

**BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – JULY 10, 2013
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 6:30 p.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was answered by: 6 Present
R. Seals, L. Wheeler, J. Dixon, D. Birmingham, J. Barry, and 1 Absent
and C. Smith

M. Plott arrived at 6:50 p.m.

II. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS None

**III. FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION REGARDING THE NEW BROOKWOOD
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Mrs. Barry asked Mr. Planera if the new school could be on one level. Mr. Planera responded that a lot of square footage would be lost.

Ms. Seals suggested 18 classrooms might be needed.

Dr. Moore stated that enrollment will probably remain flat and suggested the District hire a company to do an enrollment study. The study could project enrollment out to ten years.

Mr. Dixon stated that the 2008 plan called for a 55,000 square foot building. He stated this could be a starting point to work from.

Ms. Birmingham stated that it is important to have adequate classrooms to start with.

Mrs. Barry suggested to start with 14-15 classrooms with separate rooms for art and a STEM lab.

Mr. Dixon asked if it is necessary to have a large media center if the district goes to a one to one iPad program.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of a competition-size gym. Mrs. Barry stated there are many additional costs associated with a competition-size gym (added washrooms, a concession area, cost of insurance, locker rooms, etc.).

Mr. Dixon stated that if necessary, Prairie State College is close by and could be used for larger functions like the Fine Arts Fair.

Mr. Smith stated that it is important to look at what is essential to education.

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Ms. Birmingham asked if the Board wants a school that the community can use. The new school will be for the whole community.

Mr. Dixon stated that the first priority is the education of our students.

Following are the suggested needs for the new Middle School:

- 14-15 classrooms
- Media center and library combined
- Space for STEM
- Science lab(s)
- Art room
- Gym with stage
- Nurse's area with bathroom
- Cafeteria
- Custodial rooms on both floors
- Boiler room
- Music/band room
- Washrooms – teachers' washrooms on each floor
- Teachers' lounge with work space
- General office space with a conference room
- Title I/resource room
- Kitchen
- Possibly space for a washer and dryer
- Possible cafetorium with a separate gym

IV. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Linden stated there is a lot of focus on classroom size and he can't imagine building a school without lockers.

Mr. Wilson had a concern as to whether a cafetorium would have adequate seating for school functions. He also stated that it may be possible to use "dead" space for small classrooms.

Mr. Jarigese stated he is a construction manager and invited the board to look at construction projects that his company has done.

Mr. Fields stated that when considering a gym versus a cafeteria, the Board needs to consider the community coming into the school.

Mr. Marcinski stated that the Board needs to consider a boiler room, an electrical room, whether the building will be one level or two, and parking lots.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
Dixon/Plott

Meeting
Adjourned
All AYE

Secretary

President

Present: O. Pierce, A. Ziegler, M. Jarigese, L. Fields, W. Linden, A. Wilson, M. Brandt,
R. Marcinski, and E. Kirtley

Brookwood School District 167

RECORD OF VOTING

Meeting of July 10, 2013	Plott	Seals	Wheeler	Dixon	Birmingham	Barry	Smith	YES	NO	OTHER	VOICE
Roll Call	A Arrive 6:50 p.m.	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Adjournment	2			1							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