

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

Open Session	Conference Center	7:00 p.m.	December 20, 2022
Kind of Meeting	Location	Time	Date

Members

<u>Present</u> Jamie Allen Ryan Flynn Mr. Chris Perkins Keith Rabenberg Mr. Keith Slusser Kerry Trostel <u>Present via Telephone</u> Lindsay Spencer	<u>Absent</u>
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Call to Order Board Treasurer, Jamie Allen, called the open session meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Awards and Recognition Ms. Carolyn Eastabrook, Principal, and Mr. Chris Perkins recognized two Mark Twain Elementary students:

- Louis Nestojko for hard work in learning and relationship building
- Oliver Sellers for receiving the Artsonia art award

Dr. Cindy Neu, Principal, and Mr. Keith Slusser recognized three McGrath Elementary students:

- Vera Mathis for kindness and assistance
- Jenna Missey for hard work, welcoming attitude, and service as a role model
- Hasan Yildirim for living the McGrath mission

Dr. Andrew Loiterstein, Principal, and Ms. Kerry Trostel recognized five Brentwood Middle School Students for outstanding student leadership on the NJHS executive board:

- Atticus Aarbetter
- Josie Davis
- Geniyah Johnson
- Anna Schuler
- Eva Vandenbroucke

Dr. Ed Johnson, Principal at Brentwood High School, and Mr. Ryan Flynn recognized five students for outstanding student leadership:

- Eloise Ayotte, Student Council
- Jazelyn Herrera, Student Council
- Joshua Kelley, Student Council
- Anna Jones, participation in the Fred Saigh Leadership Academy
- Sophia Lee, participation in the Fred Saigh Leadership Academy

The Brentwood Early Childhood Center highlighted recent class projects, activities, and community service in a video entitled "BECC Fun."

Dr. Travena Hostetler, Director of Special Education, Dr. Loiterstein, and Dr. Johnson recognized five students for leadership in the establishment and development of the Brentwood Baristas program:

- Maxim Bakai
- Katie Mackie
- Taylor Pennington
- Isabel Soriano
- Christin Turntine

Dr. Hostetler recognized Tyler Zimmer and Ellen Clegg of Kaldi's Coffee Company for donating coffee, tea, and serving supplies for the program. She thanked Mr. Zimmer and Ms. Clegg for their ongoing support. Dr. Hostetler also thanked Mary Beth Glasgow, Sydney Pogue, and Erin Wallace for assisting the Baristas and Tony Dobson for preparing the video presentation.

Communications

Mr. Allen asked if there were any citizens' comments. There was no reply.

Roll Call

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

Attendance

Also in attendance was Superintendent, Dr. Brian Lane.

ACTION 72
Approval of Consent
Agenda

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

ACTION 73
Approval of the
Auditors' Report

Mr. Desi Kirchhofer, with Daniel Jones & Associates, presented the auditors' report for the year ending June 30, 2022 via conference call. BSD complies with state requirements and budgetary matters. No deficiencies were identified. Daniel Jones & Associates issued an unmodified, clean audit.

The motion was made by Mr. Slusser and seconded by Ms. Trostel to approve the auditors' report.

Mr. Slusser said he reviewed the report and was in contact with Mr. Matt Norrid, Chief Financial Officer, regarding proposed changes that were addressed in the final report.

The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

ACTION 74
Approval of General
Insurance Coverage

Mr. Norrid presented the general insurance policy coverage for the coming year. BSD is part of a cooperative purchasing organization. The cost for the policy is \$209,853, which is 4% higher than last year's policy. The rate is higher due to increased payroll and assessed valuation. BSD was able to maintain workers' compensation policy costs with a 0.81 rate. The district also receives a 10% discount through M.U.S.I.C.

The motion was made by Mr. Slusser and seconded by Mr. Flynn to approve the general insurance policy for 2023.

Mr. Slusser asked how the new McGrath Elementary is insured. Mr. Norrid said coverage is in place for the construction phase. The coverage rate will increase once the facility is occupied by students. It will decrease when the old McGrath Elementary is demolished.

Ms. Trostel asked how Mark Twain will be insured during the renovation. Mr. Norrid said coverage will be in place for the construction phase. It will increase once renovation is complete and the facility is occupied by students.

