Board of Education of the Brookfield R-III School District, Missouri, without an estimated increase in the current debt service property tax levy, borrow money in the amount of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) for the purpose of providing funds to construct, equip, install and furnish at the main District campus, a concession stand, restroom facility, and athletic field lights along with other enhancements to the track/baseball/softball complex; to complete parking lot improvements; to implement heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) upgrades in various buildings; to the extent funds are available, complete other repairs and improvements to the existing facilities of the District; and issue bonds for the payment thereof? If this proposition is approved, the adjusted debt service levy of the School District is estimated to remain unchanged at \$0.6600 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of real and personal property.

Director Weideman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The board decided to deliver Brookfield Bucks to the staff starting at 8 a.m. on 12/19/19.

Dr. Collins reported that the surplus bus auctions with Purple Wave were very successful. After auction fees were paid, the surplus buses brought in the following amounts:

2009 Bus #091	\$9000.00
2006 Bus #061	\$7200.00
2005 Bus #051	\$6800.00

No action was necessary as the board had previously approved the auctioning of the buses.

Dr. Collins reviewed a preliminary 2020-21 school calendar with the board. He has met with the Planning Committee just today and they will continue working on this calendar and a couple more options to present to the staff to get their feedback. Dr. Collins will give the board an update at the January 2020 board meeting.

Dr. Collins reviewed a possible new supplementary food service program he is interested in the district participating in beginning in the near future. The CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM (CACFP) is administered through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. In short, it is a supplementary food service program that provides small meals/snacks after school to students who are participating in after-school programs. The food must be eaten on site so, for example, athletes would not be allowed to take these food items on the bus as they travel to competitions. They would be able to eat them on site before they left the building, however. Through the program, the meals are reimbursed at a high enough rate to pay for any additional costs the program may cost the district. Any funds earned through this program must be re-invested into our current food service program to improve the quality of our current food service program. Dr. Collins would like to pilot this program first at the High School to see how it works and work out any kinks before trying it at other building levels. He would like to contract with Opaa to prepare the meals/snacks with current staff members involved in the after-school activities overseeing distribution of the meals/snacks. Director Weideman moved to authorize Dr. Collins to submit an application to be approved for the CACFP at the High School level. Director DeVoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The administrative team, led by Ms. Carlson, reviewed the district's APR/EOC/MAP and CSIP progress and action steps for areas needing improvement.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. and moved into closed session.