

**BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167
REGULAR MEETING - AUGUST 8, 2011
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: Dixon, Wheeler, Pettis, Plott, Birmingham, and Taylor

6 Present
1 Absent

Absent: S. Brunson

II. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The July 11, 2011 regular meeting minutes were approved. Plott/Taylor

Regular Meeting
Minutes
Approved
6-0

The July 11, 2011 closed session minutes were approved. Taylor/Dixon

Closed Session
Minutes
Approved
6-0

V. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

Bills totaling \$242,706.28, the July actual payroll of \$169,671.60 and the August payroll as per agreements were approved. Taylor/Plott

Bills/
Payroll
Approved
6-0

V. REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report--See attached.

B. President's Report

1. Ms. Birmingham thanked everyone for coming out this evening. She reported that she attended a Board President workshop on July 23 and learned valuable information regarding an annual agenda calendar and board meeting evaluations.

2. Ms. Birmingham thanked Dr. Hollich and Jeff Charleston for the information they provided for this evening's meeting.

3. Ms. Birmingham stated she received a communication

regarding disability accommodations and substitute teaching.

B. Committee Reports None

D. Board Member Comments None

VI. READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

There was one Freedom of Information request regarding student transportation contracts and the request has been responded to.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

The President called for a motion to go into closed session. There was no motion made and closed session was not held.

VIII. RECOMMENDED ACTION

<p>A1. Kimberley Blackwell was hired as a social worker for Brookwood Junior High School effective August 9, 2011 at a salary of MA+15, Step J, \$52,601 prorated which includes additional days at the per diem rate. Clare Hines was hired as a 7th/8th grade Spanish teacher for Brookwood Junior High School effective August 17, 2011 at a salary of BA, Step A, \$36,092. Ali Pedersen was hired as a social worker for Brookwood Middle School effective August 9, 2011 at a salary of MA, Step J, \$51,819 prorated which includes additional days at the per diem rate. Brittany Washington was hired as a 7th grade math teacher for Brookwood Junior High School effective August 17, 2011 at a salary of BA, Step A, \$36,092. Taylor/Dixon</p>	<p>K. Blackwell, C. Hines, A. Pedersen, B. Washington Hired Approved 6-0</p>
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<p>A2. The resignation of Janet Davis, paraprofessional at Brookwood Middle School was accepted effective July 25, 2011 and the resignation of Tamika Oliver, paraprofessional at Brookwood Middle School was accepted effective August 1, 2011. Lisette Livingston was hired as a paraprofessional/program aide for Brookwood Junior High School at a salary of \$14.58 per hour effective August 17, 2011. Taylor/Plott</p>	<p>J. Davis, T. Oliver Resignations L. Livingston Hired Approved 6-0</p>
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- B. The Board approved deviating from current Board policy and procedure 5600 - Student Transportation Services to transport kindergarten students who live more than 3/4 of a mile from their school for the 2011-2012 school year. Taylor/Dixon
- Student Transportation Services Deviation Approved
6-0
- Comment: Mrs. Plott asked what schools this would affect. Dr. Hollich responded it will be for all kindergarten students. Mrs. Pettis asked the number of kindergarten students that will be bused. Dr. Hollich responded that she wouldn't know until after registration.
- C. The Board approved the tentative budget for the 2011-2012 school year showing a beginning balance of \$15,118,863, anticipated revenue of \$14,300,746, anticipated expenditures of \$16,417,937, anticipated bond proceeds of \$1,400,000, leaving a balance on hand as of June 30, 2012 of \$14,401,672. Taylor/Plott
- 2011-2012 Tentative Budget Approved
6-0
- D. The Board approved the hearing for the Brookwood School District 167 2011-2012 budget to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2011 in the Board Room of the Administrative & Diagnostic Center. Taylor/Pettis
- Budget Hearing Date & Time Approved
6-0
- E. The Brookwood School District 167 PTA fund raiser to sell Mr. Z's products was approved for the 2011-2012 school year. Taylor/Plott
- PTA Fund Raiser Approved
6-0
- F. The Board approved the SCOPE membership dues in the amount of \$1,467.00 for the 2011-2012 school year. Taylor/Plott
- SCOPE Membership Dues Approved
6-0
- G. The Board voted to amend the motion regarding the pedometer program to renew for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years. Plott/Taylor
- Amend Motion for Pedometer Program Approved
6-0

Comment: Jeff Charleston explained that if the pedometer program is renewed for two years, the company will hold the fee level the same for both years. Mrs. Wheeler asked if this is a two for one deal. Mr. Charleston responded that it will be the same fee rate for each year. Mrs. Plott asked how many employees are participating. Mr. Charleston responded there are 80 active employees at the present time.

The Board voted to approve the pedometer program for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years at the same cost for both years. Dixon/Taylor

Pedometer Program
Approved
6-0

H. The Board approved the agreement with George K. Baum and Associates for assistance with a possible referendum. Dixon/Taylor

George K. Baum & Associates Agreement
Approved
6-0

Comment: Mrs. Plott asked if, in addition to handing the paperwork and schedule, Baum & Associates will issue the bond if there is a successful referendum. Dr. Hollich responded yes. She also explained that Baum & Associates will not charge any travel costs but the district will pay for printing costs.

