

**BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167
REGULAR MEETING – MAY 13, 2013
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: M. Plott, 7 Present
R. Seals, L. Wheeler, J. Dixon, D. Birmingham, J. Barry, and C. Smith 0 Absent

II. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Arthur Taylor congratulated the new Board members. He asked why the Board wants to suspend the committees for 60 days. Mr. Dixon responded that the Board President has the authority to organize committees and 60 days will allow time to reorganize the committees if necessary. Mr. Taylor feels that this is wasting time and the Board should be working on the budget and the new school. He stated the Board should keep the ball rolling. He asked the Board if they wanted to build the new school. Ms. Birmingham stated that she initiated the referendum and yes, she wants the school built. Mr. Dixon stated he wants the new school built and 60 days won't derail building the new school. All of the committees would be suspended for 60 days, not just the BMS Project Committee.

Mr. Larry Williams stated he applauds the Board for taking the time to review and possibly tweak the committees since half the Board is new. He thinks 60 days is reasonable and the Board should do the right thing and not be in a hurry.

Mrs. Trina Barton asked what happens to the current committee members. Ms. Birmingham responded that some members may continue and some may not. Mrs. Barton stated that the building won't be built by fall 2015 but spring 2016 with this delay. She indicated that the BMS Project Committee is working hard and committed to moving on.

Mrs. Karen Lindquist stated she didn't understand why the Board wants to put the committee on hold because it will push back the timeline. The BMS Project Committee is trying to help bring information to the Board and this delay doesn't make any sense to her.

Mr. Tony Plott stated that Ms. Birmingham said she initiated the referendum but she didn't work on the referendum. He feels the Board should be about educating the children and there is no need to delay anything. He stated this will be perceived as a stalling tactic. The Board should give the people what they want and move the project forward. Ms. Birmingham stated that Board members have to be careful on how they are involved in a referendum. She initiated the opportunity for the citizens to vote on what they wanted. Mr. Plott stated that the initial vote was an addition to Brookwood Junior High School but a petition blocked this. Ms. Birmingham stated that instead of believing that the community wouldn't accept a new school, they were given the choice of a new school, an addition to the Junior High, or nothing at all. A survey showed that the citizens were willing to back a new school.

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Mr. Alan Wilson stated that the recommendation to suspend the committees has not been voted on yet. If the motion passes, he wanted to know who has jurisdiction on urgent matters to be attended to. Ms. Birmingham stated that the Committee of the Whole can meet. Mr. Wilson asked the Board to really think about this because there were 3,500 voices on the referendum.

Mrs. Sara Thompson indicated she has been waiting a long time for a new school and suspending the committee for 60 days will stifle the timeline. She said a lot of footwork has already been done and the Board is taking the involvement of the community out of the process.

Mr. Leon Fields stated that the Board is elected, not the committee members and committee members recommend, they don't dictate. The Board should take their time and do their work.

Mrs. Plott stated that Ms. Birmingham was instrumental in bringing committees to the Board. Mrs. Plott asked Ms. Birmingham the reason the Board wants to suspend committees. In April the Board established the Brookwood Middle School Project Committee. If you suspend this committee, you will upset 20 people who have been working. She feels it is a crime to delay the committee work.

Mr. Art Taylor asked the Board what they needed to tweak. Ms. Birmingham stated she wouldn't go into detail at this time. Mr. Taylor stated that time is of the essence and the Board is delaying the process.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 1, 2013 special and closed session minutes were approved.	Meeting
The April 4, 2013 special and closed session minutes were approved.	Minutes
The April 8, 2013 regular and closed session minutes were approved.	Approved
Plott/Dixon	7-0

IV. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

Bills totaling \$428,752.02, the April actual payroll of \$592,303.46 and the May payroll as per agreements were approved.	Bills/Payroll
Dixon/Plott	Approved
	7-0

Comment: Mrs. Barry asked about the following bills: Rooster Avenue for \$600 (on-line subscription service for students); Visa for \$1,105 (A. Ziegler will email breakdown); Glenwood Oaks for \$1,678 (food for meetings); SAM's Club (food); Rent-a-Crate (to store books during installation of new carpet in BMS library); Swim & Sport for \$103 (custodial shirts); 95% Group (professional development from Title I funds—this is the last year of a three-year commitment); Center for College & Career Readiness (travel for Common Core professional development); CC Tech & Trade (tuition for three special education students); Elite Elevator Service (repair); Hershey Co. (ice cream purchased by students); Panera Bread (lunch for professional development days); Sylvan (required SES provider paid for by Title I funds); Board member travel (NSBA conference). Mrs. Barry stated that taxpayers don't appreciate paying for food. Dr. Hollich

responded that providing lunch gets people to the professional development sessions in a timely manner. Mrs. Plott suggested that since the packet is delivered on Thursday, Board members can call Andrew Ziegler prior to the meeting with questions regarding the bills. Mr. Smith stated that he wants the public to know where the money goes. Ms. Birmingham stated that the packet will go out on Tuesday in the future. Mrs. Barry stated she has concerns about seven Board members traveling to San Diego for a conference and whether it is financially responsible. Mrs. Plott stated that the Board discussed not going to the NSBA conference in the future due to budget constraints but the conference is professional development for the Board. Mr. Smith asked if there would be a report on the NSBA conference in the future.

V. REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report--See attached.

B. President's Report

1. Ms. Birmingham stated that May is Teacher Appreciation Month and she thanked all the teachers.
2. Ms. Birmingham welcomed the new Board members and stated the Board will be building a curriculum and a new building, participating in TAG (Targeting Achievement through Governance), and going paperless with BoardBooks.
3. Ms. Birmingham stated that the Board will meet with Mr. Planera in June.
4. Ms. Birmingham stated that Focus Groups will be held at the end of May or early June regarding the new Middle School.

C. Committee Reports

1. Mrs. Wheeler reported on the SCOPE meeting where they discussed a bill by Napoleon Harris regarding catastrophic insurance; the TRS/pension problem where reports in the media are false (the problem is not that money has been taken out of the fund but they haven't been putting money in the fund); and appropriations for general state aide which are not fair among districts in high poverty areas.
2. Mrs. Wheeler reported on the Building and Grounds Committee meeting where Mr. Anderson updated the Committee on summer projects (wood chips need to be replaced at Hickory Bend; the parking lot at Hickory Bend needs to be resurfaced, and the Junior High roof replacement).
3. Dr. Hollich reported on the BMS Project Committee that met on Wednesday, May 8th. The Committee reviewed the goals, purpose, and guidelines of the Committee and that the nature of the Committee is advisory. A tentative timeline for occupancy of the new Middle School is Spring 2016. The location of the new Middle School depends on the design of the building. A focus group will meet on May 28, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. and in the evening. Dr. Hollich will facilitate the meeting with activities. The Committee will meet on June 4 to review the results of the focus groups and report to the Board at the June 10th meeting. The next meeting of the BMS Project Committee is June 12 at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Hollich also reported that the title search of the Middle School has been finalized.

D. Board Member Comments

1. Mr. Dixon reported that two of our students were recently recognized at SPEED.
2. Mrs. Plott stated that there are three new members on the Board and committees are in place. She recommended that senior Board members mentor the new Board members and not delay the committee meetings.
3. Mr. Smith stated that the mentoring is a nice idea but the Board should share information from the NSBA conference with the whole Board.
4. Mr. Dixon indicated that materials from the NSBA conference will be given to the Board at the next meeting.
5. Ms. Seals thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. She thanked everyone for their comments and asked them to keep coming.

VI. READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

None

VII. RECOMMENDED ACTION

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| A. The resignation of Julia Lemmon, teacher at Hickory Bend School, was accepted effective June 10, 2013.
Plott/Smith | J. Lemmon
Resignation
Approved
7-0 |
| B. Lakisha Fulton was hired as a playground/lunchroom supervisor for Brookwood Middle School effective May 14, 2013 at an hourly rate of \$12.27.
Plott/Smith | L. Fulton
Hired
Approved
7-0 |
| <p><u>Comment:</u> Mrs. Wheeler asked why playground/lunchroom supervisors don't stay. Dr. Hollich responded that the job entails a few hours per day and many move on to other positions in the district.</p> | |
| C. The Board approved the transportation contract for the 2013-2014 school year with Illinois Central School Bus Company at a one-way cost of \$61.99 for regular routes, private school routes, early advantage routes and activity routes and \$38.88 per hour for field trips.
Wheeler/Plott | Transportation
Contract for
2013-2014
School Year
Approved
7-0 |
| D. The Board approved the milk contract for the 2013-2014 school with Cloverleaf Farms at a cost of \$.25 for 1% and skim milk and \$.26 for skim chocolate milk.
Wheeler/Smith | Milk Contract
for 2013-2014
Approved
7-0 |

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| E. The Board approved payment of the IASB dues for the 2013-2014 school year at a cost of \$4,095.
Dixon/Plott | IASB Dues for
2013-2014
Approved
7-0 |
| F. The Board approved the suspension of all Board committee assignments for 60 days.
Dixon/Seals | Board Committee
Assignments
Suspended 60 Days
Approved
6-1 |

