

**BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167
REGULAR MEETING - MAY 14, 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, L. Wheeler, M. Plott, D. Birmingham, and S. Brunson

5 Present
2 Absent

Absent: C. Pettis and A. Taylor

II. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 2, 2012 special meeting minutes were approved. Dixon/Wheeler

Special Meeting
Minutes
Approved
5-0

The April 9, 2012 regular meeting minutes were approved. Brunson/Plott

Regular Meeting
Minutes
Approved
5-0

The April 9, 2012 closed session meeting minutes were approved. Brunson/Dixon

Closed Session
Meeting Minutes
Approved
5-0

V. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

Bills totaling \$505,751.60, the April actual payroll of \$586,830.32 and the May payroll as per agreements were approved. Brunson/Dixon

Bills/
Payroll
Approved
5-0

C. Pettis and A. Taylor arrived at 7:37 p.m.

V. REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report--See attached.

B. President's Report

1. Ms. Birmingham thanked the staff who are retiring this year: Carole Hardesty, Carol Drennan, Keith Rumbaugh,

and Ida Carpenter and read a letter requesting that retirees be invited to the May 25th end of year get together.

- 2. Ms. Birmingham thanked everyone who served on a committee this year and distributed certificates of appreciation to the following:

Policy Committee: Kathleen Sorsby, Carl Smith, Bob Moehlig, Cathy Paxton, Carolyn Spencer, and Cathy Marcinski.

Finance Committee: John Dixon, Jim Summers, Warren Linden, Selina Newsom, Linda Tatum, Arthur Taylor, Melinda Plott, Donna Gayden, and Jeff Charleston.

Personnel Committee: John Dixon, Rita Peterson, Beth Lindsay, Michelle Snoddy, Lorrie Wheeler, Earnestine Dobbins, Robert Lord, and Melinda Plott.

Buildings & Grounds: Lorrie Wheeler, Ron Sorsby, Wayne Washington, Hillary Myrick-Winston, Lashon Myers, and Emma Kirtley.

Male Parent Advisory Committee: Cynthia Pettis, James Wheeler, Jim Summers, Robert Lord, Nick Betts, John Butler, Adekunle Adegbemi, Glenda Rowe, Pam Darring, Rain Darring, and Sharon Price.

She also presented certificates to Pamela Hollich, Debbie Young, Shirley Brunson, Police Chief Cook, and Paul Czaphowicz from The Times newspaper.

C. Committee Reports

- 1. Mr. Dixon read the minutes from the April 26, 2012 Finance Committee meeting.
- 2. Mrs. Wheeler stated that the Building & Grounds Committee would like to be on the June Board agenda.

D. Board Member Comments

- 1. Mrs. Wheeler thanked Ms. Birmingham for her service to the Board of Education.

VI. READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

None

VII. CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into closed session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss student disciplinary cases; collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; the appointment,

Into Closed Session
Approved
7-0

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.
Taylor/Dixon

The Board returned from closed session at 9:59 p.m. Brunson/Taylor

Return From
Closed Session
Approved
7-0

VIII. RECOMMENDED ACTION

A1. Byron Prell was hired as a sixth grade teacher for Brookwood Middle School for the 2012-2013 school year at a salary of BA+15, Step A of the GEA negotiated agreement. The resignation of Josephine Blackmon, Principal of Hickory Bend School, was accepted effective June 30, 2012. Dixon/Taylor

B. Prell
Hired;
J. Blackmon
Resignation
Approved
7-0

A2. Julie Alm was hired as a Playground/Lunchroom Supervisor for Hickory Bend School effective May 15, 2012 at a salary of \$12.15 per hour. The retirement of Ida Carpenter, Secretary at Longwood School was accepted effective June 30, 2012. The resignation of Sparkel Brown, Playground/Lunchroom Supervisor at Hickory Bend School was accepted effective April 27, 2012. Brunson/Taylor

J. Alm
Hired;
I. Carpenter
Retirement;
S. Brown
Resignation
Approved
7-0

A3. Jennifer Martin was hired as a contractual Occupational Therapist for approximately 23 hours per week at \$60.00 per hour for the 2012-2013 school year.
Brunson/Taylor

J. Martin
Contractual
Employee
Hired
Approved
7-0

B. The Board approved the new social studies curriculum adoption not to exceed \$90,000.
Plott/Brunson

Social
Studies
Curriculum
Approved
7-0

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| C. The Board approved the transportation contract with Illinois Central School Bus for the 2012-2013 school year at a one-way cost of \$60.48 for regular routes, private school routes, early advantage routes, and activity routes and \$37.93 per hour for field trips. Brunson/Wheeler | Transportation Contract for 2012-2013
Approved
7-0 |
| D. The Board voted to enter into a three-year agreement for the supply of natural gas with Vanguard Energy Services. Brunson/Taylor | Agreement for Natural Gas Supply
Approved
7-0 |
| E. The Board approved a Resolution of Support for Legislation on Funding State-Authorized Charter Schools. (see attached resolution) Plott/Dixon | Resolution of Support
Approved
7-0 |

Comment: Mrs. Pettis asked if the legislation would still go forward if the Board doesn't approved the resolution. Dr. Hollich responded that the resolution is asking for independent funding of charter schools. This resolution is a recommendation to make changes in the law for the way charter schools are funded.

