

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

Open Session	Conference Center	7:00 p.m.	September 26, 2023
Kind of Meeting	Location	Time	Date

Members

<u>Present</u> Jamie Allen Ryan Dodson Ryan Flynn Keith Rabenberg Keith Slusser Lindsay Spencer Kerry Trostel	<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.

TAX RATE HEARING
7:00 p.m.

Each September, Boards of Education throughout Missouri are required to set the tax rate for the coming year. Superintendents work with the State Auditor and County Assessor to get the information they need to set the new tax rate. Mr. Matt Norrid, Chief Financial Officer, outlined the proposed tax rate for the 2023-2024 school year.

Mr. Norrid recommended that the rates for each category of property for FY2023-2024 be:

Residential: \$4.0735 per \$100 of assessed valuation
Commercial: \$5.0309 per \$100 of assessed valuation
Personal Property: \$4.9052 per \$100 of assessed valuation
Collect Commercial Recoupment with one-time levy of \$0.1254
Decline Residential Recoupment

Recommended setting tax rates by fund as follows:

Incidental Fund: \$3.3847
Debt Service Fund: \$0.8990
Capital Projects Fund: \$0.2500
For a Total Blended Rate of \$4.5337

The blended rate is reported to DESE. BSD budgets for a 94% collection rate.

Mr. Norrid said this is a reassessment year. Missouri SB190 may result in changes to the real estate tax for senior citizens. Mr. Norrid is not recommending a rollback.

Mr. Norrid verified the correct numbers presented with Mr. Slusser and Mr. Allen. He also verified for Mr. Allen that the capital projects fund would remain at \$0.2500.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Spencer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Communications

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

Ms. Katy Spal said she is excited about the upcoming BSD strategic planning community forum. She would like to be on the committee.

Roll Call

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

Attendance

Also in attendance was Superintendent, Dr. Brian Lane.

ACTION 51
Approval of Consent
Agenda

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

ACTION 52
Setting of the Tax Rates

The motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Slusser to approve the setting of the tax rates as outlined in the memo:

Operating levy per subclass of property 2023, not including debt service.

Residential: \$3.1745 per \$100 of assessed valuation

Commercial: \$4.1319 per \$100 of assessed valuation

Personal Property: \$4.0062 per \$100 of assessed valuation

Debt Service: \$0.8990 per \$100 of assessed valuation

The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

Update
FY2022-2023
Budget Adjustment 2

Mr. Norrid presented the second and final revision to the FY2022-2023 budget. There were no net changes to revenues or expenditures. Ending unrestricted operating fund balances are projected to be 63.11%.

ACTION 53
Adult Meal Pricing

The motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Slusser to approve the adult meal pricing of \$4.53 for lunch; \$2.75 for severe-need school breakfast; and \$2.30 for non-severe need school breakfast. The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

ACTION 54
Approval of Assessment
Plan FY2023-2024

Dr. Alex Tripamer, Assistant Superintendent, presented the assessment plan as it related to recent guidance from DESE and recent legislation.

Policy IL1 – Assessment Program

This policy includes the reading assessment and outlines reading success plans. End of Course exams take place at the end of the year in which the course is taken. If a student is not prepared to take the EOC exam and will not be receiving credit for the class, the student will retake the class. The EOC exams also apply to 8th graders.

Policy ILA - Test Integrity and Security – Anne Bosche, BMS Guidance Counselor, meets with counselors who meet with teachers to ensure proper testing according to DESE guidelines. DESE representative observed BSD testing last year and complimented the district.

Dr. Tripamer highlighted two changes to the assessment schedule: DESE now requires a Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA). BSD is using the Kindergarten Observation Form (KOF), completed by the teacher for each Kindergarten student.

BSD also put in place SABRES, a 19-question social and emotional learning (SEL) screener that the teacher completes for each student. SABRES must include an opt-out. Dr. Tripamer said four families elected to opt-out. The information provided a baseline data on students' social and emotional well-being. For grades 2-12, BSD will use MYSABRES assessment, a student-completed survey. The questions were sent home to parents in advance and are also available on the web. Assessments are conducted in the fall and reviewed in the spring, with the goal of reducing social and emotional risk levels.

The motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Slusser to approve the Assessment Plan for FY2023-2024.