Ms. Trostel asked about coverage for 1201 Hanley Industrial Court. Mr. Norrid said that per the terms of the rental agreement with Hoffmann Brothers, BSD still maintains full insurance coverage.

The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

Update
Assessments

Dr. Alex Tripamer, Assistant Superintendent, presented results for MAP, ACT, and NWEA assessments.

MAP assessed ELA and math for grades 3-8 and science for grades 5-8. BSD received the results in early Fall and shared them with each school.

Dr. Lane said Dr. Tripamer has to pull MAP scores individually. St. Louis County usually has a high number.

Mr. Slusser asked if third grade in the summer is current fourth grade. He would like to look at results by cohorts instead of grade level. Dr. Lane said growth will be released by DESE in the Spring. Dr. Tripamer will provide a cohort analysis. APR information will be provided later this school year. Missouri is moving toward MSIP6 growth.

Mr. Allen asked about the proficiency levels as compared to St. Louis County ranking. Dr. Lane said the information is a system check that provides context. BSD focuses on individual students and growth targets.

Mr. Flynn asked about St. Louis County district rankings. Dr. Tripamer said he would have to pull the information.

Ms. Trostel asked if the assessments could be shared at PTO meetings so that parents will have a better understanding. She would also like to have more information available for the secondary grade levels and at parent/teacher conferences.

MAP assessed EOC for English, Algebra, Biology, and Government.

Ms. Trostel asked what areas the district will be researching. Dr. Tripamer said teams are looking at DESE priority standards now to provide a road map for improvement. BSD has work to do with ethnicity sub-groups on ELA and math.

Mr. Keith Rabenberg asked if NWEA could provide data. Dr. Tripamer said yes.

Ms. Trostel asked if BSD is retaining students who need help. Dr. Tripamer said retention can hurt. BSD uses interventions and a multi-tiered system of supports. Dr. Lane said students in need of help are being identified and are receiving help.

Ms. Trostel asked if assessment scores were higher when the district had Teacher Assistants to help in the classrooms. Dr. Lane BSD is always looking at the cohorts. Dr. Lane and Dr. Tripamer said Teacher Assistants were helpful but they were not doing research and evidence-based interventions, goal setting, progress monitoring, and data tracking that the Interventionists are responsible for.

Mr. Flynn asked if BSD has enough interventionists. Dr. Tripamer said the numbers look good at the elementary level. Dr. Lane said students in interventions are missing out on core content.

Dr. Tripamer presented ACT stats for the BHS class of 2022. BSD's composite score was 21.5, ranking ninth in St. Louis County. Eight students received a score of 31 or higher, making them eligible for Bright Flight.

Mr. Allen asked what BSD is doing to improve ACT scores. Mr. Rabenberg asked if all students were required to take the ACT. Dr. Tripamer said all students are required to take a post-secondary college or career assessment. BHS counselors work with students to decide which assessments to take. Students may take more than one assessment. Ms. Trostel would like for all BSD students to take the ACT, as was the case from 2013-2016. Mr. Allen is concerned that the results do not reflect the district's goals.

Dr. Tripamer said BSD switched ACT tutoring companies. The district offers free ACT tutoring. Ms. Trostel said Springfield Launch has an ACT class. Mr. Rabenberg thinks these efforts are worthwhile. Higher ACT scores means more funding options would be available for college

NWEA assessed math and reading for graded K-10. Dr. Tripamer said BSD would be reviewing Fall to Winter assessment changes.

Dr. Lane said BSD received additional information yesterday which will need to be reviewed. Dr. Tripamer said the NWEA to MAP matching and aligned scores is 85.93%. NWEA is a good predictor of how well students will perform on the MAP tests. In addition, NWEA just purchased an EOC assessment vendor.

Dr. Lane said he is part of a superintendents group that has been asking the state to consider switching from MAP to NWEA.

Mr. Slusser asked if elementary testing should be administered the first week of the semesters or if it could be moved to the second week to allow students time to adjust. Ms. Trostel asked if the secondary testing schedule could be adjusted. She said that papers, tests, and finals are all due at the same time and a more balanced schedule might be beneficial for students. Dr. Tripamer will check into scheduling options.