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| F. The Board approved the negotiated agreement with the Glenwood Education Association for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years. Wheeler/Plott | GEA Agreement 2012-2014
Approved
7-0 |
| G. The Board upheld the ten day suspension of student 11-12G and expelled student 11-12G for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year and the entire 2012-2013 school. In lieu of expulsion for the 2011-2012 school year and the entire 2012-2013 school year, student 11-12G will attend an alternative school to be chosen by Brookwood School District 167. Should student 11-12G not abide by the rules and regulations of the program at the alternative placement and/or be dismissed from the facility, the expulsion will be reinstated for the remainder of the time up to the end of the 2012-2013 school year. Taylor/Plott | Student Discipline Case 11-12G
Approved
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| <p>H. The Board upheld the ten day suspension of student 11-12H and expelled student 11-12H for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year. Taylor/Plott</p> | <p>Student Discipline Case 11-12H Approved 7-0</p> |
| <p>I. Ms. Birmingham appointed John Dixon President Pro-tem and Shirley Brunson Secretary Pro-tem.</p> | <p>Election of Officers</p> |

Mr. Taylor nominated Melinda Plott for President. Mrs. Wheeler nominated Deborah Birmingham for President. Mrs. Plott received four votes and Ms. Birmingham received three votes. Mrs. Plott was elected President.

Ms. Birmingham nominated Cynthia Pettis for Vice-President. Mrs. Pettis nominated Deborah Birmingham for Vice President and she declined. Ms. Birmingham nominated Shirley Brunson for Vice President and she declined. Ms. Birmingham nominated John Dixon for Vice President and he declined. Mrs. Pettis received six votes and was elected Vice President.

Ms. Birmingham nominated Shirley Brunson for Secretary. There were no other nominations and Mrs. Brunson was elected Secretary with seven votes.

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| <p>J. The Board approved the meeting dates and times for the 2012-2013 school year. (see attachment) Taylor/Wheeler</p> | <p>Meeting Dates/Times 2012-2013 Approved 7-0</p> |
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IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| <p>Tuesday, May 15, 2012</p> | <p>-- BMS Explore Orientation, 5:00 p.m.
Junior High Band & Choral Concert, 6:00 p.m.</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, May 16, 2012</p> | <p>-- 2:00 p.m. District Dismissal
PTA Meeting, Middle School, 7:00 p.m.</p> |
| <p>Thursday, May 17, 2012</p> | <p>-- Junior High National Junior Honor Society Induction Luncheon</p> |

Friday, May 18, 2012	--	School Musical, Cinderella, 6:00 p.m. Hickory Bend Talent Show, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 22, 2012	--	Bilingual PAC, Longwood, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 23, 2012	--	Junior High Awards
Thursday, May 24, 2012	--	2:00 p.m. District Junior High Graduation Ceremony, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, May 25, 2012	--	9:30 a.m. District Dismissal/Report Cards Issued
Monday, May 28, 2012	--	Memorial Day Observance/ No School
Thursday, May 31, 2012	--	District 167 Golf Outing, Glenwoodie Golf Course
Monday, June 11, 2012	--	June Board of Education Meeting

X. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Mrs. Rowe offered kudos to Ms. Birmingham for a fine job and asked the new president to keep the public as informed as she did.

Mrs. Spencer echoed Mrs. Rowe's remarks and congratulated the new Board officers. She also stated that the Middle School needs a new sign and the present sign is a poor image for the community. Dr. Hollich responded that painting of the sign and the addition of flowers would be possible.

Mrs. Smith discussed the problem of bullying and disruptive children in class and asked what the process was for removing a child who is bullying and hurting others. She also stated that the playground staff at Longwood School needs to be changed because they are not watching the children appropriately.

Mr. Thomas stated that children must get their due process.

Mrs. Spencer asked if there are any plans for having a district-wide policy on discipline.

Ms. Birmingham congratulated the new Board officers and hoped that all staff will stay engaged and involved.

Mr. Taylor congratulated the new Board officers and stated that the Board will move forward as a team.

Police Chief Cook explained the Restore the Justice program which involves a peer jury.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 p.m.
Taylor/Brunson

Meeting
Adjourned
All AYE

Deborah M. Young
Recording Clerk

Secretary

President

Present: J. Charleston, R. Patterson, O. Nowels, S. Bragg,
B. Lindsay, S. Price, P. Czaphowicz, G. Rowe, E.
Kirtley, C. Marcinski, C. Spencer, A. Mix, E. Avant,
A. Wilson, J. Smith, L. Smith, M. Miller, J. Butler,
G. Butler, M. Myers, W. Linden, B. Whalen, L. Thomas,
N. Betts, D. Cook, L. Tatum, and T. Hemphill.

BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167

Superintendent's Report

May, 2012

1. Mrs. Bragg, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the new art curriculum.
2. Dr. Hollich announced that the Board will review the first draft of the revised Board Policy Book at a special meeting on June 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The Board will review sections one, two, and eight at this meeting.
3. Dr. Hollich reported that Steve Clark will be the district's TAG (Targeting Achievement through Governance) consultant and he has reserved June 12, 19, 26, or 28 for the first meeting.
4. Dr. Hollich displayed the Annual Report for the First Tee Program where District 167 is listed as a participant.
5. Dr. Hollich reported that there are 370 children signed up for summer school.
6. Dr. Hollich reported that the valedictorian at both Homewood-Flossmoor High School and Bloom High School are graduates of Brookwood School District 167.
7. Paul Hanley, Senior Vice President of Baum & Associates, presented the phone and mail survey results with regard to a possible referendum.

**BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167
CLOSED SESSION MEETING
May 14, 2012**

Closed Session Meeting Minutes

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

Closed session began at 8:42 p.m.

The Board discussed the discipline case of student 11-12G.

The Board discussed the discipline case of student 11-12H.

The Board discussed the proposed 2012-2014 Glenwood Education
Association agreement.

The Board discussed personnel issues.

Closed session ended at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Secretary
Board of Education

President
Board of Education