

THE GIST
BROOKFIELD R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT
OPEN SESSION --- REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2020

The Brookfield R-III Board of Education, Brookfield, Missouri met in open session on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in person in the HS Media Center. The following board members were present: Jim McIntyre, Blake DeVoy, Burnie Hicks, Galen Hicks, Mandy Tarpenting and Dave Shaw. Jered Wallace was absent.

The board approved the Agenda as presented and the Consent Agenda Items as presented. There were no public comments.

During program evaluation time, Mrs. Wilbeck reviewed the district's safety, emergency response and intervention programs.

Calendar events were reviewed. Dr. Collins discussed how Covid19 quarantines has led to a lot of quarantining, which has led to a great need for substitute teachers, which are not available. This leads to faculty members trying to cover many different classes throughout the day. Dr. Collins recommended that the board extend Thanksgiving Break to include next Monday and Tuesday. This would be two additional paid days off for all faculty and staff, with this extended break hopefully giving the faculty and staff a much needed opportunity to rest, relax and recharge. Director B. Hicks moved to extend Thanksgiving Break to include Monday and Tuesday, November 23 and 24, 2020. Director DeVoy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CPA John Gillum, the districts auditor, presented the 2019-20 completed audit. He reviewed many parts of it and highlighted the review his firm did on Title 1 and the district's Food Service program. The board was sent an electronic version of the completed audit earlier so they had reviewed it prior to the meeting. The board approved the 2019-20 audit unanimously.

After the audit was completed, a couple of changes to ASBR were made that did not alter the final fund balance figures. The board approved the revised 2019-20 ASBR unanimously.

Dr. Collins reviewed the finance reports for October 31, 2020 with the board.

Dr. Collins reviewed the number of quarantined and positive students, faculty and staff with the board. He went on to review the new mask guidelines that were presented by the governor last week. A long discussion followed regarding whether or not to require masks to be worn by students. No motion was made. The board agreed to revisit this matter each month as long as the pandemic continues.

Dr. Collins advised the board of a recent decision by the MSHSAA Board of Directors. The MSHSAA board discussed a request made by member schools to grant relief of the MSHSAA Constitution, under the Hardship Provision of the MSHSAA Constitution, for the 2020-21 school year only, waving the requirement for member schools to provide instruction in a building or buildings. The Board granted relief of the MSHSAA Constitution which provides a MSHSAA Member School the ability to participate in activities if the school begins the school year or transitions to entirely virtual instruction, provided they are following all health department

requirements and phases, if applicable. The MSHSAA Board determined this should be a local school decision. Upon the approval of the Board, a member school may now determine if its teams will participate in MSHSAA activities while its students are receiving virtual instruction only, while following all requirements and guidelines set forth by their health department officials. Students must meet all requirements of the local school, with the local school having the ability to always be more restrictive. It is a local school decision on what criteria it puts in place in order to earn the privilege to represent the school in interscholastic competition. MSHSAA Member Schools may always be more restrictive than the minimum requirements of the MSHSAA By-Laws put in place by the member schools; however, they cannot be less restrictive. Director Tarpenting moved to approve Dr. Collins' recommendation that if the district is shut down due to a shortage of staff, it would still allow activities. If the district is shut down due to a high community spread rate or a county or state mandate, we would discontinue activities. Director DeVoy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Collins reminded the board that the first day board candidates can file is Tuesday, December 15, 2020, beginning at 8 a.m. The last day they can file is Tuesday, January 19, 2021, ending at 5 p.m. This year Bernie Hicks' and Mandy Tarpenting's terms end after the April 6, 2021 election, so they will need to file if they wish to run again.

Director B. Hicks moved to put six surplus welders out for bid. Director Tarpenting seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Collins recommended the board once again give the faculty and staff members Brookfield Bucks to start the holiday break. Director Tarpenting moved to give each faculty and staff member \$25 in Brookfield Bucks. Director DeVoy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Collins reviewed the one and only bid the district received on the Prop 2 Construction Project (baseball/softball/concession stand/restrooms project). The bid was from Irvinbilt Construction out of Chillicothe. It was as follows:

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| Base Bid | \$2,229,800 |
| Alternate 1 (sidewalks & ramps) | \$ 23,000 |
| Alternate 2 (additional parking stalls) | \$ 41,000 |
| Alternate 3 (concrete paving) | \$ 205,000 |
| Alternate 4 (sports lighting) | \$ 440,000 |
| Total Anticipated Contract Amount | \$2,938,800 |

Dr. Collins discussed the other non-construction project expenses involved in the entire project that must be considered and paid for with district bond funds. These expenses are associated with things such as: design fees, consultant fees, inspections, tests, printing, permits, utilities, furnishings, fixtures, and equipment. After all is said and done, to get everything the board hoped for, the final cost comes in at \$3,513,800. The board discussed the pros and cons of approving the entire project or eliminating some of the alternate bids. Dr. Collins stated he felt comfortable with our reserve fund balances and believed we should complete the entire project. He further stated that he believes there are contingencies built into the bid that will allow the district to stay within the budget. However, if the district has to spend some one-time reserve money in order to do the project right, it would be able to do that with our current reserve balances. Director B. Hicks moved to approve the bid from Irvinbilt Construction for the Prop 2 Construction Project, including all of the alternate bids, for a total cost of \$2,938,800, plus the

additional non-construction project costs, which will come in at approximately \$3,513,800. Director DeVoy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The administrators presented their administrative reports.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. and the board moved into closed session.