



**DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY
& SECONDARY EDUCATION**

Inclement Weather Calendar Waiver Request


District:	Brookland
LEA Number:	1603000
Superintendent:	Brett Bunch
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Contact for Waiver:	George Kennedy
Contact Email:	gkennedy@bpsbearcats.com
Contact Phone:	870-932-2080
Date Received by DESE:	

By submitting this waiver request, the Superintendent certifies that the following requirements have been met:

1. The local board has approved the waiver request and revised calendar.
2. The personnel policy committee (PPC) has approved the revised calendar.
3. The revised calendar has been posted on the district's website.
4. The calendar reflects 1,068 hours of in-person student instruction that will be provided during the 2023-2024 school year.

Further, the Superintendent certifies that the district will input into eSchool, eFinance, or APSCN, all data that affects the ADM of the public school district; and ensures compliance with the required minimum number of school instructional hours.

Topic:	Alternate School Calendar Submission Deadlines
Standards/Statutes/Rules:	Ark. Code Ann. § 6-10-106(g)(3) regarding calendar submission deadline
Duration Requested:	2023-2024 School Year
Schools, Grades or Classes the Waiver Will Apply To	K-12
PURPOSE OF THE WAIVER (Must check at least one)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allow the district to transition to an alternate calendar requiring 1,068 hours of student instruction

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I am also requesting that the Division waive Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-213(b), which requires that the official reporting period for attendance shall be quarterly with the actual number of days counted in each period to be no less than forty (40) nor more than fifty (50).

School Year Calendar Template

<https://www.vertex42.com/calendars/school-calendar.html>

Year:

Beginning Month:

Start day: 1: Sunday, 2: Monday

July 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

August 2023						
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September 2023						
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October 2023						
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November 2023						
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December 2023						
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Student Instructional Hours	
1068.71	current total year hours
1068	required minimum hours
30	required Snow Day hours
0.71	Hours exceeding

110.5 days x 365 min. = 40,332.5/60 = 672.21 hrs.
 65 days x 366 min. = 23,790/60 = 396.5 hrs.
Total Hours = 1068.71 hrs.

2023-2024 School Calendar

Brookland Public Schools

200 W. School St.

870-932-2080

Brookland, AR 72417

Minutes School Calendar

Aug 7-1	PD/Contracted Days
Aug 15	First Day of School for Students
Sep 4	Labor Day - Holiday
Oct 13	1st Quarter Ends
Oct 16	2nd Quarter Begins
Oct 19	PTC (Early Dismissal)
Oct 20	Snow Day #1 (No School)
Nov 20-24	Thanksgiving Break - Holiday
Dec 22	Snow Day #2 (No School)
Dec 25-Jan 5	Christmas Break - Holiday
Jan 8	Mid-Year PD Day
Jan 9	Students return/End of 2nd Quarter
Jan 10	3rd Quarter Begins
Jan 15	MLK Day - Exchange Day/ Snow Day #3
Feb 15	PTC (Early Dismissal)
Feb 16	(No School)
March 18-22	Spring Break
March 15	End of 3rd Quarter
March 25	Begin 4th Quarter
May 24	Last Day of School
May 27	Memorial Day - Holiday
5/28/2024-5/29/24	Snow Day #4-5

190 Teacher Contract Days

Daily Hours of Operation(Teachers): 7:30am - 3:30pm

5 Exchange Days/Snow Days

January 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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February 2024						
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March 2024						
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April 2024						
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May 2024						
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June 2024						
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Grading Periods

First & Last Day of School

 Holiday/Non-Student Days	 PD/Contracted Days
 PTC	 Snow Days
	 Student Instructional Days

New Calendar Meeting

Sindy McCall

Madeline Conduy
Lili in Brock

Angela Dunsom

Adam Rigney

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Kristen Scarlett

Vanessa Hofer

Kodi Platz

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wi Pat ~~_____~~

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Jodie Thomas

Carol Parrillo

Burley

Wendy Pannell



Brookland Public Schools School Board Meeting Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: 02/05/2024 5:30PM

Type of Meeting: Regular

Board Members Present: Jason Allen, Colby Brooks, Danna Johnson, Justin Ladd, Heath McGaughey, Tim McNatt, Brandon Sutton

Meeting Called to Order At: 5:30PM

Called By: Heath McGaughey

Approve the Board minutes from January's board meetings, regular January 8 and Special January 25.

Motion By: Danna Johnson

Second By: Tim McNatt

To: Approve the Board minutes from the regular meeting on January 8 and a Special meeting January 25.

Motion Passed 7/0

The Board recognized the BHS band for the numerous awards and accolades they have won over the year so far as well as their contribution to the district and community.

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Bunch informed the Board that the state audit came back with no findings. Also, a facilities audit was just completed by the state and it also had no findings.

The building administrators and directors presented reports for each of their buildings and areas.