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, May 16, 2013--*Middle School Band & Choral Concert, 1:30 & 6:30 p.m.*
Friday, May 17, 2013--*Half Day School Improvement/11:30 a.m. District Dismissal*
Tuesday, May 21, 2013--*Bilingual Parent Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Longwood*
Wednesday, May 22, 2013--*PTA Fun Fair, 5:00 p.m., Middle School*
Thursday, May 23, 2013--*Safety Fair, 5:00-8:00 p.m., Junior High*
Monday, May 27, 2013--*Memorial Day Observance/No School*
Wednesday, May 29, 2013--*2:00 p.m. District Dismissal*
Thursday, May 30, 2013--*Junior High School Musical, 6:00 p.m.*
Friday, May 31, 2013--*Hickory Bend Talent Show, 1:30 p.m.; District Retirement Party, 5:00-8:00 p.m., Glenwood Oaks*
Wednesday, June 5, 2013--*Junior High Awards Ceremony, 6:00 p.m.*
Thursday, June 6, 2013--*Junior High Graduation, 6:30 p.m.; 2:00 p.m. Dismissal for 8th Grade Only*
Friday, June 7, 2013--*Full Day of School*
Monday, June 10, 2013--*Report Cards Issued, 9:30 a.m. Dismissal, Last Day of School*

IX. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Warren Linden expressed his concern about the delay caused by the 60 day suspension of the Board committees and suggested that 30 days could be a compromise. He also stated that he supports Mrs. Barry's idea to questions expenses. With the deficit, he feels the District must account for every dollar.

Mrs. Celeste Boman stated that every cent needs to be invested in the children, the Board's main concern should be the students, teachers are important, and everyone needs to work together. She feels that the current Middle School is horrific and the Board needs to move forward with building the new school. She stated that if the Board plans to block the building of the new school, she will fight to get it done.

Mrs. Wheeler stated for clarification that the new Middle School will be built. She also stated that the community needs to contact their legislators because the state is not giving the south suburbs their share of the money to educate our children.

Ms. Birmingham stated that the purpose of the Board is to provide the best education possible within the limitations imposed by the taxpayer’s willingness to support and that state government needs to give us what is due.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.
Dixon/Smith

Meeting
Adjourned
All AYE

Deborah M. Young
Recording Clerk

Secretary

President

Present: R. Patterson, O. Nowels, S. Bragg, S. Price, B. Lindsay, S. Jackson, D. Funk, T. Barton, S. Thompson, C. Howard, K. Lindquist, D. Davis, A. Dixon, J. Hadnott, C. Henderson, S. Mangan, A. Wilson, C. Trainor, L. Bonfitto, C. Bowman, C. Luczak, M. Jones, J. Roby, S. Solverson, R. Wilson, T. Plott, J. Flowers, J. Butler, A. Navarro, M. Baker, E. Geron, L. Williams, A. Freeman, A. Taylor, E. Avant, A. Mix, W. Linden, D. Fields, L. Fields, C. Marcinski, J. Bowman, and B. Ratliff.

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Superintendent's Report

May, 2013

1. The Technology Committee did a presentation on Creating a 21st Century Learning Environment for Student Success.
2. Dr. Hollich reported that the Triple I Conference is being held in Chicago November 22-24, 2013. Registration and housing opens June 10th. Board members should let Debbie Young know if they will be attending.

**Brookwood School District 167
RECORD OF VOTING**

Meeting of May 13, 2013	Plott	Seals	Wheeler	Dixon	Birmingham	Barry	Smith	YES	NO	OTHER	VOICE
Roll Call	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Approval of the April 1, 2013 Special & Closed Meeting Minutes; the April 4, 2013 Special & Closed Meeting Minutes; and the April 8, 2013 Regular & Closed Meeting Minutes	1 Y			2 Y				7	0		
Approval of Bills & Payroll	2 Y			1 Y				7	0		
7A. Certified Personnel	1 Y						2 Y	7	0		
7B. Classified Personnel	1 Y						2 Y	7	0		
7C. Approval of the Transportation Contract for 2013-14	2 Y		1 Y					7	0		
7D. Approval of the Milk Contract for 2013-14			1 Y				2 Y	7	0		
7E. Approval of the IASB Dues for 2013-14	2 Y			1 Y				7	0		
7F. Approval to Suspend All Committee Assignments for 60 Days		2 Y		1 Y				6	1		
Adjournment				1			2				All AYE

Code: A=Absent

P=Present roll call or voting present

AB=Abstain

Y=Yes

N=No

1=Motion maker

2=Motion second

Members of the Board:

Janice Barry

Deborah Birmingham

John Dixon

Melinda Plott

Roslon Seals

Carl Smith

Lorrie Wheeler