

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

Open Session	BHS Lecture Hall	7:00 p.m.	September 24, 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.

Tax Rate Hearing

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 2024-2025 school year.

Mr. Norrid recommended that the rates for each category of property for FY2024-2025 be:

Residential: \$4.0452 per \$100 of assessed valuation
Commercial: \$5.0645 per \$100 of assessed valuation
Personal Property: \$4.0963 per \$100 of assessed valuation
Collect Commercial Recoupment with one-time levy of \$0.0884
Decline Residential Recoupment

Recommended setting tax rates by fund as follows:

Incidental Fund: \$3.3589

Debt Service Fund: \$0.8990

Capital Projects Fund: \$0.2500

For a Total Blended Rate of \$4.5079

The blended rate is reported to DESE. BSD budgets for a 95% collection rate.

Pledge of Allegiance Ms. Spencer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Communications Ms. Spencer asked if there were any Citizens' Comments. There was no reply.

Spotlight on Brentwood Mr. Tony Dobson, Communications Director, presented the September Spotlight on Brentwood.

Student Success: St. Louis Community College dual credit program results. BSD students earned 170 college credit hours, saving a total tuition savings of \$60,000. All current 7th graders showed math growth on last year's NWEA scores. Students in grades 8-12 had the opportunity to visit with over 40 school clubs. BHS Juniors attended a college fair hosted by Webster University and featuring 75 colleges and universities. Twelve BSD students are participating in the Catalyst entrepreneurial program this year, along with students from the Clayton and Ladue districts. The BSD Elementary STEM program is under way.

School Culture: BMS sixth graders attended the Touch of Nature Outdoor Education Center in Carbondale, Illinois.

Unified Community Engagement: The BMS PTO coordinated the Brentwood Community 5K and Fun Run to benefit middle school programs. Students, families, and staff represented the district in the Brentwood Days parade.

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

Attendance Also in attendance was Dr. Amy Zielinski, Superintendent.

ACTION 38 The motion was made by Mr. Ryan Flynn and seconded by
Approval of Consent Mr. Ryan Dodson to approve the consent agenda as outlined. The
Agenda motion was approved by a 7-0 voice vote.

ACTION 39
Setting of the Tax Rates

The motion was made by Mr. Flynn and seconded by Mr. Dodson to approve the setting of the tax rate as outlined in the memo:

The 2024 single rate operating tax rate is recommended to be set at \$3.6089 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The 2024 debt service levy is recommended to be set at \$0.8990 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Operating levy per subclass of property 2024:

Residential: \$3.1462

Commercial: \$4.1655

Personal Property \$4.0073

The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

ACTION 40
Approval of Adult Meal
Prices for FY2024-2025

To remain in compliance with USDA-FNS, Mr. Norrid requested that adult meal prices be increased by \$0.42 per meal. The motion was made by Mr. Flynn and seconded by Mr. Dodson to approve increasing the meal prices from \$4.55 to \$4.97. The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

ACTION 41
Approval of the SSD
Partnership Agreement
for FY2024-2025

Dr. Travena Hostetler, Director of Special Education, presented the Partnership agreement. Seven categories include staffing; teaching; collaboration of responsibilities; student service; data and technology; transportation; and career and technical education. Action steps include completion of the Principal-Collaborator tool by each building leadership team; establishing regular meetings with each principal to discuss building and student programmatic needs; and establishing department heads with clear rolls and responsibilities to streamline communication and operations.

There are 157 students living in the Brentwood School District who receive services from SSD (129 students attend BSD; 6 students attend SSD; and 12 students receive special non-public access program services).

SSD also provides homebound instruction; special non-public access program; special non-public access program; courts program; and early childhood special education. BSD has 15 students attending 10 different Career Technical Education programs at South Tech.

