

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
The Board of Education of the Brentwood School District

Open Session	Conference Center	7:00 p.m.	April 20, 2021
Kind of Meeting	Location	Time	Date

Members

<u>Present</u> Jamie Allen Theresa Kouo (incoming board member) Melissa Nehrt Chris Perkins Keith Rabenberg Lindsay Spencer Kerry Trostel Mark Womer	<u>Absent</u>
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Call to Order Board President, Ms. Lindsay Spencer, called the open session meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Ms. Spencer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Awards and Recognition Dr. Brian Lane, Superintendent, and Board members honored Mr. Mark Womer, who is retiring from the Board.

Dr. Lane recognized Mr. Womer for volunteer work on Prop B and Board leadership with Prop E. Mr. Womer has been instrumental in transforming the district. He is focused on fiscal accountability and served on the Finance and Facilities Committee. Mr. Womer has a number of educational interests and has been a great resource. He has encouraged Dr. Lane and Board members to strive to be the best.

Mr. Womer thanked Dr. Lane and Board members. He said the Board and BSD are amazing.

Ms. Kerry Trostel said she first met Mr. Womer while working on Prop K. She values his financial expertise related to Board matters.

Ms. Spencer said Mr. Womer encouraged her to be on the Board. She said his fiscal expertise and responsibility has been valuable.

Mr. Jamie Allen said Mr. Womer's engagement as a volunteer and as a Board member has been invaluable.

Mr. Keith Rabenberg and Ms. Melissa Nehrt echoed the comments and thanked Mr. Womer for his service.

Communications

Ms. Spencer asked if there were any citizens' comments.

An email was read from Ms. Laura Challen, McGrath parent, in support of the Lucy Calkins Literacy Program.

Roll Call

Brentwood School District Board members were present or absent as stated above.

Attendance

Also in attendance was Superintendent, Dr. Brian Lane.

ACTION 152
Board Reorganization

The motion was made by Ms. Nehrt and seconded by Mr. Rabenberg to accept Ms. Theresa Kouo and Mr. Jamie Allen as members of the Board of Education. The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

Oath of Office
Administered

Theresa Kouo and Jamie Allen, having been duly accepted as directors of the Brentwood Board of Education, were administered the oath of office by Ms. Nehrt. They signed said oaths, which will be made part of the official minutes of this meeting.

ACTION 153
Adjournment of Sitting
Board

Ms. Spencer called for the sitting Board to adjourn. The motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. Nehrt. The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

Call to Order of New
Board

Dr. Lane, acting as chairperson, called the new Board to order at 7:15 p.m.

ACTION 154
Ms. Spencer Elected
President

Dr. Lane asked for nominations for the office of President. The motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. Nehrt to nominate Lindsay Spencer. No other nominations were made. Ms. Spencer was elected President by acclamation.

ACTION 155
Ms. Trostel Elected
Vice-President

Dr. Lane asked for nominations for the office of Vice-President. The motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. Nehrt to nominate Kerry Trostel. No other nominations were made. Ms. Trostel was elected Vice-President by acclamation.

ACTION 156
Mr. Allen Elected
Treasurer

Dr. Lane asked for nominations for the office of Treasurer. The motion was made by Ms. Nehrt and seconded by Ms. Spencer to nominate Jamie Allen. No other nominations were made. Mr. Allen was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

ACTION 157
Ms. Nehrt Elected
Secretary

Dr. Lane asked for nominations for the office of Secretary. The motion was made by Ms. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Rabenberg to nominate Melissa Nehrt. No other nominations were made. Ms. Nehrt was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

ACTION 158
Select SSD Liaison

Ms. Spencer asked for nominations for SSD Liaison for FY 2021-2022. Ms. Nehrt volunteered to continue in the role. Board members accepted the offer from Melissa Nehrt to continue as SSD Liaison. No vote was held.

ACTION 159
Select MSBA Delegate

Ms. Spencer asked for nominations for MSBA delegate for FY2021-2022. Mr. Rabenberg volunteered to continue in the role. Board members accepted the offer from Keith Rabenberg to continue as MSBA Delegate. No vote was held.

ACTION 160
Select MSBA Alternate

Ms. Spencer asked for nominations for MSBA alternate for FY2021-2022. Mr. Allen volunteered to continue in the role. Board members accepted the offer from Jamie Allen to continue as MSBA Alternate. No vote was held.

ACTION 161
Approval of Consent
Agenda

The motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. Nehrt to approve the consent agenda as outlined. The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

Presentation
FY2021-2022 Budget

Dr. Lane said BSD prepared a preliminary budget for the Board to begin reviewing. The vote can take place within the next two months. Mr. Matt Norrid, Chief Financial Officer, presented the preliminary budget for FY2021-2022. The Finance and Facilities Committee has looked at facility rotation and five and ten-year budget projections. Assessed valuation is anticipated to be flat. Residential valuation has increased and commercial valuation is flat. Mr. Norrid anticipates an increase in protested taxes. The collection rate for assessed valuation is assumed to be 95%. The county is running behind in collections. It is anticipated to be May-June instead of December-January. The budget included a proposal for debt service for the McGrath and Mark Twain projects. State and Federal resources are expected to be flat.