I. The Board approved the First Tee Program for the 2011-2012 school year. Dixon/Taylor

First Tee Program
Approved
6-0

Comment: Mr. Taylor commented that the First Tee Program is a great program for kids. Joliet and Hammond have this program and Glenwood will be the first in this area. Dr. Hollich responded that the physical education teachers are excited about this program also.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Hollich prepared an update on foreign language, facebook, BJH tile, life safety, Pre-K, website, and Watchdog which is included in the Board packet.

Dr. Hollich explained that Longwood was granted a "reverse" waiver so they will be able to offer supplemental educational services (SES) for the 2011-2012 school year instead of school choice. Mrs. Plott asked if the supplemental educational

services will be offered after school. Dr. Hollich responded that in most cases they would be.

Mrs. Pettis asked about the Watchdog program. Dr. Hollich explained that it is a national program sponsored by the PTA and district. Dads volunteer one day in the school. Mrs. Pettis was concerned that this program will overlap with the Male Parent Advisory Council.

Mrs. Plott asked if parents were notified about the new bus company. Dr. Hollich responded that parents were given a letter regarding the new bus company at registration.

X. NEW BUSINESS

None

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Monday, August 8, 2011 -- Registration 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Longwood School
- Tuesday, August 9, 2011 -- Registration 2:00-8:00 p.m., Longwood School
- Friday, August 12, 2011 -- BJH Quest Program for 7th Grade & New Students Parent Orientation, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
BMS Back to School BBQ & Orientation, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, August 14, 2011 -- Back to School Bash, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Brookwood Junior High School
- Wednesday, August 17, 2011 -- Teacher Institute, Hickory Bend School
- Thursday, August 18, 2011 -- First Day of School, 9:30 a.m. Dismissal
- Friday, August 19, 2011 -- First Full Day of School
- Monday, September 5, 2011 -- Labor Day Holiday (No School)
- Tuesday, September 6, 2011 -- Open House at Brookwood Junior High and Brookwood Middle School/2:00 p.m. Dismissal
- Monday, September 12, 2011 -- September Board of Education Meeting

XII. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Truitt stated that it was refreshing to hear the Board conduct their business with the new microphones. He gave several suggestions for using the microphones to enhance the sound.

Mr. Malone asked why the district didn't receive any TIF funds from the Village of Glenwood. Dr. Hollich asked Ms. Gayden, Village Administrator in attendance, to answer the question. Ms. Gayden stated the district received TIF funds two years ago when the Village declared a surplus. However, this year, the surplus is being used for repair of the many water main breaks the Village has been experiencing.

Mr. Summers stated he was concerned about the tone of debate a while back but commends the Board and Village on working together now and hopes the Board will continue to operate in a positive fashion.

Mr. Truitt congratulated the Board on the pacing of the meeting. He stated "it's almost 8:30 p.m. and the Board is getting ready to adjourn."

Ms. Birmingham commended Dr. Hollich, Jeff Charleston, and the Board members for communicating, getting clarity, and moving forward prior to the meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.
Dixon/Taylor

Meeting
Adjourned
All AYE

Deborah M. Young
Recording Clerk

Secretary

President

Present: J. Charleston, R. Patterson, O. Nowels, S. Bragg,
B. Lindsay, J. Blackmon, P. Czapbovicz, W. Linden,

J. Summers, B. Ratliff, G. Rowe, H. Myrick-Winston,
D. Gayden, S. Miller, C. Malone, E. Chilczenkowski,
R. Truitt, E. Dobbins, C. Paxton, J. Wheeler, M. Myers,
R. Darring, P. Darring, R. Peterson, C. Smith,
R. Moehlig, D. Cook, C. Marcinski, R. Lord, W. Washington,
N. Betts, and L. Tatum.

BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167

Superintendent's Report

August, 2011

1. The Superintendent reported that Standard and Poor's reviewed the district prior to the life safety bonds and the district received an AA- bond rating. Congratulations to all involved.
2. The Superintendent congratulated the custodians on getting the school buildings ready during a short summer. She stated all the buildings look beautiful.
3. The Superintendent acknowledged Donna Gayden, Village of Glenwood Administrator, and stated the district is delighted to be working with the Village on the upcoming Back to School Bash. The Bash should be a lot of fun for the students with music, games, a petting zoo, and more.
4. The Superintendent reported that all district administrators attended a five-day "train the trainer" seminar on differentiated instruction.
5. The Superintendent announced that Sharon Price is now Dr. Sharon Price and congratulated her on this achievement.
6. Jeff Charleston, Business Manager, gave a power point presentation on the preliminary 2011-2012 budget. He reviewed the three sources of revenue (local, state, and federal) indicating total revenue is down a half a million dollars from last year. Mr. Charleston reviewed anticipated expenditures and reported that health insurance costs have gone down for the fourth year in a row. Mr. Charleston anticipates that the FY2012 year will end with a fund balance of \$14,401,672, which includes a loss of \$717,191.