

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

Open Session	ECC Multipurpose Room	7:00 p.m.	April 6, 2021
Kind of Meeting	Location	Time	Date

Members

<u>Present</u> Jamie Allen 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.
- Moment of Silence The Board held a moment of silence in recognition of a 2019 BHS graduate and a current parent, each of whom recently passed away.
- Roll Call Brentwood School District Board members were present or absent as stated above.
- Attendance Also in attendance was Superintendent, Dr. Brian Lane.
- Presentation
 ELA Curriculum Dr. Lane said the ELA Curriculum research and presentation development has been a group effort. Ms. Vicki Rees, Instructional Improvement Coordinator, and Ms. Kelsey Grammer, Literacy Support Specialist presented the curriculum. Ms. Rees introduced team members:
 Ms. Gail Macer, K-5 Curriculum Facilitator
 Ms. Kathy Molina, K-5 Curriculum Facilitator
 Ms. Kellie Smoller, 6-12 Curriculum Facilitator
 Dr. Cindy Neu, Principal, McGrath Elementary
 Dr. Alex Tripamer, Director of Instruction and Student Support
- Materials were available for review at the meeting and will be on display at the Central Office.

Mr. Allen asked for more information on the K-5 demographics for Tiers 1-3.

Ms. Trostel asked if BSD was still using Lucy Calkins. Ms. Grammer and Dr. Lane said yes. Ms. Grammer said Lucy Calkins also works at the Teachers College.

Ms. Trostel asked about a user friendly and teachable virtual program for high school students whose scores dropped during virtual learning. Ms. Rees said BSD is looking at having more on-line books available.

Ms. Spencer asked if Tier 2 services were provided in class or if students were pulled out. Ms. Grammer said both pull-out and push-in methods are employed at the elementary level. Ms. Rees said that at the secondary level, Tier 2 services are provided in one course.

Ms. Trostel asked how the new programs will address dyslexia. Ms. Rees said they have looked at the components to evaluate if the materials address needs. Dr. Lane said BSD saw components lacking in the core and addressed them.

Ms. Allen said screening is key. He asked if any of the materials target screening. Ms. Molina said BSD does not diagnose dyslexia. Screening looks to see if there are risk indicators. If identified, students will give more phonics and phonemics interventions. Want to prevent further deficiencies. BSD selected programs that would be approved by the Dyslexia Association.

Mr. Allen asked about screening in general. Ms. Rees said screening is done two to three times per year. Dr. Tripamer said data walls are also used for training. Ms. Rees will share data and data wall samples.

Ms. Nehrt asked if students are using multiples in lower grades. Ms. Molina said they are used in first grade only. Ms. Molina said BSD is not a reading recovery district at this time, but she and Ms. Stephanie Wyatt are trained in reading recovery and employ the process. Reading program is for first grade only. BSD has a small group of students participating and the program has been highly effective. The system may change. BSD methods are 12-20 weeks for 30 minutes per day. BSD has training and use methods.

Mr. Allen asked how the team views success. Ms. Molina said the data walls keep track of actual progress. PLCs are key. Teachers need data for every single student so adjustments can be made as needed.

Mr. Womer liked the tie in to the vision, mission, and individual support. He asked how BSD would become a regional leader. Ms. Grammer said BSD is in the top five districts in St. Louis County for grades 3-5. Dr. Lane said the data supports these findings. The upper tiers offer more depth and breadth of interventions. The district is a regional leader.

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Adjournment 8:19 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

