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Next Month's Meetings

Agenda Planning Meeting October 14, 2024

General Purpose Meeting October 21, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

# School District of Borough of Brentwood September 9, 16 & 23, 2024

The information listed below is a *summary* of action taken at the September 9, 2024 Agenda Planning Meeting, the September 16, 2024 General Purpose Meeting, and the Special Meeting on September 23, 2024. The official minutes of these meetings should be consulted if more detail is sought on any item.

# September 9, 2024 – Agenda Planning Meeting

1. Discussed the second reading of the following policy:

Policy #	Status	Title	Section
918	Reviewed	Title I Parental and Family Engagement	Community
252	Revised	Dating Violence	Pupils
805.1	Revised	Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies	Operations
904	Revised	Public Attendance at School Events	Community
247	Revised	Hazing	Pupils
234	Revised	Pregnant/Married Students	Pupils
217	Revised	Graduation Requirements	Pupils
103.1	Revised	Qualifies Students with Disabilities	Programs
909	Revised	Municipal Government Relations	Community
803	Revised	School Calendar	Operations
806	Revised	Child Abuse	Operations

The above policies were made available for public review on August 20, 2024, in all school offices, the Superintendent's office, and on the website.

- 2. The Board accepted base bid and alternate bids for General Construction from Walter Mucci Construction Co. for the construction of the new Brentwood Elementary School in the amount of \$27,471,630:
  - Base Bid- \$27,300,000
  - G-1 deduct from the base bid for VCT in lieu of EVT finish flooring in the amount of \$62,670
  - G-4 add from the base bid for wood flooring in lieu of polyurethane flooring in the gym in the amount of \$45,000
  - G-8 add to the base bid for color coated chain link fence around "green space" off Olancha Avenue in the amount of \$16,100
  - G-12 add to the base bid for courtyard window protection screens in the amount of \$38,200
  - G-13 deduct from the base bid for face brick in lieu of colored CMU veneer at the Gym in the amount of \$10,000
  - G-14 add to the base bid for bituminous pavement overlay surfacing at the church parking lot in the amount of \$100,000
  - G-15 add to the base bid for bituminous pavement overlay surfacing at the area of construction trailers in the amount of \$45,000
- 3. The Board rejected the following alternate bids for General Construction from Walter Mucci Construction Co. for the construction of the new Brentwood Elementary School, as presented:
  - G-2, G-3, G-5, G-6, G-7A, G-7B, G-9, G-10, and G-11
- 4. The Board agreed to amend the motion and accept the base bid for HVAC construction from East West Manufacturing & Supply Co., Inc. for the new Brentwood Elementary School in the amount of \$ 3,812,000 plus or Alt. Bid H-7:
  - Base bid- \$3,812,000
  - H-7 add to the base bid to provide ATC by Gardiner in the amount of \$656,250.
  - H-1 Alt. Bid is being rejected.

- 5. The Board rejected the following alternate bids for HVAC construction from East West Manufacturing & Supply Co., Inc. for the new Brentwood Elementary School: H-2, H-3, and H-4 \*Alternate bids H-5 and H-6 were not used
- 6. The Board accepted the base bid and alternate bids from Vrabel Plumbing Company, LLC for plumbing construction for the new Brentwood Elementary School in the amount of \$2,248,200:
  - Base bid- \$1,883,200
  - P-1 deduct to the base bid to provide manual faucets for lavatories and manual flush valves for urinals and water closets in multi-tier toilet rooms in the amount of \$18,000
  - P-2 add to the base bid to provide all fire protection work under the plumbing contract, in lieu of a separate prime contract in the amount of \$328,000
  - P-2-A add to alt bid 2 for gymnasium pre-action fire protection system in the amount of \$55,000
- 7. The Board accepted the electrical construction bids from Pitt Electric, Inc. for the new elementary school in the amount of \$2,860,650:
  - Base bid \$2,521,000
  - E-3B add to the base bid to provide lighting package 2 in the amount of \$246,800
  - E-4B add to the base bid to provide lighting controls package 2 in the amount of \$88,950
  - E-5 add to base bid to provide electrical work associated with the pre-action fire protection system in the amount of \$3,900
- 8. The Board rejected the following bids for electrical construction from Pitt Electric, Inc., as presented:
  - E-1, E-2, E-3A, E-3A.1, E-3B.1, E-3C, E-3C.1, E-4A, E.4A.1, E.4B.1, E.4C, E.4C.1, E-6, E-7, and E-8
- 9. The Board accepted the Food Service Equipment bid from Great Lakes West, LLC for the construction of the new Brentwood Elementary School \$313,971:
  - Base bid \$313,971
- 10. The Board accepted the Technology Construction bid from Horizon Information Systems for the construction of the new Brentwood Elementary School in the amount of \$343,200:
  - Base bid \$343,200
- 11. The Board rejected the alternate bid for Technology Construction from Horizon Information Systems, as presented
  - T-1
- 12. The Board rejected the stand-alone prime contract fire protection base bid from Vrabel Plumbing Company, LLC in the amount of \$428,200 and the alternate FP-1 bid in the amount of \$72,000 for the new Brentwood Elementary School, pending approval of plumbing base bid and alternate bids.
- 13. The Board accepted the commissioning, testing and balancing base bid from WAE Balancing, Inc in the amount of \$89,600.
- 14. The Board accepted the materials testing base bid Hillis-Carnes Engineering Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$66,450.
- 15. The Board accepted the construction management services proposal from Massaro CM Services in the amount of \$532,250 subject to a contract with solicitor review and approval.
- 16. A parent transportation contract for one student to Easter Seals South for the 2024-2025 school year was approved.
- 17. A transportation contract for one student from Bethel Park High School to Brentwood Library on Mondays and Thursday beginning on August 29, 2024 at a cost of \$70 per day with Professional Limousine was ratified.
- 18. The Board approved bus drivers with Assist Drivers, and Professional Limousine Drivers, as presented.
- 19. Mrs. Theresa Gruntz's resignation was approved and the posting of a paraprofessional position.
- 20. Ms. Abbey Bordone was hired as the secondary math teacher, effective September 16, 2024.

