

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education of the Brentwood School District
In a Joint Meeting with the Brentwood Library Board of Trustees

Open Session Conference Center 7:00 p.m. February 7, 2017
Joint Meeting

Kind of Meeting Location Time Date

Members

Present

Dan Brouillet
Joe Hembree
Melissa Nehrt
Keith Rabenberg
Kerry Trostel
Johanna Winfield
Mark Womer

Absent

Call to Order Board President, Keith Rabenberg, called the open session joint meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Attendance Also in attendance was Superintendent David Faulkner

Introduction of Participants Participants Brentwood Public Library
Carolyn Beimdiek, Board Member
Lynne DeVaughan, Treasurer
Cindy Manestar, Board Member
Jeanette Oesterly, President
Jackie Radovich, Secretary
David Ressner, Vice President
Gary Truman, Board Member
Vicki Woods, Library Director

Brentwood Library Board Member Chris Herrington was absent.

Participants from the City of Brentwood
Kathy O'Neill, Board of Aldermen Liaison to the Library Board

Dialogue
Possible Joint Use of
Library and School District
Facilities Pursuant to
Missouri Statute 182.301

David Faulkner and Vicki Woods lead a dialogue on possible joint use of library and school district facilities. Mr. Faulkner reported that the City, Library, and School District are separate governmental entities. Missouri Statutes allow the entities to work together.

The school district held a series of public facilities planning workshops in Fall 2016. During one of the workshops, Ms. Woods brought up the idea of a possible partnership.

Dialogue
Public Library Facilities

Ms. Woods said that libraries are changing and are on the cutting edge of new trends. Physical space needs are different as libraries now offer many services in addition to loaning books. Brentwood Public Library would like to have an 18,000 s.f. facility.

Interests include:

- Focus on intergenerational learning.
- Flexible interior and exterior spaces.
- Less duplication of services.
- Making good use of resources.
- Increased use of space and equipment.
- Integrate the arts
- Expose as many children as possible to library resources (“customers of the future”).

Dialogue
Challenges

Mr. Faulkner and Ms. Woods said each school would continue to have and maintain its own library, as would the Brentwood Public Library. Flexible gathering and activity spaces would be shared.

The Library presented potential challenges:

- Merging purposes and missions of the public library and school library
- Space for increased pre-school programs and activities.
- Sharing of staff – perhaps Teacher Assistants could work half days at school and half days as Library Assistants.
- Space for daytime guests as well as after school programs.
- Procedures and restricted access points for school and library security.
- Changes are not expected to save money but will bring the community together in larger, usable space.

Dialogue
Potential Community
Concerns

Board members said community members might raise the following concerns:

- Not interested in proposed changes. Like everything the way it is.
- May not see the project benefit if it means a bond issue or tax increase.
- Noise levels; various age group activities and usage.
- Possible delay to work on school facilities
- Brentwood Boulevard divide

Dialogue
Financing

Ms. Woods said the Library is a taxing authority. According to the strategic plan completed in 2016, residents would like the Library to be a comfortable community gathering space. The Library had a tax increase in 2012 and some financial resources are available.

Mr. Faulkner said that the school district would like to have a facilities plan in place before the end of 2017 so that it may go before the voters in 2018. Elections occur in April, August, and November. Options may include building, purchasing, or leasing facilities.

Dialogue
Next Steps

The Library Board asked if incoming School Superintendent, Dr. Brian Lane, would be committed to possible joint use. The School Board confirmed Dr. Lane's commitment. The School and Library Boards will meet separately and confirm their intent to move forward with the possible joint use of facilities. Mr. Rabenberg proposed the establishment of a steering committee to further research facilities, programs, financing, staffing, and ownership.

The steering committee should be comprised of less than a quorum of Board members plus staff and community members. Ms. DeVaughan proposed that the committee include three members from each Board. John Stewart, Brentwood School District Chief Financial Officer and Dr. Lane will participate as will Gina, Head Librarian at the Brentwood Library.

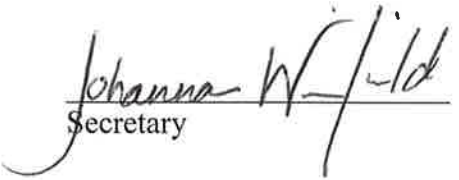
Ms. Woods would like to hire a moderator to steer the committee and keep the process moving forward. The two boards will share the cost of the moderator's fees.

ACTION 109
Adjournment 7:58 p.m.

The motion was made by Mark Womer and seconded by Dan Brouillet to adjourn and reconvene in closed session. The motion passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.



President



Secretary

