

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

Open Session	BHS Lecture Hall	7:00 p.m.	June 18, 2024
Kind of Meeting	Location	Time	Date

Members

<u>Present</u> Mark Cicero Ryan Dodson Ryan Flynn Keith Rabenberg Katherine Spal 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.
Pledge of Allegiance	Ms. Spencer led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Communications	Ms. Spencer 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 209 Approval of Consent Agenda	The motion was made by Mr. Ryan Flynn and seconded by Mr. Ryan Dodson to approve the consent agenda as outlined. The motion was approved by a 7-0 voice vote.
ACTION 210 Approval of the St. Louis Virtual Campus Program Agreement	Dr. Alex Tripamer said BSD would participate in the virtual campus. There are 12 niche classes, available to students who are interested. So far, no BSD students have signed up. Dr. Amy Zielinski, incoming BSD Superintendent, will be a member of the St. Louis Virtual Campus board. The motion was made by Mr. Flynn and Mr. Dodson to approve the St. Louis Virtual Campus Program Agreement.

Mr. Dodson asked if any changes had been made. Dr. Alex Tripamer, Assistant Superintendent, said that two classes had been added. The operations and tuition remains the same.

Ms. Kerry Trostel asked if classes are offered in the summer. Dr. Zielinski said no. Ms. Trostel asked about participation costs. Dr. Tripamer said cost is on a per-student basis. The more students who participate, the lower the price. Costs are similar to those of the Launch program.

Ms. Trostel asked if the enrollment information will be on the BSD website. Dr. Tripamer said Dr. Melody Tamakloe has the course lists.

Ms. Katy Spal asked about the number of participants. Dr. Tripamer said Parkway School District is the hub and probably has the highest number of students enrolled. Dr. Zielinski said the Valley Park and Lindbergh districts also have higher participation levels. The program just finished its second year.

Mr. Flynn asked what the main difference are between Launch and STLVC. Dr. Tripamer said different classes are offered and STLVC teachers are in the St. Louis area.

Ms. Trostel shared some ideas on how to promote the program.

The motion was approved by a 7-0 voice vote.

ACTION 211
Approval of Budget
Revision #2 for
FY2023-2024

Mr. Matt Norrid, CFO, presented FY2023-2024 Budget Revision #2. The actual expenditures do not exceed the budget expenditures.

The motion was made by Mr. Flynn and Mr. Dodson to approve the budget revision.

Mr. Flynn asked if this has always been the policy. Mr. Norrid said it is not a policy. If the budget is exceeded by expenditures, the auditors refer to Missouri state statutes.

The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

ACTION 212
Approval of the
FY2024-2025 Budget

Mr. Norrid presented the FY2024-2025 Final Budget. Changes have been made from last month's original presentation.

The motion was made by Mr. Flynn and Mr. Dodson to approve the FY2024-2025 budget as outlined.

Ms. Trostel noted that the document date is 6/12/2023. Mr. Norrid will correct the date.

Ms. Trostel asked about VICC enrollment. Mr. Norrid said that the program is phasing out so the district will not have additional enrollment. The budget assumes an attendance rate of 95%.

The motion was approved by a 7-0 voice vote.

ACTION 213
Approval of the Food
Service Management
Agreement

Mr. Norrid presented results of the competitive bid process for the 5-year food service management program. The state requires a 5-year schedule. The advertisement was published and all submittals were ranked. BSD is recommending Chartwells. DESE reviewed the contract.

The motion was made by Mr. Flynn and seconded by Mr. Norrid to approve the food service management agreement as outlined with Chartwells.

Mr. Flynn asked about weighting and evaluation process. Mr. Norrid said districts must rank responses by the state's rules. There is an item regarding the voluntary farm to school program which BSD valued at 0. The proposals are divided by tabs responding to each state requirement.

Mr. Keith Rabenberg asked if BSD was satisfied with Chartwells. Dr. Lane said yes. Chartwell's provides excellent customer service. The food service manager goes above and beyond to meet student needs. Mr. Norrid said Chartwells is engaged with the district and proactively shares information about available grants. Ms. Spencer said Chartwells provides information for committees.

Mr. Rabenberg asked if the district was pleased with the outcome. Mr. Norrid said that in addition to the advertisement, BSD also solicited bids directly. District received two responses.

The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

ACTION 214
Approval of the
Resolution for July 2024
Bill Payments

Mr. Norrid presented the resolution for July 2024 bill payments. In the event that the Board does not hold a July business meeting, the resolution would allow the district to issue invoices and hold out unusual items. Construction and back to school large items.

The motion was made by Mr. Flynn and seconded by Mr. Dodson to approve the resolution. The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

Discussion
MSBA Policies
First Reading

Dr. Lane and Board members has a first reading and discussion of two Board policies.

*MSBA 2023D (additional policy added after original issue of 2023D)
Policy KG-R1– Community Use of District Facilities*

Dr. Lane recommended keeping the facility rental rates the same. The Conference Center will be removed since BSD no longer owns the property.

