

**BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167  
SPECIAL MEETING - May 23, 2011  
BOARD ROOM - ADMINISTRATIVE & DIAGNOSTIC CENTER**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Brookwood School District 167 Board of Education was called to order by President Deborah Birmingham at 7:00 p.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was answered by: Dixon, Wheeler, Plott, Birmingham, and Taylor

5 Present
2 Absent

Absent: C. Pettis and S. Brunson

II. PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 167, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO SELL \$2,400,000 SCHOOL FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY BONDS

President Birmingham announced that the next agenda item is a public hearing to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds in the amount of not to exceed \$2,400,000 for the purpose of paying for various fire prevention and life safety projects.

Ms. Birmingham asked if there were any comments from the Board of Education regarding the issuance of the fire prevention and life safety bonds.

Mr. Dixon stated he feels some B items need to be done at the Middle School for the students' safety. Ms. Birmingham asked if we will select the items to be taken care of. Mr. Charleston responded that all the A, B, and C items on the life safety report will be done as well as the A items at Brookwood Middle School and the Administrative Center. He stated we have two choices to fund the repairs. Either use our existing fund balances or issue life safety bonds which are basically a loan. Mr. Charleston then showed a slide of the impact of the proposed life safety bond issue on the district. Mr. Charleston stated he would recommend issuing life safety bonds. Ms. Birmingham stated that when she added up the cost of the items, it didn't add up to 2.4 million dollars. Mr. Charleston explained that the cost of the repairs is approximately 2 million dollars. There is also a ten percent contingency built in and the architect's fee for drawing up bid specifications, plans, etc. Any money left over stays in the life safety fund and can only be used for very restricted purposes.

Ms. Birmingham asked if there was any written testimony regarding the bond issue. There was none.

Ms. Birmingham asked if there were any comments from the public regarding the issuance of the fire prevention and life safety bonds.

Mr. Linden asked if he could get a copy of the life safety summary. Dr. Hollich responded yes. Mr. Williams stated he wanted to be clear on the amount of the life safety bonds. Mr. Charleston responded that the bonds are for 2.4 million dollars.

III. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Washington asked if the Board would give out the list of the A, B, and C items to be completed. Dr. Hollich responded yes. She indicated the items may be grouped by categories. Dr. Hollich also stated that this is not the bid process. Right now, we are just issuing the bonds. The architect will prepare the bid specifications, conduct the bid process, and recommend the general contractor and sub-contractors.

Mr. Dixon suggested that if anyone is interested in the life safety survey, they should email Dr. Hollich and she will email the survey to them.

Mr. Taylor asked if the life safety survey is on the state's web site. Dr. Hollich responded yes, but that site is not available to the general public. Dr. Hollich suggested the life safety survey could be placed on the district's web site.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Arthur Taylor, seconded by Melinda Plott to adjourn the public hearing.

Motion to Adjourn  
Public Hearing  
Approved  
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Deborah M. Young  
Recording Clerk

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Secretary

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President

Present: J. Charleston, W. Linden, L. Williams, R. Sorsby,  
W. Washington, R. Darring, and P. Darring.