

**BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167
REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 14, 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: Snoddy, Pettis, Jennings, Brunson, Taylor, Plott, and Birmingham

7 Present
0 Absent

II. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February 8, 2011 special meeting minutes were approved. Plott/Jennings

Special Meeting
Minutes
Approved
5-0
2 Abstain

The February 8, 2011 closed session minutes were approved. Jennings/Pettis

Closed Session
Meeting Minutes
Approved
5-0
2 Abstain

The February 14, 2011 regular meeting minutes were approved. Plott/Jennings

Regular Meeting
Minutes
Approved
6-0
1 Abstain

The February 14, 2011 closed session minutes were approved to remain closed. Brunson/Pettis

Closed Session
Meeting Minutes
to Remain Closed
Approved
5-0
2 Abstain

V. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

Bills totaling \$365,178.05, the February actual payroll of \$580,293.01 and the March payroll as per agreements were approved. Plott/Brunson

Bills/
Payroll
Approved
6-0
1 Abstain

Comment: Mrs. Pettis asked if the fee for the bleachers was the cost of the inspection. Dr. Hollich responded yes.

V. REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report--See attached.

B. President's Report None

C. Committee Reports None

D. Board Member Comments

1. Mrs. Pettis thanked the Board for allowing the Glenwood Hawks the use of the Brookwood Junior High gymnasium.
2. Ms. Birmingham commended Brad Meyer on the wonderful music program and also mentioned the great choir this year.
3. Mrs. Plott stated she was disappointed that the District couldn't proceed with the building project but she does appreciate the voters' input in the process. She feels that information may not have been presented accurately.
4. Mrs. Snoddy stated that as a parent and board member, she is disappointed with the outcome of the building project. She stated she hopes the Board will continue to provide a safe environment for our children.
5. Mrs. Brunson stated that in view of the petitions, she would like to try and get those residents to come to the Board meetings to see, hear, and have input in the process. She felt that the residents didn't understand what transpired. She would like a letter sent out to invite the residents to the Board meeting to have a meeting with an open forum so they can tell the Board what their ideas and aspirations are for the school district.
6. Ms. Birmingham stated that School Messenger could be used and also the Village's cable station to advertise a community forum.
7. Mrs. Plott stated she talked to many residents who didn't realize that this project would be delayed so long and that their taxes wouldn't be raised.
8. Ms. Birmingham stated that the public question on the petition came directly from the school district.
9. Mr. Taylor felt that last month's meeting was a good meeting after a rough start. He would like to turn a negative into a positive. He stated that decisions are well thought out by the Board and the people who collect signatures for petitions should go out with the proper information. He asked residents to talk to the Board if they have questions.

VI. READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

There was one request for a copy of the petitions and they were provided.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

<p>The Board went into closed session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. Plott/Brunson</p>	<p>Into Closed Session Approved 7-0</p>
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<p>The Board returned from closed session at 9:49 p.m. Jennings/Brunson</p>	<p>Return From Closed Session Approved 7-0</p>
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VIII. RECOMMENDED ACTION

<p>A1. Janet Davis was hired as a paraprofessional for Brookwood Middle School effective March 15, 2011 at a salary of \$14.02 per hour. Marsha Smith was hired as a Library Clerk for Brookwood Middle School effective March 15, 2011 at a salary of \$13.20 per hour. Kena Landry's resignation as a playground supervisor was accepted effective February 11, 2011. Nora Lavin, half-time paraprofessional at Longwood School was dismissed effective the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Jennings/Brunson</p>	<p>J. Davis, M. Smith Hired; K. Landry Resignation; N. Lavin Dismissed Approved 7-0</p>
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<p>A2. The following staff were granted first year contracts for the 2011-2012 school year: Desiree Trujillo. The following staff were granted second year contracts for the 2011-2012 school year: Adekunle Adegbemi, Kitzy Becerril, Monica Brown, Bridget Duggan, Joseph Herald, Muriel McClam-Hollimon, Cynthia Myles, Meha Patel, Elizabeth Ribbens, and Chanae Ross. The following staff were granted third year contracts for the 2011-2012 school year: Colleen Beecher, Matthew Brandt, Emily</p>	<p>First, Second, Third, & Fourth Year Contracts; Tenure; Half-Contracts; and Resignations Approved 7-0</p>
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Chilczenkowski, Roberta Donald, Sara Duffy, Stacy Harvey, Onquanette Nowels, Jessica Robles, Michael Sedor, Brittany Sharpe, and Melanie Simon. The following staff were granted fourth year contracts for the 2011-2012 school year: Rachael Belka, Nickolaus Betts, Jenny Binning, Colleen Byrne, Nicole Connors, Amber Crews, Hillary Jones, Brad Meyer, Carolyn Nyhan, Matthew Schmalz, Ashley Taylor, and Deeanna Torres. The following staff were granted fifth year contracts and tenure for the 2011-2012 school year: Susan Akstins, Lauren Bonfitto, Michele Gena, Jaime Heron, Pamela Marcus, Rachel Massa, Rosia Mitchell, Timel Moore, Xochitl Munoz, Wendy Skinner, Courtney Trainor, and Pamela Walker. The following staff were granted half-time contracts for the 2011-2012 school year: Elaine Costello, Suzanne Donovan, and Linda Prafke. The resignations of Justin Hawker and Jill Paluch were accepted effective the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Plott/Jennings