Mr. Parnell then moved to the financial report presented by Mr. Bunch. Mr. Bunch proceeded to share the current financials for the district and the corresponding balances for the various streams of revenue.

Motion By: Tim McNatt

Second By: Colby Brooks

To: Approve the financial report as presented.

Motion Passed 7/0

Mr. Bunch introduced Chartwells, a food service company, to present to the board the possible services they can provide students and staff. Mr. Kennedy mentioned the district will allow several vendors to present in the near future.

Mr. McGaughey moved to the next item to discuss possible traffic solutions. Mr. Bunch spoke on the idea of starting a school building earlier in the morning but staffing would be a barrier due to state law and DHS rules on duty times and supervising younger children. Loading and unloading buses would also create an issue as students will be left sitting on buses waiting for the other schools to open or release. Several other options were discussed by the Board. The Board decided to move on with the agenda and discuss this further after looking into a few ideas.

Mr. Bunch went over a waiver to send in to the State Board to account for snow days by switching to a

minutes calendar for this school year. The State Board will have the final decision on accepting the waiver.

Motion By: Brandon Sutton

Second By: Danna Johnson

To: Approve the sending the state a waiver for the change of our calendar for this year to minutes to make up snow days. This will depend on the State Board's approval. If they do not approve we will move the days to the end of the current calendar.

Motion Passed 7/0

Mr. Bunch spoke about how the 2024-25 school calendars were developed by the PPCs. He then went through each of the calendar options.

PPC representatives present spoke on the options and what they felt the staff would like to see in a calendar.

Motion By: Danna Johnson

Second By: Jason Allen

To: To table the proposed calendar for the 2024-2025 school year as presented by the PPC and ask the PPC to revisit calendar options.

Motion Passed 7/0

Mr. Bunch went over each of the overnight requests.

Motion By: Jason Allen

Second By: Colby Brooks

To: Approve the overnight trip request for track team athletes to the Indoor State Track Meet to Fayetteville, AR, State Track competition, Friday, February 2 and Saturday February 3, 12 students 2 chaperones.

Approve the overnight trip request for Sr. Boys Basketball to Farmington, AR, State Basketball Tournament, Tuesday, February 27 through Saturday, March 2, 17 students, 3 chaperones.

Approve the overnight request for Sr. Girls Basketball to Farmington, AR, State Basketball Tournament, Tuesday, February 27 through Saturday, March 2, 17 students, 3 chaperones.

Approve the overnight trip request for Choir to Hot Springs, AR, All-State Choir Clinic & Concert, Thursday, February 15 through Saturday, February 17, 4 students, 2 chaperones.

Approve the overnight trip request for Choir to Dover, AR, All-State Choir Auditions, Thursday, February 1 through Friday, February 2, 11 students, 2 chaperones.

Approve the overnight trip request for FFA to Fort Smith, AR, Wildlife Management CDE Workshop, Thursday, February 22, 4 students, 1 chaperone.

Motion : Pass 7/0

Mr. Bunch went over the student transfer requests.

Motion By: Justin Ladd

Second By: Brandon Sutton

To: Approve the Board-to-Board Transfer Recommendations as presented by list.

Motion Passed 7/0

Mr. Bunch discussed each of the personnel recommendations.

Motion By: Brandon Sutton

Second By: Danna Johnson

To: Resignations (all effective at the end of their current contract unless otherwise stated)

Approve the resignation of Heather Lenderman elementary teacher effective at the end of 23-24 school year.

Approve the resignation of Debbie Austin as primary paraprofessional at the end of the 23-24 school year. She is retiring.

Motion Passed 7/0

Mr. Bunch went over the hiring recommendations.

Motion By: Tim McNatt

Second By: Justin Ladd

To: Approve the renewal of central office, administrator and director contracts for the 2024-2025 school year as listed and presented.

Motion Passed 7/0

Mr. Bunch went over the proposals to install roofs over batting cages and other areas in the softball and baseball complex. Two families are offering to donate funds to cover the costs over the next two years. The district would need to cover some costs upfront and be reimbursed. The project will not start until the initial funds are donated.

Motion By: Brandon Sutton

Second By: Colby Brooks

To: Approve purchasing roofs for the softball/baseball field areas for \$65,583.99. This is contingent on the donated funds being received to go towards this project.

Motion Passed 7/0

Mr. Bunch spoke on covering the baseball/softball press boxes with signs to improve visibility.

Motion By: Brandon Sutton

Second By: Colby Brooks

To: Approve the presented sign bids for \$10,400.

Motion Passed 7/0

Mr. Bunch informed the board that DESE sent a memo out about adding a week to the state testing window.

Motion By: Danna Johnson

Second By: Brandon Sutton

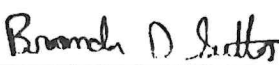
To: Adjourn at 7:28pm

Motion Passed 7/0



School Board President Signature

2-5-24
Date



School Board Secretary Signature

2-5-24
Date