

**BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167  
REGULAR MEETING - APRIL 9, 2012  
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 Deborah Birmingham at 7:30 p.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was answered by: J. Dixon, C. Pettis, M. Plott, D. Birmingham, S. Brunson, and A. Taylor

6 Present
1 Absent

Absent: L. Wheeler

II. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 12, 2012 regular meeting minutes were approved. Taylor/Dixon

Regular Meeting Minutes Approved 6-0
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The March 12, 2012 closed session meeting minutes were approved. Dixon/Taylor

Closed Session Minutes Approved 6-0
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The March 15, 2012 special meeting minutes were approved. Taylor/Plott

Special Meeting Minutes Approved 6-0
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IV. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

Bills totaling \$323,444.12, the March actual payroll of \$900,235.53 and the April payroll as per agreements were approved. Taylor/Plott

Bills/ Payroll Approved 6-0
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V. REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report--See attached.

B. President's Report

1. Ms. Birmingham distributed a letter written by Mr. Linden regarding the prospect of building a new school.
2. Ms. Birmingham presented Certificates of Recognition to Longwood School, Hickory Bend School, Brookwood Middle School, Brookwood Junior High School, and to the District.

C. Committee Reports

None

D. Board Member Comments

None

VI. READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

There was one Freedom of Information Request regarding bid results for life safety work and the request has been responded to.

VII. RECOMMENDED ACTION

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| A. The Board approved the official 2012-2013 school calendar with an opening date of August 23, 2012 and a closing date of June 14, 2013, providing for 185 days of which 180 will be scheduled pupil attendance days, three institute days, and two all-day parent/teacher conference days. Brunson/Taylor | 2012-2013<br>School<br>Calendar<br>Approved<br>6-0 |
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Comment: Mrs. Pettis expressed her concern about starting school on a Friday. Ms. Birmingham asked when the Back to School Bash will be held. Dr. Hollich stated the Bash is scheduled for the Sunday before the first day of school.

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| B. The Board approved shortening the 2011-2012 school calendar by five days, allowing for the 180 total days with 175 pupil attendance days, three institute days, and two parent/teacher conference days, making May 25, 2012 the last day of school. Taylor/Brunson | 2011-2012<br>Calendar<br>Shortened<br>Approved<br>6-0 |
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| C. The Board approved the Resolution Concerning Proposed Changes to the Funding of the Teachers' Retirement | TRS Pension<br>Funding<br>Resolution |
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System of the State of Illinois. Approved  
 (see attached resolution) 6-0  
 Plott/Dixon

D. The Board approved the E-Rate proposal E-Rate  
 for increased bandwidth and internal Proposal  
 connections. Taylor/Brunson Approved  
 6-0

E. The Board approved changing from the CLIC Workers  
 Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF) to the Compensation  
 Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative Insurance  
 (CLIC) for workers compensation insurance Approved  
 coverage. The premium amounts for workers 6-0  
 compensation through CLIC total \$7,213 for  
 the period May 24, 2012 through June 30,  
 2012 and \$48,811 for the period July 1,  
 2012 through June 30, 2013. Brunson/Dixon

F. The Board gave approval to the adminis- School  
 tration to apply for a School Maintenance Maintenance  
 Grant for a roofing project at Brookwood Grant  
 Junior High School. Brunson/Taylor Approved  
 6-0

Comment: Mr. Dixon asked if there is a 20 year  
 warranty on a new roof. Ms. Birmingham stated that  
 the deadline to submit the grant is May 1<sup>st</sup> but the  
 Board will decide about a new roof after the decision  
 has been made on whether or not there will be a  
 referendum. Mr. Dixon asked if the District has a  
 personal services contract with the architect, Mr.  
 Planera. Dr. Hollich responded yes.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS None

IX. NEW BUSINESS None

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, April 20, 2012 -- Middle School Family  
 Movie Night, 6:00-8:00  
 p.m.  
 Wednesday, April 25, 2012 -- Longwood, Taste of  
 Thursday, April 26, 2012 -- Fine Arts Festival,  
 Junior High, 6:00-8:00  
 p.m.  
 Middle School Poetry  
 Festival, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1, 2012	--	Longwood Spring Concert, 1:30 & 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 2, 2012	--	Hickory Bend ACES Walk
Thursday, May 3, 2012	--	Hickory Bend Science Fair, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Middle School Spring
Friday, May 4, 2012	--	Pre-Kindergarten Mother's Day Celebration Half-day School Improvement 11:30 a.m. Dismissal
Wednesday, May 9, 2012	--	Pre-Kindergarten Spring Performance Community Safety Fair, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 10, 2012	--	Hickory Bend Sensational Singers Concert, 1:30 p.m. District 167 Retirement Dinner, 6:00-9:30 p.m., Glenwoodie Golf Club
Friday, May 11, 2012	--	Hickory Bend Spelling Bee Middle School Career Day
Monday, May 14, 2012	--	May Board of Education Meeting

XI. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

A resident (Elmer) stated that the Board makes a lot of decisions that effect taxpayers. With the state of the economy, the Board is talking about a lot of money to build a new school. He stated that if you build a new school today, tomorrow it might not be needed. He feels the Board already knows what it is going to do before they do it.

Ms. Birmingham stated that the Board doesn't always agree on everything and sometimes the Board agrees to disagree. She stated that there are three options which will go before the taxpayers and the citizens will have the final word.

Mr. Taylor stated that the Board appreciates citizens attending Board meetings and asked Elmer to attend more meetings to get current information.

Mrs. Plott stated that the Board is very concerned about the economy and she appreciated his comments. Having a new school may bring new residents and more students to the

District. She also stated that the Board is concerned about funding for the Teacher's Retirement System.

Ms. Birmingham stated that the community will have the opportunity to complete surveys and will have the final word regarding a referendum.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into closed session at 8:31 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 for the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. Brunson/Taylor	Into Closed Session Approved 6-0
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The Board returned from closed session at 9:10 p.m. Taylor/Plott	Return from Closed Session Approved 6-0
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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m. Taylor/Brunson	Meeting Adjourned All AYE
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Deborah M. Young  
Recording Clerk

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Secretary

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President

Present: J. Charleston, R. Patterson, O. Nowels, S. Bragg, B. Lindsay, J. Blackmon, S. Price, P. Czaphowicz, M. Myers, M. Schmalz, S. Jackiw, and L. Cruz.

**BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167**

**Superintendent's Report**

**April, 2012**

1. Dr. Hollich reminded the Board members to complete their Statement of Economic Interest and to send Debbie Young the receipt when it is completed.
2. Mr. Charleston gave a brief budget update stating that the budget is right on target. He indicated the state has made three payments (two from last year and one from this year). With regard to next year's budget, the funding level for education will be at 86 percent which is less than this year. The transportation reimbursement is also being cut further next year. Reimbursement will be based on miles driven which will benefit rural districts. The pension issue will also impact next year's budget. The projected deficit for next year is one million dollars.
3. The Social Studies Committee did a presentation on the proposed new social studies curriculum. The Committee developed a new scope and sequence and wrote a new curriculum. They reviewed textbooks from three publishers and selected a new textbook adoption from Pearson/Prentice Hall.

BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167  
CLOSED SESSION MEETING  
April 9, 2012

Closed Session Meeting Minutes

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

Closed session began at 8:40 p.m.

The Board reviewed the Superintendent's evaluation with the Superintendent including strengths and weaknesses.

Closed session ended at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Secretary  
Board of Education

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President  
Board of Education