A3. Resolutions were approved to dismiss first year teacher Nicole Davis; second year teacher Jennifer Watts; third year teachers Reba Childs and Simone Fourte; and fourth year principal Reginald Patterson. (See attached resolutions) Jennings/Brunson	Dismissal of Employees Approved 4-3
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B. Salaries for the 2011-2012 school year were approved for administrators, pupil personnel services staff and classified administrative staff as follows: Jeff Charleston, \$113,633; Sharon Price, \$104,603; Beth Lindsay, \$108,170; Onquanette Nowels, \$84,048; Shirley Bragg, \$97,244; Jill Larson, \$83,039; Adekunle Adegbemi, \$61,200; Bernard Chapin, \$55,667; Amber Crews, \$50,601; Denise McField, \$53,384; Timel Moore, \$50,904; Joyce Johnson-James, \$60,620; Brenda Porter, \$61,200; Bridget Duggan, \$56,466; Cynthia Myles, \$50,063; Alma Davis, \$51,463; Jan Machnikowski, \$34,964; Linda Shander, \$45,890; Alice Ooms, \$40,427; and Debbie Young, \$67,415. Brunson/Taylor	2011-2012 Salaries Approved 5-2
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| 8C. The Board approved the Board of Education goals and objectives for 2011-2013.
Plott/Brunson | Board of Ed.
Goals & Objectives
Approved
6-0
1 Abstain |
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Comments: Mrs. Brunson felt that item G on page 1 should include grades K-8 instead of grades 4-8. The Superintendent responded that Reading First and Gretchen Courtney training covers grades K-3 and she will update this section to make it K-8. Mrs. Brunson asked about item 1.4 on page 3. She thought the district was already providing foreign language services to 6th graders. Dr. Hollich responded that we were going to do that when the 6th graders were going to go to the Junior High School.

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| 8D. Summer school for 2011 was approved with a starting date of June 13, 2011 and an ending date of July 15, 2011.
Plott/Pettis | Summer School
2011
Approved
7-0 |
| 8E. The Board approved supporting the TIF extension for the Village of Glenwood from 23 years to 35 years.
Plott/Birmingham | Support of TIF
Extension for
Village of
Glenwood
Approved
7-0 |
| 8F. The Board approved bleacher repairs at Longwood School, Brookwood Middle School, and Brookwood Junior High School at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.
Jennings/Brunson | Bleacher
Repairs
Approved
7-0 |

IX. ADVISORY

Discussion:

1. December 2010 Approved Actions--Dr. Hollich stated that she needs direction on which actions, if any, from the December 2010 Board meeting need to be either rescinded or moved forward. Mrs. Plott felt that the District should proceed with life safety items A, B, and C as voted on at the December meeting. Mr. Taylor felt that items A & B should be done and the Board should discuss the C items. There was discussion on how to pay for the life safety work. The three options would be to pay for the work with life safety bonds, pay for it out of the District's fund balances, or spread the work out over time. It was decided that Rob Grossi will attend the April 18th Board meeting to discuss life safety bonds as a means of paying for these items.

The two action items from the December, 2010 meeting that dealt with reorganizing the school district and leaving the fifth graders at their respective elementary buildings and moving the sixth graders to the junior high will be recommended to be rescinded at the April Board meeting. Doing this reorganization without an addition to the Junior High would cause an overcrowded situation.

The action item that authorized the architect to draw up plans for an addition to the Junior High will remain. The consensus of the Board was that if the district goes to a referendum in March, 2012 for an addition to the Junior High, it would be beneficial for the voters to see what they would be voting for.

2. Proposed 2011-2012 School Year Calendar--The Superintendent reviewed drafts A & B of the proposed 2011-2012 school year calendar. The difference between the two calendars is that the second parent/teacher conference would not coincide with report card distribution. This will be an action item on the April 18th Board agenda.
3. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment--The Superintendent indicated that a list of obsolete equipment has been established that includes printers, overhead projectors, and net working equipment. A recommendation for disposal of this equipment will be made at the April 18th Board meeting.
4. Board Organizational Meeting--The period to hold school board organizational meetings this year following the April 5th election is no earlier than April 26th and no later than May 3rd. Because the April Board meeting is scheduled for April 18th and the May Board meeting is scheduled for May 9th, a special Board meeting will be necessary.

