

BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167  
REGULAR MEETING - JANUARY 10, 2011  
BOARD ROOM - ADMINISTRATIVE & DIAGNOSTIC CENTER

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Brookwood School District 167 Board of Education was called to order by President Arthur Taylor at 7:30 p.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was answered by: Pettis, Jennings, Brunson, Taylor, and Birmingham

5 Present
2 Absent

Absent: M. Snoddy and M. Plott

II. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Demetrious Cook, the new Glenwood Police Chief, was introduced and gave a brief background about himself.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The December 13, 2010 regular meeting minutes were approved. Brunson/Jennings	Regular Meeting Minutes Approved 5-0
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IV. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

Bills totaling \$341,154.22, the December actual payroll of \$587,371.95 and the January payroll as per agreements were approved. Brunson/Jennings	Bills/ Payroll Approved 5-0
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M. Plott arrived at 7:38 p.m.

V. REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report--See attached.

B. President's Report None

C. Committee Reports None

D. Board Member Comments

1. Mrs. Plott felt the Board has had great discussions on how to proceed and the Board should be proud of trying to provide the best possible environment for our students.

VI. READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

None

VII. CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into Closed Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss a student residency case and the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Jennings/Pettis

Into Closed Session  
Approved  
6-0

The Board returned from Closed Session at 8:50 p.m. Jennings/Brunson

Return From Closed Session  
Approved  
6-0

VIII. RECOMMENDED ACTION

A1. Sparkel Brown was hired as a playground supervisor for Hickory Bend School effective January 11, 2011 at a salary of \$11.68 per hour. Michael McDaniel was hired as a full-time night custodian at Brookwood Middle School effective January 11, 2011 at a salary of \$27,456 prorated. Brunson/Plott

S. Brown,  
M. McDaniel  
Hired  
Approved  
6-0

A2. Desiree Trujillo was hired as an ELL teacher, half-time for Hickory Bend School and half-time for Longwood School effective January 11, 2011 at a salary of BA, Step A, \$36,215 prorated. Brunson/Jennings

D. Trujillo  
Hired  
Approved  
6-0

B. The Board approved the School Improvement Plans for Longwood School, Hickory Bend School, Brookwood Middle School, and Brookwood Junior High School. Jennings/Brunson

School Improvement Plans  
Approved  
6-0

C. The Board approved the contract between DeTella Planera Architects and Brookwood School District 167 for life safety work, subject to attorney review. Brunson/Plott

Contract for Life Safety Work  
Approved  
6-0

D. The Board approved the contract between DeTella Planera Architects and Brookwood School District 167 for additions and

Contract for Additions & Renovations

renovations at Brookwood Junior High School, subject to attorney review.  
Brunson/Plott

to BJHS  
Approved  
5-1

- E. The Board approved a resolution providing for the issue of \$4,000,000 of debt certificates to build and equip an addition to and alter, repair, and equip school buildings and facilities. (See attached resolution) Brunson/Jennings
- Resolution  
Providing for  
Debt Certificates  
Approved  
5-1

Comments: Mrs. Pettis asked if this money would cover all repairs for all the schools. Dr. Hollich responded that it would cover all the A, B, & C items for Longwood, Hickory Bend, and Brookwood Junior High and the A items for Brookwood Middle School and the Administrative Center. Mr. Taylor asked if the project runs over eight million, can the district issue more bonds or use district funds. Dr. Hollich responded that the district could issue more bonds or could pay the extra out of existing fund balances.

- F. The Board approved the revised Speech Teacher job description.  
Jennings/Brunson
- Revised Speech  
Teacher Job  
Description  
Approved  
6-0
- G. The Board accepted the investigative report for students 10-11C and 10-11D and disenrolled the students.  
Jennings/Brunson
- Student Residency  
Case 10-11C and  
10-11D  
Approved  
6-0

IX. ADVISORY

Discussion:

1. Staffing Priorities for 2011-2012—The staffing plan maintains the same staffing pattern as this year with the addition of a Curriculum Director. There are no changes in classified staff. Mrs. Plott asked if enrollment numbers will decrease next year. Dr. Hollich responded that we are anticipating a slight increase in numbers (about 10 students) at Longwood and Hickory Bend but we can still absorb these students and not change class size.
2. Review of Board Goals and Action Plan—Dr. Hollich called the Board’s attention to the Board Goals and Action Plan in the Board packet. She will update these with the new activities and current projects taking place.