Ms. Trostel asked about the rental price difference between the gyms at McGrath and Mark Twain. Dr. Lane said the bleachers may be different. The baskets are regulation size. Recommended changing the rental rate for the Mark Twain gym to \$90.00 per hour to match the McGrath rate.

Ms. Trostel asked if the elementary field rental rates would be revised when the McGrath field project is completed. Ms. Spencer said yes. Add a note to the chart indicating the rental rates for field use will be determined once the project has been completed.

*MSBA 2024 A (new policy)
Policy EHBD – Artificial Intelligence Use*

Dr. Lane said there is no state mandate and this is not a required policy.

Ms. Spencer said the Board has had some discussion.

Dr. Zielinski said Ladue SD put policies in place. BSD would want to designate someone to be the manager, to keep up-to-date on AI matters. District should be able to educate students and community on the positives and challenges presented by the use of AI. BSD may want to have an outside consultant to help understand and come up with a plan. Policy should outline “best practices.”

Mr. Rabenberg would like to know the difference between “AI,” “probabilistic algorithms,” and “leading edge technology.” He said MSBA is concerned about artificial intelligence use.

Dr. Zielinski said districts have different views and approaches regarding use of artificial intelligence by teachers, staff, and students.

Ms. Trostel asked about chatgpt and similar systems. She is concerned that students are not learning basic, non-technology research and problem solving skills and that districts may be losing a grip on education. She would like to know more about AI before making decisions on policies and how BSD should proceed.

Dr. Zielinski suggested that BSD may want to look at the whole technology umbrella; determine the district's philosophy around healthy technology usage; determine how AI and social media fits in.

Dr. Lane said that determining the philosophy may then lead to looking at curriculum and creating assignments that could not be effectively developed through AI. He said there are AI detectors available that would allow teachers to check student assignments.

Mr. Rabenberg and Dr. Tripamer said that Dr. Flavio Esposito, a local AI specialist who has spoken with the curriculum committee, might be a resource to the Board. Ms. Trostel said it would be good to speak further with Dr. Esposito.

Ms. Spal said if students do not use AI, then teachers should not use it for grading purposes. She said BSD should continue to look at philosophies around learning as technology continues to evolve.

Mr. Dodson looks forward to further discussions regarding technology. He said there are also financial and security issues to consider.

Mr. Cicero is concerned that if AI usage policies vary from district to district, it might result in student test score differences, and district rankings for academic achievement. He said the policy should be more uniform for all districts.

Dr. Zielinski said everyone is still learning. More policies may be forthcoming.

Mr. Dodson asked who might be the AI Coordinator. Dr. Zielinski said in her experience it has been the Director of Technology or the Assistant Superintendent.

Ms. Trostel said the School Resource Officer is mentioned in the policy. She asked what role the SRO would have.

Ms. Spencer said further conversation can take place at the Board retreat. This will allow BSD to develop policies.

Ms. Trostel asked if Libby Wilson, BHS Librarian, could also be part of the conversation.

Retirement Recognition	Ms. Spencer thanked Dr. Lane and Dr. Tripamer for their years of service to the Brentwood School District.
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MSBA Delegate Report	Mr. Rabenberg said the only item on the MSBA Delegate Assembly agenda at the Summer Summit is the election of officers. He plans to vote for Shelly Mantel for President-Elect and Paula Hubbert for Vice-President.
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SSD Governing Council
Report

Mr. Mark Cicero said the meeting focused on future student success, parent involvement, the budget, and the capital budget.

CSIP is on target regarding: resources with data; optimizing data; and communications. Next year's goals are to collectively plan for student success; coordinate decision-making process that is consistent with the mission; and ensuring that students transferring between districts receive continuum of care.

Mr. Cicero said BSD parents do not participate in the Parent Advisory Council. Dr. Hostetler said BSD parents prefer the PTO and community resources. BSD parents have their own informal parent groups. Mr. Cicero said there are 10 districts out of 22 that participate in the PAC.

Budget has transparency issues. It contained clerical errors and was incorrect. The errors were caught and the budget was revised. Auditing measures are now in place.

Dr. Maclin and team answered questions.

Budget expenses are high and SSD plans to reduce expenses over the next five years. The district will reduce staff by 128 per year, mostly through attrition. That will save \$9.8 million per year. The number of students has also declined. If the number of students increases, staffing will be adjusted. The capital budget will be reduced from \$0.07 to \$0.03. That will save \$4.7 million per year. Total savings over five years would be \$122.8 million. Dr. Maclin said this would "right the ship." The SSD Board and Governing Council passed the proposed changes.

Board Committee
Updates

Ms. Spencer said committee assignments for FY2024-2025 would be discussed at the Board retreat in July.

Upcoming Events

- MSBA Summer Summit, June 24-25 in Branson
- Board Business Meeting, Tuesday, July 16 at 7:00 p.m.
- Board Retreat, Wednesday, July 17 at 8:30 a.m.

ACTION 215
Adjournment 7:55 p.m.

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



President



Secretary