The motion was made by Mr. Flynn and seconded by Mr. Dodson to approve the SSD Partnership Agreement for FY2024-2025. The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

**Presentation
Summer Learning
Program 2024**

Dr. Ronni Zagora, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, presented an overview of BSD Summer Learning 2024. Ten students participated in Jumpstart. Camp Learn and STEAM combined to include 146 students. Courses in culinary arts; color and design; water quality; and mental health/self care were offered at BMS. Twenty-three students participated. At BHS 45 students enrolled in virtual original credit courses and 13 students enrolled in virtual credit recovery courses. The total number of classes passed was 67 out of 68.

**ACTION 42
Approval of Testing
Windows and
Assessment**

Dr. Zagora reviewed the 2024-2025 Assessment Plan. There are no changes to the state-mandated assessments. They include Kindergarten Observation Form; Fastbridge K-3 reading/dyslexia screeners; 3-8 grade level assessments; End-of-course exams; and ACCESS test for multilingual learners.

There are no changes to the district assessments.

The assessment task force will meet to plan for 2025-2026. The team will select a new assessment for the DESE required K-3 reading assessment. The team will also review all assessments for alignment with Board policy, the district's philosophy, and curriculum.

The Social and Emotional Learning Committee will develop a more robust use of the SAEBRS tool and data to better support students.

The motion was made by Mr. Flynn and seconded by Mr. Dodson to approve the testing windows and assessment for 2024-2025. The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

**ACTION 43
Approval of Monarch
Language Interpretation
Services Memorandum
of Understanding**

Dr. Zagora said the number of multilingual learners in the district continues to increase. There are 16 languages in addition to English. BSD will be adding a Teacher Assistant to support the ML Specialist. The ML Specialist works directly with students and will be supporting and coaching classroom teachers. The district will provide translation and interpreter services; ML specific curriculum resources to engage students; and translation technology. Language interpretation services will be available as needed.

ML students may also become eligible for the Seal of Biliteracy.

The motion was made by Mr. Flynn and seconded by Mr. Dodson to approve the Monarch Language Interpretation Services MOU as an additional resource. The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

ACTION 44
Approval of the
Professional
Development Plan for
2024-2025

Dr. Zagora presented the professional development plan. The district will focus on a one-year plan instead of a two-year plan.

DEIA Goals: Work with Equity community for open dialog around DEIA issues.

Target Areas: Support ML students (PK-12) and Restorative practices (K-8)

Student Success Goals: Foster individual learning through innovative teaching and learning opportunities.

Target Areas: Cognitive Science about learning and memory (9-12) Standard based learning (K-8); Cross circular literacy (K-12); and Content-specific learning and intentional vertical collaboration (PK-12)

School Culture: Create culture of social positivity, belonging, and a growth mindset supported by SEL.

Target Areas: Effective use of SAEBRS assessment data (K-12), Celebrate teacher growth (PK-12); and Conscious discipline (PK)

The next planning steps:

Ensure the PD aligns with committee goals and outcomes.

Review budgeting process and PD budget to ensure equitable PD throughout the district. Lead students to own their learning process and show mastery. Standards based learning is worth the time and effort put into the process.

The motion was made by Mr. Flynn and seconded by Mr. Dodson to approve the Professional Development Plan for 2024-2025. The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

Update
MSBA Delegate Report

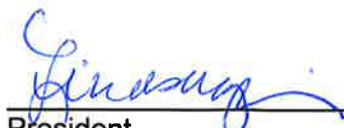
Mr. Keith Rabenberg said that MSBA will present three advocacy positions during the Delegate meeting at the Fall conference. Topics are cell phone use limitations; funding for free school lunches; and the inclusion of accounting requirements for school voucher programs.

Update
Board Committees

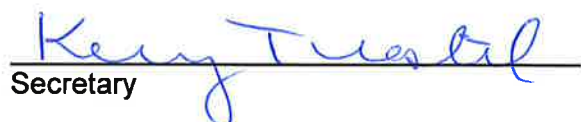
Community members and district staff have applied to be on the BSD committees. The information has been forwarded to committee leaders Dr. Zielinski, Dr. Zagora, Mr. Dobson, and Mr. Norrid. Committee leaders will provide meeting details and agendas to the participants. Committees will be meeting in October.

ACTION 45
Adjournment 9:40 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