ACTION 75
Approval of
New Course Proposals

Dr. Alex Tripamer said BHS has had the same business technology course for a number of years. The year long course focused on use of Microsoft Office. Ms. Christine Tilley, the new BHS Business Teacher, thinks that some of the practical applications are missing. She proposed dividing business technology into two courses. The first semester would be Introduction to Business. The second semester would be Introduction to Marketing. Each course would use some of the Microsoft Office tools. The courses would feed into the Catalyst program. Dr. Tripamer and Ms. Tilley think this might be a way to increase student participation and grow the program.

The motion was made by Mr. Slusser and seconded by Mr. Flynn to approve the new course proposals.

Ms. Trostel asked if this change would take away from the Personal Finance course. Dr. Tripamer said the Personal Finance course would still be offered.

Ms. Trostel asked if students might come up with a business in the new courses. Dr. Tripamer said Ms. Tilley had a number of ideas including a T-shirt business. Dr. Tripamer attended a Catalyst program meeting on banking where students were very involved. He thinks these proposed changes can generate more student interest and participation in the program.

Mr. Allen asked about the status of the Advanced Business Technology course. Dr. Tripamer will check with Dr. Melody Tamakloe, BHS Counselor, to see if students signed up for the course.

Mr. Flynn asked about other business courses. Dr. Tripamer said courses would be available through Launch and St. Louis Community College programs.

Ms. Trostel said Launch emails go to parents but not to students. This may result in missed opportunities for courses and tests. Dr. Tripamer will ask Shawn Parker, IT Manager, to check on the emailis.

The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

ACTION 76
Approval of
1 Policy Regulation
Update and 14 Policy
Updates

The motion was made by Mr. Keith Rabenberg and seconded by Mr. Flynn to approve one MSBA policy regulation update and 14 MSBA 2022B policy updates.

- KG-R1 - Community Use of District Facilities Rental Rates
- BDDF - Voting Method
- BDDL - Release of Information
- DB - Annual Budget
- DBB (rescind) - Fiscal Year
- DJF - Purchasing
- DJFA - Federal Programs and Projects
- GBLB - References
- IF - Curriculum Development
- IGAD - Occupational Education
- IGCE - Nontraditional Instruction Options
- JFGA - Interview with or Removal of Student
- JHC - Student Health Services and Requirements
- JHDF - Suicide Awareness and Prevention
- JHG - Reporting and Investigating Child Abuse and Neglect

The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

Update
MSBA Delegate Report

Mr. Rabenberg had no MSBA Delegate report.

Update
SSD Governing Council
Report

Mr. Flynn had no SSD Governing Council report.

Update
Board Committees

Mr. Allen said Finance and Facilities committee members will be conducting interviews on December 21, 2022 with the construction teams who bid on the Mark Twain Elementary School Renovations. Mr. Slusser met with city representatives for an update on the Green Street Development. He said the city plans to provide project numbers in January for committee members and Mr. Norrid to review.

Upcoming Events

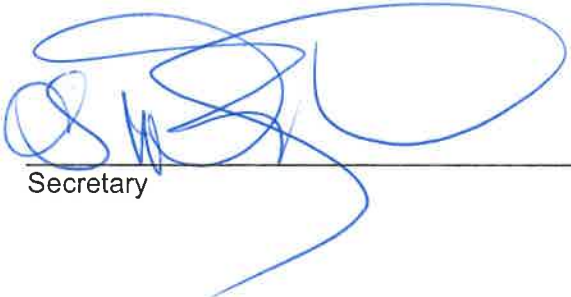
- School Board Candidate Filing Closes, Tuesday, 12/27 at 5:00 p.m.
- Board Policy Meeting, Tuesday, 1/3 at 7:00 p.m.
- Board Business Meeting, Tuesday 1/17 at 7:00 p.m.
- Board Policy Meeting, Tuesday 2/7 at 7:00 p.m.
- Board Business Meeting, Tuesday, 2/21 at 7:00 p.m.
- Senior Citizens' Brunch, Thursday, 3/30 at 9:00 a.m.

ACTION 77
Adjournment 8:50 p.m.

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



President



Secretary