### September 16, 2024 - General Purpose Meeting

- 1. The minutes from the August 12, 2024 Agenda Planning Meeting and the August 19, 2024 General Purpose Meeting were approved.
- 2. The General Fund 10, the Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Cash Balances for the period ending August 31, 2024 were approved; and approved bill payments for the period August 19 thru September 16, 2024. In addition, the Board acknowledged receipt of the bank letter and tax collector's summary report.
- 3. The Board approved the budget transfers for the 2023-2024 school year.

4. The following policies were adopted:

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5. The Board awarded contracts for the new Brentwood Elementary Project as follows, pending review and approval of the district solicitor:

For General Construction, to Walter Mucci Construction Co.

For HVAC Construction, to East West Manufacturing & Supply Co., Inc.

For Plumbing Construction, to Vrabel Plumbing Company, LLC.

For Electrical Construction, to Pitt Electric, Inc.

For Food Service Equipment, to Great Lakes West, LLC.

For Technology Construction, to Horizon Information Systems.

- 6. The Board appointed Commissioning Agent WAE Balancing, Inc., for the New Brentwood Elementary School Project.
- 7. The Board appointed materials testing services to Hillis Carnes Engineering Associates, Inc. for Materials Testing Services for the New Brentwood Elementary School Project. FURTHER, the Board Secretary and Board President are authorized to sign the necessary documents for all of the above motions.
- 8. The disposal of obsolete and non-functional Middle School ESL and Special Ed materials were approved.
- 9. Bus drivers with Professional Limousine and Assist Drivers were approved.
- 10. Ms. Erin Meckler was hired as the English Language Arts secondary long-term substitute for the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year.
- 11. The substitute list was updated.
- 12. The following professionals to serve as grade level leaders: Ms. Rachael Maiden, Mrs. Anne Steigerwald, Mrs. Kim Binek, Mrs. Mindy Golvash, and Mrs. Sheri Duing
- 13. Mr. Christopher Weaver was approved as the science department chair leader and Mr. Michael Spanos was hired as the health and PE department chair leader for the 2024-2025 school year.
- 14. The following were approved as the middle school team leaders for the 2024-2025 school year:

Grade 6 – Mr. Mike Cramer

Grade 7 – Mrs. Maggie Davis

Grade 8 - Mrs. Lynne Golvash

- 15. Mrs. Jaime Staab was approved as the Middle School Student Council sponsor.
- 16. Ms. Rebecca Hagerty was approved as the safety patrol sponsor at Moore Elementary.
- 17. The Board approved to ratify the posting for a school counselor mentor position.
- 18. The Board approved the postings for English Language Arts and Secondary Mathematics mentor positions.
- 19. The Board changed the school calendar as follows:
  - November 5, 2024, will become a half student day for middle high school students only, Secondary Professional Staff PD in the afternoon
  - January 20, 2025, will be a full day of school for middle high school students only.
- The Administration recommended that the Board approve a three-year contract extension with NRG/Direct Energy for Natural Gas.
- 21. The Board accepted Mr. Brian Rea's resignation as a School District Board Director.
- 22. The Board approved Ms. Antonia Focer-Brown to attend the 2024 PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference.
- 23. The Board approved the tenure of the following teachers: Mrs. Alyssa Brutscher, Mrs. Shannon Sciulli, and Mrs. Cristy Stipetic

## September 23, 2024 – Special Meeting

- 1. The Board authorized the following:
  - The incurring of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed twelve million and no/100 dollars (\$12,000,000.00); covenanting to pay, and pledging all available taxing power for the payment of, the bonds; establishing a sinking fund and appointing a sinking fund depository; fixing the form, maximum interest rates, maturity dates, redemption and other provisions for the payment thereof; covenanting to accept a proposal for the purchase of the bonds; authorizing a filing of required documents with the department of community and economic development; ratifying and directing certain actions of officers; and making certain other covenants and provisions in respect of the bonds.
  - The incurring of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed ten million seven hundred thousand and no/100 dollars (\$10,700,000.00); covenanting to pay, and pledging all available taxing power for the payment of, the bonds; establishing a sinking fund and appointing a sinking fund depository; fixing the form, maximum interest rates, maturity dates, redemption and other provisions for the payment thereof; covenanting to accept a proposal for the purchase of the bonds; authorizing a filing of required documents with the department of community and economic development; ratifying and directing certain actions of officers; and making certain other covenants and provisions in respect of the bonds.
  - 2. The Private Property Primary Right of Way Agreement was approved.

The October Board meeting dates are as follows:

Monday, October 14, 2024 Agenda Planning Meeting @ 7 pm in the Board Room Monday, October 21, 2024 General Purpose Meeting @ 7 pm in the Board Room

