

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

Open Session	Mark Twain Gymnasium	7:00 p.m.	December 17, 2024
<b>Kind of Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Date</b>

**Members**

<b><u>Present</u></b> Mark Cicero Ryan Dodson Ryan Flynn Keith Rabenberg Katherine Spal Lindsay Spencer Kerry Trostel	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
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Call to Order                      Ms. Lindsay Spencer, Board President, called the open session meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Awards and Recognition      **BECC Student Recognition Video**  
Ms. Kristin Clemons, BECC Director, shared first semester activities in the video "BECC Explores & Discovers Learning."

**Student Recognition**  
Dr. Kelsey Grammer, Principal of McGrath Elementary, and Ms. Katy Spal recognized four students for kindness; hard work and integrity; and leadership.

Dr. Carol Eastabrook, Principal of Mark Twain Elementary, and Mr. Ryan Dodson recognized three students for dedication and leadership; hard work, determination, and kindness; and growth as a reader and leader.

Dr. Doug Wehner, Principal of BMS, and Ms. Lindsay Spencer recognized four students for Lighthouse executive board service.

Dr. Ed Johnson, Principal of BHS, and Mr. Ryan Flynn recognized four students for outstanding student leadership.

### Spotlight on Brentwood

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

**Student Success:** BSD ranked first in St. Louis region with score of 98.9% on the DESE Annual Performance Report. Statewide, BSD ranked third among 552 districts evaluated.

**School Culture:** Mark Twain and McGrath students held their annual "winter sing" performances. BMS and BHS students held their annual winter concerts. The events took place in the BMS/BHS auditorium which was decorated by the district's PTO's. Mr. Matt Norrid, Chief Financial Officer, received certification from the Association of School Business Officials International as a Certified Administrator of School Finance and Operations.

**Unified Community Engagement:** BSD Pre-K-12 students collected over 1,200 food and personal care items for the annual BHS food drive. The BHS Student Council and the National Junior Honor Society organized the event. Items were sorted, packed, and delivered to 18 BSD families.

#### Communications

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

#### Roll Call

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

#### Attendance

Also in attendance was Dr. Amy Zielinski, Superintendent.

#### ACTION 84 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 85 Approval of Financial Audit

Mr. Matt Norrid, Chief Financial Officer, and Ms. Hope Hernandez of Daniel Jones & Associates, P.C. presented the annual audit for the school year ending June 30, 2024. The auditors issued an unmodified opinion on the financial statements. It was a clean audit, the best report BSD can receive and the best report the auditors can issue. The second opinion relates to the district's compliance with Missouri laws and regulations. BSD is in compliance with accurate disclosures regarding attendance and budgetary procedures. Mr. Norrid said the audit would be presented to the district's bond counsel and to the State of Missouri through DESE.

The motion was made by Mr. Flynn and seconded by Mr. Dodson to approve the audit for FY2023-2024. The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

**ACTION 86**  
**Approval of Liability**  
**Insurance**

Mr. Norrid presented the general liability insurance package. The rate is up 23%. MUSIC is in the process of reviewing controls and risk assessment. The average increase is 29%. Loss ratio is 1% and BSD would like to keep the ration below that amount. The biggest jumps are weather related. Losses are shared by all districts insured through the program. If a district changes providers, there is a five-year waiting period before returning to the MUSIC program.

Changes to property values are included in the calculations. Costs are based on square footage. Mr. Norrid can provide a history of the rates and credits. He recommends staying with the current plan. The motion was made by Mr. Flynn and seconded by Mr. Dodson to approve the general liability insurance package. The motion passed by a 7-0 voice vote.

**Presentation**  
**2024 Annual**  
**Performance Report**

Dr. Ronni Zagora, Assistant Superintendent, presented the 2024 Annual performance review. Academic achievement and growth, graduation rates, attendance, college and career readiness, and compliance are all measured. There is a performance component and a continuous improvement component.

BSD received a score of 194 out of 196. The district lost one point for attendance (which is student specific) and one point under the growth measure for social studies.

**Presentation**  
**FY2024-2025 Summer**  
**School Schedule**

Dr. Zagora presented the summer school schedule. BECC, Elementary, and BMS will meet Monday-Thursday from June 2-18 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. BHS classes will be on-line. Session 1 will meet Monday-Thursday from June 2-27 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Session 2 will meet Monday-Thursday from July 7- August 1 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The district will be closed on Thursday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth.

**ACTION 87**  
**Approval of New Course**  
**Proposals**

Dr. Zagora presented the new course and program updates. BSD has added an elementary school drama club stipend to strengthen the new program. Interested students at both elementary schools will be eligible to participate. There will be a performance at the end of the spring semester.

Dr. Zagora received some grant information from Dr. Flavio Esposito for elementary level extra-curricular STEM and robotics programs.

The BMS math curriculum has been revised to allow students more flexibility to move between levels based on performance and recommendations. More pre-algebra concepts have been added. Information will also be shared with fifth grade.

New courses at BHS include PLTW computer science essentials; coding/computer programming, and robotics. The PLTW computer science principals and the Catalyst internship/passion project will also be offered.

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

**ACTION 88**  
**Approval of BHS**  
**Outdoor Scoreboard**

Mr. Andrew Hartnett, Facilities Manager, presented the BHS outdoor scoreboard proposal from Daktronics. The current scoreboard was installed in 2009. It has frequent power failures. The sound system is hard to hear and the scoreboard is difficult to read in the daylight. The new scoreboard will have LED lighting and a new sound system. Daktronics offers courses on how to operate the board. The price for the equipment and installation is \$86,327.00.

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

**Update**  
**MSBA Delegate Report**

Mr. Keith Rabenberg had no report.

**Update**  
**SSD Governing Council**  
**Report**

Mr. Mrk Cicero said the SSD Governing Council meeting included an update on "Righting the Ship," an audit report, and the Starfish Award on-line nominations for SSD teachers and administrators. Two SSD Board positions are open. The SSD Governing Council elects the Board members.

**Update**  
**Board Committees**

Ms. Spencer said that the Community Engagement Committee met with Mr. Dobson in November and focused on incorporating promotional ideas consistently across the district. Mr. Dobson is also working with students to incorporate the promotional ideas. Dr. Zielinski said the promotional and sponsorship ideas will be reviewed at the next Communications Committee meeting. Mr. Dodson said the Teaching and Learning Committee is in the process of creating a dashboard. Mr. Flynn reported that the Finance Committee discussed the BHS scoreboard and the BSD strategic plan.

**ACTION 89**  
**Adjournment 8:50 p.m.**

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

  
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