Ms. Kerry Trostel asked if the Kindergarten assessment could be used by Parents as Teachers to help students who do not attend early childhood centers prepare for Kindergarten.

Dr. Tripamer said BSD PAT uses the Brigance screening assessment for incoming Kindergarten students. The KOF is strictly for students who have entered Kindergarten. Dr. Lane said the assessments are similar. He said it would be useful to track preparedness levels of those who attended early childhood programs and those who did not.

Ms. Spencer asked if any assessments had been removed. Dr. Tripamer said all assessments remain the same except for the KOF and SABRES.

The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

ACTION 55
Approval of SSD
Partnership Agreement

Dr. Travena Hostetler, Director of Special Education, presented the SSD partnership agreement.

DESE requires a local compliance plan and periodic state reviews. The district is under state review this year.

BSD and SSD want to insure an inclusive environment and work cooperatively. Action steps include having representation at the district and building levels; surveying parents several times a year; instructional leadership meetings, and sharing responsibilities of multi-tiered support systems.

Mr. Allen asked who does the partnership ratings. Dr. Hostetler said she and Dr. Tripamer work with the district. SSD also sends a questionnaire to parents after IEP meetings and throughout the year. Parents also participate in PTO meetings.

Additional action steps include developing and implementing IDEA training for Brentwood stakeholders and planned communication.

Ms. Trostel asked if the district also identifies students who may benefit from an IEP. Dr. Hostetler said there is a process in place to determine if a student would benefit from an IEP or from some other type of assistance.

Dr. Hostetler said that 72% of students with IEP's are in the general educational environment.

Ms. Trostel asked if an IEP follows the student to college. Dr. Hostetler said no. Upon graduating, the student receives a separate performance that indicates where they finished their high school career. Students can remain in IDEA until age 21 if determined by the IEP. A 504 Plan can be developed at college.

Collaboration between the coordinator and the building principal is the most effective way to reach student success.

BSD has 125 students (15%) receiving SSD services (111 attend BSD; 5 attend SSD schools/sites; and 9 receive special non-specific access program services).

SSD also provides homebound instruction; a special non-public access program; courts program; and early childhood education services. Students who are qualified for the ECSE program do not pay tuition for the time they are in the services. Fifteen students are enrolled in ten different programs through the Career Technical Education at South Tech.

The state sets the areas of disability. The two highest areas for BSD students are other health impairments and autism.

The motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Slusser to accept the SSD Partnership agreement for FY2023-2024. The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

ACTION 56
Approval SSD
Assurance Statement
FY2023-2024

The motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Slusser to approve the SSD Assurance Statement for FY2023-2024. The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

ACTION 57
Approval of Board
Norms

Dr. Lane asked for approval of the board norms, which the Board worked on during their retreat.

The motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Slusser to approve the board norms as outlined.

Mr. Allen asked if the information would be posted on the BSD website. Dr. Lane said it would be posted after receiving Board approval.

The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

ACTION 58
Approval of MSBA
2023C Policies

The motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Slusser to approve four policies:

Policy AC – Prohibition Against Illegal Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation

Policy BBBA – Board Member Qualifications

Policy BBF – School Board Member Ethics

Policy EF – Food Service Management

The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

MSBA Delegate Report

Mr. Keith Rabenberg said the delegates will be meeting at the MSBA conference.

Dr. Lane shared the dates of the St. Louis and St. Louis County Board of Education Council monthly meetings. The focus is on legislative advocacy. Most meetings are held via Zoom.

Ms. Spencer said that the sessions provide a good opportunity for collaborative work. She said the districts are much more powerful making decisions as a unit.

Board Committee
Updates

Mr. Ryan Flynn said the Communications Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday.

Mr. Slusser attended a 353 Development Plan at the City of Brentwood. Offers must be out to everyone in Phase One in two days. Sent 55 certified letters to owners. Confirmed that 54 letters were received. Conversations were positive.

Upcoming Events


- Board Communications Workshop, Wednesday, September 27 at 5:00 p.m.
- Board Policy Meeting, Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m.
- MSBA Region 7 Meeting, Wednesday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m. at Ladue HS Multipurpose Rom
- Board Business Meeting, Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m.
- MSBA Annual Conference, November 2-4 in Kansas City

ACTION 59
Adjournment 8:05 p.m.

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



President



Secretary