Mr. Norrid said expenses include an NTB step increase for teacher and support staff salaries. BSD does not anticipate an increase to health insurance. There may be a minimal increase to the long-term disability plan. There may be some savings on life insurance premiums. Expenses include facilities rotation and technology refresh cycles. The majority of costs of the McGrath project are included. Transfers from the general fund to the teachers' fund are anticipated to be \$8.3 million.

Mr. Allen asked for confirmation of the review period. Dr. Lane said the Board can review the budget. Questions may be directed to the Central Office. The Board can vote at the May or June Board meeting.

Ms. Spencer asked about assessed valuation for commercial property. Mr. Norrid said the assessment amount would be flat. School district CFO's met with Mr. Jake Zimmerman, St. Louis County Assessor. Mr. Zimmerman anticipates an increase in

property tax protestations. County will try to resolve protestations early in the process to avoid delays in providing assessment totals to districts.

Presentation
ECC Goals and
Initiatives

Ms. Kristin Clemons, Director of Early Childhood Education, presented the ECC goals and initiatives.

Goal #1: Understanding of equity and inclusion. Increase opportunity for students living in poverty.

Goal #2: Increase enrollment. Started school year with 46 students and increased 35% to 62 students. Summer camp has 15 of 16 spots filled. Current enrollment for 2021-2022 is 73 students. ECC anticipates more families will enroll.

Initiative #1: Implement ADA (average daily attendance) preschool and reduced tuition program for 2021-2022. BSD would receive funding from the state that would provide for four 3 and 4-year-old students to attend preschool. One family enrolled via the ADA program and one family is accessing reduced tuition.

Initiative #2: Implement Brigance screening tool for academic, language, motor, social, emotional, and cognitive.

Ms. Clemons said the ECC stayed open; 170 PAT families are being served; home visits have taken place virtually and outside in-person; and screenings have taken place virtually and in-person through protective barriers.

Mr. Allen asked about capacity. Ms. Clemons said the capacity is 120 students. At present, not all of the ECC space is being used. Programs are formed around enrollment.

Ms. Trostel asked if more students could be accommodated in the new building. Dr. Lane said BSD will watch birth rates for enrollment trends. Will be able to use flexible space at McGrath if needed.

Mr. Allen asked what other programs would be available in addition to the ADA. Ms. Clemons said the sliding scale tuition program would be available if enrollment numbers were not filled.

Mr. Allen asked how BSD would find families who would benefit from these programs. Ms. Clemons said families may be identified through Parents as Teachers. ADA and sliding scale programs would be available to in-district students only.

Ms. Spencer asked if residential occupancy permits were a source for identifying potential students. Ms. Clemons said occupancy permits are one source that Parents as Teachers uses.

Ms. Nehrt asked that BSD be sure to include the ADA and sliding scale tuition information with Parents as Teachers materials, in the enrollment packets, and on the website.

Mr. Chris Perkins asked how many early childhood age students live in the district. Ms. Clemens said she would check.

Ms. Trostel asked how BSD could include Brentwood VICC families with opportunities to participate in the ECC program, and continue into K-12. Dr. Lane will ask Dr. Tripamer to speak with Dr. Glaser, Chief Executive Officer at VICC.

Update
ELA K-12 Curriculum

Dr. Lane said the Board will be asked to approve the ELA K-12 curriculum at the meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. Questions may be directed to the Central Office. The ELA materials are available for viewing at the Central Office.

ACTION 162
Approval of
NTB Addendum

Ms. Vicki Rees, Instructional Improvement Coordinator, requested Board approval of the NTB Addendum, which was approved by the NTB committee. The motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. Nehrt to approve the NTB Addendum dated April 5, 2021. The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

Update
Re-Entry

Dr. Lane said eleven students are quarantined, two of whom tested positive. Surveyed staff about ability to access vaccines. Parents were asked to select the learning choices for their students for FY2021-2022. Less than 30 chose the virtual option. BHS prom will be held on Friday, 4/23/21. Event will be held in a ballroom with a capacity of 1,000. Sixty-two people plan to attend. There will be a sit-down dinner and a talent show. Graduation will be live streamed. Each student is allowed to have six guests, who will sit in pods on the football field. A lottery will be held to allow fairness in pod selection. BMS and the elementary schools will be holding field day events.

SSD Liaison Report

Ms. Nehrt had no report.

MSBA Delegate Report

Mr. Keith Rabenberg said the Legislature has been busy with a number of bills related to K-12 education. The end of the current session will be in May.

Update
Board Committees

Ms. Spencer said the Finance and Facilities committee would be meeting.

Ms. Nehrt and Mr. Rabenberg invited Ms. Kouo to join the Curriculum committee.

Ms. Trostel said the Communications committee would be scheduling a meeting for a Wednesday in May.

Update
MSBA Board Member
Training

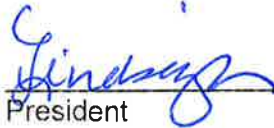
MSBA required newly elected board members to complete 18.5 hours of training. BSD will provide the MSBA training schedule and will register board members.

Upcoming Events

- Missouri Ethics Commission Annual Filings for 2020 due by Saturday, May 1, 2021.
- Board Policy Meeting, Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- Board Business Meeting, Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- Board Policy Meeting, Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- Board Business Meeting, Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- MSBA Igniting Great Ideas Summit and Delegate Assembly, Friday, June 18 – Saturday, June 19 in Springfield.

ACTION 163
Adjournment 8:05 p.m.

The motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. Nehrt to adjourn and reconvene in closed session. The motion passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.



President



Secretary