Tuesday, March 15	--	Hickory Bend Community Readers Day Bilingual PAC, Longwood School, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 17	--	Longwood Mother/Son Dance, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 22	--	PTA Meeting/Reflections Recognition, 7:00 p.m., BMS
Friday, March 25	--	2:00 p.m. District Dismissal/ End of Quarter Three
Thursday, March 31	--	Pre-Kindergarten Screening, Longwood School, 8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

- Friday, April 1 -- Report Cards Issued
Pre-Kindergarten Screening,
Longwood School, 8:00 a.m.-
3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 7 -- Middle School Spring Concert
- Wednesday, April 13 -- Middle School Poetry Festival,
6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 14 -- Taste of Longwood, 6:00 p.m.
Hickory Bend Spring Concert,
1:30 & 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, April 15 -- Middle School Family Movie
Night, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 18 -- April Board of Education
Meeting

X. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Amy Guzman asked if the 2012-2013 school year will start after Labor Day. Dr. Hollich responded that at this time, she doesn't know.

Brad Meyer invited everyone to the Illinois Grade School Music Association music festival on March 19 at 9:30 a.m. at Memorial Junior High in Lansing.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.
Jennings/Taylor

Meeting
Adjourned
All AYE

Deborah M. Young
Recording Clerk

Secretary

President

Present: R. Patterson, O. Nowels, S. Bragg, P. Czapbovicz,
P. Davis, D. Morgan, B. Meyer, A. Taylor, C. Spencer,
S. Mangan, P. Marcus, X. Munoz, J. Alm, B. Whalen,
T. Taylor, P. Tessling, A. Guzman, L. Wheeler, L. Williams,
R. Truitt, T. Lindquist, J. Dixon, C. Malone, and R. Seals.

BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167

Superintendent's Report

March, 2011

1. The Superintendent announced that the SCOPE spring dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2011.
2. The Superintendent called everyone's attention to the new sign-in sheet for the board meetings. We are collecting email addresses in addition to phone numbers in order to connect in different ways with the community.
3. The Superintendent reported on the proposed legislation that would consolidate the 850 school districts in the state to approximately 300 and abolish local school boards. This bill died in committee.
4. The Superintendent reported that the ten year life safety survey has been posted on IWAS (state website). The district has 12 months to take care of all the A items and five years to take care of all the B items. The C items are recommendations that could become A or B items in the future.
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~~
Jeff Charleston called the Board's attention to the Annual Investment Report prepared by the Bloom Township Treasurer of Schools.
6. Jeff Charleston gave a brief budget update. The district will have a \$200,000 surplus this year and next year, it is anticipated that there will be a \$600,000 deficit.
7. Jeff Charleston reported that the district received the annual TIF report from the Village of Glenwood. He explained that the district has not received money from the TIF for the last several years. The Village of Glenwood is asking for the district's support in extending the industrial TIF from 23 years to 35 years and this is an agenda item this evening.
8. Mrs. Plott asked if there could be a discussion regarding how to proceed in light of the petitions requiring the building project to go to referendum. She stated that the Board's position hasn't changed regarding the state of Brookwood Middle School. She wanted to know if the district could move forward using money in reserves or must we wait until a referendum in March 2012. Mr. Charleston responded there are two separate issues. One is the required life safety work and the other is the building addition to Brookwood Junior High. Life safety bonds can be issued to do the required life safety work. Mr. Charleston stated he is uncomfortable with spending six millions dollars out of the district's reserves to do a building addition but the decision rests with the Board. Dr. Hollich stated that many things are so uncertain at this time. The Teacher Retirement fund has a deficit and more of the burden to fund this system may be pushed back to school districts in the future. Mrs. Pettis asked if the district has received any more disbursements

from the state. Mr. Charleston stated that the district has not received any disbursements for this school year. Mrs. Plott asked what would be the earliest date that ground could be broken if the district went to referendum in March, 2012. Mr. Taylor responded he

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thought another two to three years. Dr. Hollich stated the Board needs to decide if they want the architect, Mr. Planera, to proceed with drawing plans for an addition to the Junior High so people could see what the referendum is for or have him wait until after the referendum. Waiting until after the referendum creates a longer timeline for the project should the referendum pass. Drawing up the plans prior to March 2012 allows the district to move forward more quickly if the referendum passes.

