

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

Open Session	Conference Center	7:00 p.m.	July 21, 2020
Kind of Meeting	Location	Time	Date

Members

<u>Present</u> Jamie Allen Chris Perkins Keith Rabenberg Lindsay Spencer Kerry Trostel Mark Womer <u>Present via Telephone</u> Melissa Nehrt	<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.
- Communications Ms. Spencer asked if there were any citizens' comments.
- Ms. Zoe Krause read a letter in favor of holding an in-person graduation ceremony on July 31. The letter was signed by Ms. Krause and 13 other BHS Class of 2020 graduates.
- Ms. Ana Gonzales, parent of BHS Class of 2020 graduate, Sofia Flores, spoke in favor of holding an in-person graduation ceremony on July 31. She asked that the district work out a way to have the event.
- Mr. Ilya Buldyrev, parent of a BMS student, would like for BSD to clarify the decision-making process regarding school re-entry plans. He would like to know what criteria will be considered when deciding whether the schools can be safely re-opened and when schools should shut down.

In addition to the public comments, five emails received in advance of the meeting were read:

Ms. Anijah Barringer, BHS Class of 2020 graduate, wrote in favor of holding an in-person graduation ceremony on July 31.

Ms. Anne Wagner, BHS Class of 2020 graduate, wrote in favor of holding an in-person graduation ceremony on July 31.

Ms. Storm Baricko, BHS Class of 2020 graduate, wrote in favor of holding an in-person graduation ceremony on July 31.

Mr. Gabe Singer, parent of McGrath and BMS students, wrote to ask that students and staff to wear face masks *in addition to* practicing social distancing.

Ms. Lulu Martin, BHS Class of 2020 graduate, wrote in favor of holding an in-person graduation ceremony on July 31.

Roll Call

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

Attendance

Also in attendance was Superintendent, Dr. Brian Lane.

ACTION 1
Approval of Consent
Agenda

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

Update
COVID 19

Dr. Lane said the county superintendents are scheduled to announce re-entry plans on July 20, 2020. Families and staff will be asked to read Brentwood's plan and then take a survey. COVID19 cases are increasing and plans will continue to change. BSD conducted an initial survey. Communications will be coming from BSD, along with details from building levels.

Dr. Lane is also participating in small district superintendents' meetings. Looking at on-site or virtual choices. All districts were moving toward having virtual graduations. More information will be available later this week. Dr. Lane expects that the St. Louis County Health Department will send an order restricting large gatherings, since COVID19 cases are trending in the wrong direction.

Dr. Lane will be meeting with staff this week about re-entry. He is meeting with county superintendents on Wednesday. They will discuss which metrics to use to have no classes on-site. They are also looking at what other states are doing.

Mr. Womer asked when information on specific building plans would be available. Dr. Lane said BSD will not be doing temperature checks of people entering school buildings. It would be part of a self-screening process.

Ms. Trostel asked if BSD had a specific date to decide on whether to switch to all virtual classes. Dr. Lane said a date had not yet been set. If BSD has to shift to all virtual classes, a couple of weeks will be needed to make the switch.

Ms. Trostel asked if BSD set a date for teachers to say if they plan to return. Dr. Lane said teachers would have to go through Human Resources.

Mr. Womer asked what would happen if there are on-site classes and BSD has active cases of COVID19. Dr. Lane said the districts are looking at standards metrics and asking for community input.

Mr. Allen would like to put in some certainty and reduce uncertainty by having clear metrics. He is concerned about circulation plans at BMS/BHS during construction. He asked how it would compare to the ECC and elementary school circulation plans. The FAQ sections need to be timely, updated on a daily basis.

Ms. Nehrt said metrics are needed, even if they are more conservative. Employee FAQ should address virtual learning, full-time, and EPED. She asked about benefits for full-time virtual students. Dr. Lane said that 40% of students and families may consider switching to full-time virtual. BSD may re-allocate or do EPED, depending on needs. Would want more than 1 ½ hours in the afternoon. Also, look at Launch for the elementary grade levels.

Ms. Spencer asked about ECC enrollment. Dr. Lane said there has been no major shift in the enrollment numbers.

Mr. Womer asked about the ability of students to switch from on-site to virtual during the semester, perhaps going through Launch. Dr. Lane said students would keep their selection for the semester. Launch has different sign-up periods, completion dates, etc. Students could make a switch at the semester.

Mr. Allen asked about virtual learning for the first semester. Dr. Lane said it would be easier to close schools than to open them. There may be struggles to keep students engaged, parents may have multiple commitments, and there may be limited connectivity and access to technology. Mr. Allen said the district's mission, vision, and values are that BSD sees each student. BSD should accommodate all students.

Ms. Spencer said she agrees with Mr. Allen. BSD needs to reach at-risk students and those who need extra help. If virtual learning works, district should use it and keep facilities open for at-risk students.

Mr. Womer would like to look at all options including a hybrid version.

Update
Communications

Mr. Sam Rayburn, Director of Communications, said BSD is looking at live results on the Re-Entry Plan FAQ section on the website and sharing with the Administrative team. Section would be updated daily. Reach out will occur multiple times. Also looking at building specific plans. Will start with overview, then work to specifics.

District will conduct multiple surveys. Rollover of data for 2020-2021 to update new contacts. This is a good time to activate. Parents can complete fall choices on-line. He spoke about records for building check-ins.

BSD will be ordering equipment to livestream in person events. It should arrive in the next month or so. In the meantime, Mr. Rayburn will record and upload meetings.

