

**BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167  
REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 12, 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, 7 Present  
L. Wheeler, S. Brunson, C. Pettis, M. Plott, D. Birmingham, and A. Taylor 0 Absent

**II. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

Trina Barton thanked the Board and everyone who helped with the referendum.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The October 15, 2012 regular meeting minutes and were approved. Regular Meeting Minutes  
Dixon/Taylor Approved  
7-0

The October 29, 2012 special meeting minutes were approved. Special Meeting Minutes  
Taylor/Brunson Approved  
6-0  
1 Abstain

**IV. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL**

Bills totaling \$533,399.13, the October actual payroll of \$608,310.94 Bills/Payroll  
and the November payroll as per agreements were approved. Approved  
Birmingham/Taylor 7-0

Comments: Mrs. Wheeler noted that the dates of the transactions are not listed on the bills and payroll report. Mrs. Wheeler asked for clarification on vouchers 1075, 1085, 1097. Mr. Dixon noted that the 1097 voucher date was November 12, 2012 and asked if the checks have already been mailed. Dr. Hollich responded that the checks are ready and will be mailed on November 13, 2012 after the Board approves them.

**V. REPORTS**

A. Superintendent's Report--See attached.

B. President's Report

1. Mrs. Plott thanked Mrs. Bragg for her presentation on the ISAT scores.
2. Mrs. Plott reported that 68% of the voters voted in favor of the referendum. She thanked

everyone who helped and noted it was a great achievement.

**C. Committee Reports**

1. Mr. Dixon reported on the SPEED meeting. He indicated that SPEED purchased a building in Chicago Heights which will be used to transition students and teach life skills. He also reported that 52% of special education students spend 80% of their day in a regular education classroom.
2. Mrs. Wheeler reported on the SCOPE meeting held on October 22, 2012:
  - The constitutional amendment regarding the pension failed.
  - The state has created a commission to study the compulsory age for high school graduation.
  - Mr. Izzo explained the proposed bill regarding debt limitation.

**D. Board Member Comments**

1. Mrs. Wheeler asked when the Parent Advisory Council meetings will begin or will there be a parent education group similar to the bilingual group. Dr. Hollich responded that district-wide parent education meetings could be held. Dr. Hollich indicated that the Bilingual Parent Advisory Council is required by law because of the grant.
2. Mr. Dixon congratulated Trina Mays Barton and her committee on all their hard work with the referendum. He indicated that the Board appreciates all of their hard work and the Board will be fiscally responsible going through the building process.
3. Mrs. Plott indicated that it will be a tight schedule in the next 3 months getting ready for the building process.

Ms. Birmingham left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

**VI. READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

There was one FOIA request regarding AIA contracts. The FOIA request was dated 10-10-12 and it was for commercial purposes so a different timeline applies. The request has been responded to.

**VII. RECOMMENDED ACTION**

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| A1. Wendie Payne was hired as a Program Aide at Brookwood Junior High School effective November 13, 2012 at the paraprofessional salary per the 2012-2013 USA Agreement, prorated.<br>Taylor/Brunson | W. Payne<br>Hired<br>Approved<br>6-0                   |
| A2. Rochelle Jackson was hired as a School Psychologist effective November 13, 2012 at a salary of MA+30, Step C, \$40,976 prorated (134 days).<br>Taylor/Brunson                                    | R. Jackson<br>Hired<br>Approved<br>5-1                 |
| B. The proposed aggregate 2012 tax levy of \$7,003,400 for corporate and special purpose property taxes was approved.<br>Taylor/Brunson  | Proposed Aggregate<br>2012 Tax Levy<br>Approved<br>6-0 |

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- C. The Board approved the Illinois Association of School Boards to conduct a Superintendent search at a cost not to exceed \$12,000. Brunson/Taylor
- IASB for  
Superintendent Search  
Approved  
6-0

Comment: Mr. Dixon asked if there was an extra cost for the focus groups. Dr. Hollich responded that \$9,000 included focus groups but they would replace something else. The Board may choose from a list of activities to conduct the search. There was a discrepancy from what was stated at the Board meeting and the packet of information that was given to the Board.

- D. The Board approved proposal D for the band and choir trip at an estimated cost of \$74 per person with a \$370 cost to the district for five chaperones. Taylor/Dixon
- Band and Choir  
Trip  
Approved  
6-0

Comment: Mrs. Wheeler asked if Option D included the motorcoach. Mr. Meyer stated yes. He used the highest quote but all quotes were within \$50 of each other. Mrs. Pettis asked if it is possible that the bus cost might be lower. Mr. Meyer responded yes.

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Tuesday, November 20, 2012 --*Hickory Bend Fall Parties, 1:30-2:30 p.m.*
- Wednesday, November 21, 2012--*No School*
- Thursday, November 22, 2012--*Thanksgiving Day*
- Friday, November 23, 2012--*Thanksgiving Day Observance/No School*
- Thursday, November 29, 2012--*Hickory Bend Book Fair Family Night*
- Thursday, December 6, 2012--*Middle School Winter Concert, 1:30 & 6:30 p.m.*
- Monday, December 10, 2012--*December Board of Education Meeting*

**IX. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

Trina Barton announced that the PTA meeting is on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the BMS gym.

Mr. Malone congratulated the Board on a wonderful referendum. He stated that the building will be a great service to the community.

Ariel Fuller explained her organization, Dunamis Woman Empowerment Organization. She indicated she is partnering with the Village of Glenwood for an after-school program to be held from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at Forest Park in Glenwood. All girls ages 12-15 are invited to attend the community workshops.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.  
Wheeler/Taylor

Meeting  
Adjourned  
All AYE

Deborah M. Young  
Recording Clerk

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Secretary

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President

Present: R. Patterson, O. Nowels, S. Bragg, B. Lindsay, S. Price, P. Czaphowicz, S. Jackson,  
T. Mapp, B. Meyer, R. Moehlig, A. Armbrust, C. Malone, C. Durr, A. Fuller, R. Seals,  
and T. Barton.

## **BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167**

### **Superintendent's Report**

**November, 2012**

1. Mr. Ziegler explained that the tax levy will capture the full extension without exceeding last year's levy so a tax levy hearing is not needed.
2. Dr. Hollich thanked Trina Barton and the other committee members for their hard work on the referendum.
3. Dr. Hollich reported that she postponed the action item for carpeting at the Middle School since the referendum passed.
4. Dr. Hollich reported that the mats in the gym at Hickory Bend have been installed.
5. Dr. Hollich reported that the fence installation at Longwood has begun.
6. Dr. Hollich reported that the Technology Committee will meet tomorrow night.
7. Dr. Hollich reported that there is a half-day school improvement day on December 21, 2012 in each building and the Board of Education is welcome to attend.
8. Dr. Hollich reported that the Technology Committee is working on a proposal for a 1 to 1 laptop program.
9. Mrs. Bragg, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, presented the Illinois State Achievement Test (ISAT) results for the 2011-2012 school year.