

**BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167
REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 15, 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 Melinda Plott at 7:30 p.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was answered by: J. Dixon, 6 Present
S. Brunson, C. Pettis, M. Plott, D. Birmingham, and A. Taylor 1 Absent

Absent: L. Wheeler

II. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 17, 2012 regular meeting minutes and the September 17, 2012 closed session meeting minutes were approved.
Taylor/Brunson
Regular/Closed Meeting Minutes
Approved
5-0
1 Abstain

IV. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

Bills totaling \$257,835.30, the September actual payroll of \$584,911.36 and the October payroll as per agreements were approved.
Taylor/Dixon
Bills/Payroll
Approved
6-0

Mrs. Wheeler arrived at 7:35 p.m.

V. REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report--See attached.

B. President's Report

1. Mrs. Plott reported on the IASB South Cook fall dinner meeting. She reported that there is a question on the ballot regarding the need for a super majority to change pension benefits.
2. Mrs. Plott reported that she was asked whether Brookwood Middle School was ever a stop on the underground railroad. She indicated that it was not but there was a way station across the street from Gabes Restaurant.
3. Mrs. Plott reported that there are sixteen referendum questions in the State of Illinois on the November ballot.
4. Mrs. Plott reported on her attendance at the Finance Committee meeting. The Committee would like to know how children in special groups (gifted, reading, etc.) are doing with regard to AYP.

5. Mrs. Plott reported that there will be a presentation of test scores at the November Board meeting.
6. Mrs. Plott reported on the issue of the security of a child and the proposed fence around the playground at Longwood School. She read from Roberts Rules of Order that in a tie vote, there is no majority and it is a lost vote. However, the same question may be introduced at a future meeting.

C. Committee Reports

1. Mr. Dixon reported on the Finance Committee meeting that was held on September 28, 2012. The Committee reviewed the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 budgets. There was a 1.9 million dollar deficit in 2011-12 which includes \$800,000 in life safety work. The deficit for 2012-13 will be approximately 1.9 million dollars with \$600,000 in life safety work. The Committee discussed ways to trim the budget.
2. Mrs. Wheeler reported on the SCOPE meeting held on September 24, 2012. She indicated that the legislature will be lame ducks until after the November election. She also reported that SCOPE discussed supporting the proposal on funding for charter schools.

D. Board Member Comments

None

VI. READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

There was one FOIA request requesting the District's check register from June 1 to September 30, 2012. The request has been responded to.

VII. RECOMMENDED ACTION

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| A1. Gina Vanderbok was hired as a playground/lunchroom supervisor for Brookwood Middle School effective October 16, 2012 at an hourly rate of \$12.27 per the 2012-2013 USA Agreement. Taylor/Brunson | G. Vanderbok
Hired
Approved
6-1 |
| A2. The retirement of Chris Burns, teacher, was accepted effective the end of the 2012-13 school year. The retirement of Jacqueline Jones, teacher, was accepted effective the end of the 2014-2015 school year. The retirement of Linda Tatum, teacher, was accepted effective the end of the 2012-2013 school year. The retirement of Peg Tessling, teacher, was accepted the end of the 2014-2015 school year. The resignation of Cynthia Myles, speech pathologist, as accepted effective October 5, 2012. Heidi Schiemann was hired as a 6 th grade teacher for Brookwood Middle school effective October 16, 2012 at a salary of MA, Step Q, \$55,470 prorated. Taylor/Brunson | C. Burns,
J. Jones,
L. Tatum,
P. Tessling
Retirement;
C. Myles
Resignation;
H. Schiemann
Hired
Approved
7-0 |

- A3. Sonya Allen was hired as a contractual speech assistant at \$45 per hour for 60 school days effective October 16, 2012.
Brunson/Taylor
- S. Allen
Hired
Approved
7-0
- B. The Language Arts Curriculum was approved.
Brunson/Taylor
- Language Arts
Curriculum
Approved
6-0
1 Abstain
- C. The Math Curriculum was approved.
Wheeler/Brunson
- Math Curriculum
Approved
6-0
1 Abstain
- D. The Board approved the installation of a wrought iron fence around the playground at Longwood School by Mr. Fence Co, Inc. not to exceed \$11,600.
Taylor/Brunson
- Fence for
Longwood
Playground
Approved
4-3
- Comment: Mr. Dixon asked how a fence will prevent what happened from happening again. He also feels that a fence will close off the open field to the public. Dr. Hollich responded that the fence is going around just the playground area, not the entire green space. The fence will have a child-proof lock which will slow down younger students from leaving the playground area.
- E. The Board approved the purchase of new wall pads for the Hickory Bend gymnasium from Hufcor Chicago Inc. not to exceed \$3,700. Dixon/Brunson
- Purchase of Wall
Pads for Hickory
Bend
Approved
7-0
- Comment: Mrs. Wheeler asked if the wall pads will be fire rated. Dr. Hollich indicated that they would. She also stated that the current wall pads are not high enough. Mrs. Pettis asked about the shipping costs. The company is going to deliver the wall pads to the school.
- F. The Board approved the 2012-2013 Application for Recognition of Schools. Dixon/Taylor
- 2012-2013
Application for
Recognition of
Schools
Approved
7-0

G. The Board approved the disposal of obsolete equipment.
Taylor/Dixon

Disposal of
Obsolete
Equipment
Approved
7-0

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, October 16, 2012 -- Bilingual Parents Education Meeting,
Longwood, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, October 19, 2012 -- Half-Day School Improvement, 11:30 a.m.
Dismissal

Tuesday, October 23, 2012 -- Longwood Family Math Night

Wednesday, October 24, 2012 -- Hickory Bend/Longwood 4th Grade
Concert, 1:30 & 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 25, 2012 -- Middle School Fright Night, 6:00-7:30 pm

Friday, October 26, 2012 -- End of Quarter One, 2:00 p.m. Dismissal

Monday, November 5, 2012 -- Parent Teacher Conference, Noon-
8:00 p.m./No School
Report Cards Issued

Tuesday, November 6, 2012 -- Election Day/Teacher Institute, 8:00 a.m.-
1:00 p.m./No School

Thursday, November 8, 2012 -- Hickory Bend & Longwood 3rd Grade
Concert, 1:30 & 7:00 p.m.

Monday, November 12, 2012 -- November Board of Education Meeting

IX. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
Taylor/Brunson

Meeting
Adjourned
All AYE

Deborah M. Young
Recording Clerk

Secretary

President

Present: R. Patterson, O. Nowels, S. Bragg, B. Lindsay, S. Price, P. Czaphowicz, S. Jackson,
T. Mapp, M. Myers, M. Myers, S. Duffy, A. Wilson, and T. Paxton.

BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167

Superintendent's Report

October, 2012

1. Dr. Hollich gave a brief enrollment report indicating that enrollment is up over last year with approximately 27 more students.
2. Dr. Hollich reported on a symposium that she and the Technology Director attended last Friday regarding a 1 to 1 laptop program. She will copy and share the information with the Board. Pearson has an on-line digital curriculum already in place.
3. Dr. Hollich reported that she received a letter from the Illinois State Board of Education that the district's bilingual sub-group made AYP.
4. The Superintendent called the Board's attention to the preliminary floor plan for a new Brookwood Middle School prepared by Mario Planera, architect.
5. The Superintendent called the Board's attention to information in their packet from John Izzo regarding the current law and limitations on bonds and the waiver. Mr. Dixon asked if the debt limit extension will increase our cost to borrow money. Dr. Hollich responded no.