Ms. Trostel said additional information should be provided so parents can make decisions. She asked if the program selection due date could be changed to something after 8/3/20. She said families will want to know what the schools will look like in order to help to make decisions.

Mr. Womer asked if BSD is tracking the self-screens. Families should self-screen as well.

Mr. Allen asked if teachers have taken a position. Dr. Lane said the BSD teachers' union has not presented a point of view.

Update
BHS/BMS Campus
Additions and
Renovations

Mr. David Gill and Mr. Andrew Hartnett, Director of Facilities, presented a monthly progress report.

In Progress and Completed: In Building A the contractor is working on completing finishes in all classrooms by 8/12/20. Auditorium seating is scheduled to arrive at the end of July. Once it is installed, the new carpet and stage curtains will be installed.

Overall completion of the new building is scheduled for 9/30/20. In Building B most classrooms will be ready. Business and Arts classrooms may be delayed a couple of weeks. Two rooms have moisture problems.

Mr. Allen asked about the status of furnishings. Mr. Hartnett said most of the order is ready.

Mr. Allen asked how the building would be accessed if the new administrative offices are not ready. Mr. Hartnett said the old BMS entrance would be used, along with the office in the existing space. The BHS office will be in the lecture hall off of the north entrance. Mr. Hartnett said the Dr. Johnson and Dr. Ayotte are working on entrance and exit plans. Ideas include staggering arrival and departure times or using alternative entrances. Plans may include traveling outside to get to classes.

Ms. Trostel asked if Board members could walk through the building this week.

Mr. Allen asked if the Board has to approve the plan. Dr. Lane said it would typically not include a vote. The Superintendent would make a recommendation. If the Board presents a plan to the Superintendent, the situation may be different. Dr. Lane is looking for feedback.

Mr. Womer wants to understand the circulation and be able to respond to questions. He asked if one of the principals, Mr. Hartnett, or Mr. Gill would be able to conduct a tour this week in Dr. Lane's absence.

Ms. Spencer asked how soon after the 9/30/20 completion date the new building space would be available for use and when will the library be set up and ready? Mr. Gill said the new space can be used upon completion, but the new entry will not be finished until 11/19/20. It will take 3-4 weeks to set up the library, then work will start on the small gym with completion scheduled for 11/19/20.

Mr. Allen would like clarification of "usable" vs. "finished."

Ms. Trostel asked if the Board could tour the facilities on 7/23/20 or 7/24/20. Ms. Spencer asked Mr. Hartnett to provide some times. Dr. Johnson, Dr. Loiterstein, and Mr. Gill are also invited.

Contract Amount: Original contract amount: \$18,496,000.00.
Contract amount to date: \$18,886,620.59. Completed to date \$11,856,517.10.

Schedule: BMS and North building will be ready for the start of school on 8/24/20. Existing BHS will be complete with the exception of the new administrative offices and the small gym. All work is scheduled to be complete by 11/19/20.

Update
BHS Football Field

Mr. Hartnett provided an update on re-crowning the football field. Vendors estimated it would be 3-5 years before re-crowning is actually needed. Facilities and Maintenance fixed the irrigation issues, took care of seeding, etc. He said the unused funds could be used for gutters, fascia boards, and other items at BMS/BHS. Another option would be to re-crown the field in May or June 2021 using Bermuda grass.

Mr. Allen would like to know more about the process. \$48,000 was approved for the re-crowning. He asked Mr. Hartnett for a five-year plan. He would like to make a motion not to proceed if the project is not moving forward.

Ms. Trostel asked where the chickens are going to live. Mr. Hartnett said the chickens will be relocated to the BMS breezeway. The area will be easier to properly maintain. The area will be fenced off to protect the chickens from people and predators.

ACTION 2
Approval of
Multi-Site Telephone
System On-PREM Bid

Dr. Lane reviewed the multi-site telephone system bids. Toshiba phones are no longer available. Brentwood issued a request for proposal for an on-premises system and for a cloud-based system. Decision was made to go with the on-premises system as it is much less expensive than the cloud-based system. Seven companies submitted bids. CTI was the low bidder at \$82,136.70 overall cost and \$686.85 MCR notes. CTI is a current provider to BSD and provides good customer service.

Mr. Womer asked how many lines will be provided. Dr. Lane will find out.

Mr. Allen asked if the telephone system project was in the budget. Dr. Lane said yes.

Mr. Womer asked if other ideas were considered, such as switching to all cell phones. Dr. Lane said that there are phones in every room, as well as dedicated lines for specific needs, for which other types of telecommunications equipment would be needed.

The motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. Nehrt to approve the CTI bid for the multi-site telephone system on-PREM bid submitted by CTI. The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

SSD Liaison Report Ms. Nehrt had no report.

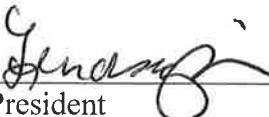
MSBA Delegate Report Mr. Rabenberg had no report.

Upcoming Events

- BHS Graduation, Friday, July 31, 2020. Details pending.
- Board Policy Meeting, Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
- New Teacher Orientation, Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.
- Board Business Meeting, Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
- Board Retreat, Friday, August 21, 2020
- First Day of School, Monday, August 24, 2020
- Board Policy Meeting, Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
- Last Day to Cancel MSBA Conference Registrations, Friday, September 4, 2020
- Board Business Meeting, Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
- MSBA Conference, Thursday, September 24 – Sunday, September 27 in Kansas City

ACTION 3
Adjournment 8:40 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