- Tuesday, January 11, 2011 -- Bilingual Parent Advisory Counsel, Longwood School, 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, January 14, 2011 -- 2:00 p.m. Dismissal, End of Quarter Two
- Monday, January 17, 2011 -- Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday Observance/No School
- Thursday, January 20, 2011 -- Hickory Bend Family Reading Night, 7:00-8:00 pm.
- Monday, January 24, 2011 -- Parent/Teacher Conferences, Noon-8:00 p.m., Report Cards Issued; No School
- Tuesday, January 25, 2011 -- Half-Day School Improvement, 11:30 a.m. Dismissal, PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Middle School
- Saturday, February 5, 2011 -- South Cook Legislative Breakfast
- Thursday, February 10, 2011 -- Middle School Historical Perspectives Harriet Tubman, 9:30 a.m.
- Monday, February 14, 2011 -- February Board of Education Meeting

X. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Dr. Hollich reminded the Board of the special Board meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.  
Brunson/Jennings

Meeting  
Adjourned  
All AYE

Deborah M. Young  
Recording Clerk

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Secretary

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President

Present: R. Patterson, O. Nowels, B. Lindsay, S. Bragg, Demitrious Cook, Cathie Marcinski, Brad Meyer, Nancy Wartman, Reginald Truitt, Robert Lord, Adam Winston, Roslon Seals, Todd Lindquist, Lorrie Wheeler, and P. Czapbovicz.

## BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167

### Superintendent's Report

January, 2011

1. The Superintendent welcomed the new Glenwood Policy Chief, Demitrious Cook who gave a brief history of his background.
2. The Superintendent announced that the computer lab at Brookwood Junior High School will be open to the community on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
3. The Superintendent thanked Mr. Meyer for organizing the district's first annual Fine Arts Festival which will be held on April 19, 2011 at Brookwood Junior High School.
4. The Superintendent reported that our district submitted 632 entries into this year's PTA Reflections Cultural Arts program and 23 students went on to the next level.
5. The Superintendent called the Board's attention to the flyer in the back packet from Net 56. This company provides a wide range of technology services and they are in the process of conducting a technology audit. They will look at our infrastructure, interview teachers and staff, and put together a three-year plan.
6. Rob Grossi, Bloom Township Treasurer, and Jeff Charleston, Business Manager, reviewed the district's five-year financial plan. Mr. Grossi indicated that of the 30 districts in the township, District 167 was the first to implement a long-range plan. He indicated the district is projecting a balanced budget for this year due to health insurance costs which were under budget, out-of-district tuition has gone down, and we received one more payment from the state than anticipated. Ms. Birmingham asked how the low income formula has changed. Mr. Grossi responded that at first the census was used, then in 2004-2005 the free/reduced lunch formula was used and now the state uses the Department of Human Services poverty counts. Mrs. Jennings asked if the state requires verification. Mr. Charleston responded that the district audits three percent of free/reduced lunch applications but the poverty portion of state aide is given to us by the state. Mr. Taylor asked when the Longwood and Hickory Bend building projects took place. Mr. Charleston responded that the Longwood addition was in 2002 and the Hickory Bend addition was in 2003. Mrs. Plott asked if there was concern in the community back then when those bonds were issued. Mr. Charleston stated that he was new at that time but he didn't think so since there was no tax increase to the community.
7. The Superintendent reviewed the timetable for issuing bonds.

**BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167  
CLOSED SESSION MEETING  
January 10, 2011**

**Closed Session Meeting Minutes**

Present: C. Pettis, A. Jennings, S. Brunson, A. Taylor,  
M. Plott, D. Birmingham, and P. Hollich

Closed session began at 8:20 p.m.

The Board President opened the meeting and all members introduced themselves.

The Superintendent presented personnel issues. Principals will recommend dismissal of specific personnel.

The Superintendent presented information on the discipline hearing involving junior high students in a physical altercation. This will require a special board meeting. Mrs. Pettis asked if both students are 7<sup>th</sup> graders. The Superintendent responded yes. The Board decided to hold a special board meeting on January 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Brunson asked if charges were filed. The Superintendent responded that there were charges filed. Mrs. Pettis asked about monitors on the bus and if the Board could re-visit the issue of monitors on the bus. Mrs. Pettis asked how and where the monitors are placed. Mrs. Plott asked if there was an indication of an impending altercation.

The Superintendent presented the residency case of students 10-11C and 10-11D. Mrs. Plott asked if there is any indication that the father ever lived in the district. Mrs. Pettis asked what initiated the investigation. The Superintendent recommends disenrolling both students. Mrs. Plott asked how long the children have been in the district. Mrs. Brunson stated she doesn't feel the Board should feel bad because the Mom could have been more proactive in this situation. The Superintendent explained the hearing process. The Board President asked if the Board was clear on this issue and everyone agreed they understood.

Closed session ended at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Secretary  
Board of Education

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President  
Board of Education