

BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
Mt. Sterling, Illinois
September 27, 2017

The 2017-18 budget amendment hearing was held on Wednesday evening, September 27 at 5:45 pm in the Board of Education Office at 503 NW Cross Street, Mt. Sterling, Illinois.

1. The 2017-18 budget amendment hearing is open at 5:50pm by Matt McCaskill. The floor was open for questions or concerns regarding the FY18 budget, with none heard. The budget hearing was closed at 6:00 pm.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, September 27, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Education office, 503 NW Cross Street, Mt. Sterling, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by McCaskill. The minutes were recorded by Casey Perry.

On roll call, Blaesing, absent; Blakeley, absent; Fry, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, absent; McCaskill, yea.

In attendance: Jennifer Van Giesen, Genny Stauffer, Hannah Heldt, Dalton Hoover, James McKay, Hannah Kline, Megan Woodward, Tom Moran, Kourtney Kassing, Megan Kunkel, Nicole Rubenacker, McKayla Fields, Alex Ebbing, Shelly Eager, Pollee Craven, Karen Jirjis and Kris Gallaher.

Public Comment speakers: Principals from each building introduced their new teachers and Mrs. Phillips introduce James McKay as Building and Grounds Supervisor.

Motion by Fry, seconded by Fullerton, to approve the consent agenda.

Roll call: Blaesing, absent; Blakeley, absent; Fry, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, absent; McCaskill, yea.
Motion carried.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Fullerton, to Approve the FY17 Budget. Mrs. Phillips reviewed and explained the budget and the revenue and expenses reflected in each fund. The budget reflects the best information available provided by the State in regards to revenue.

Roll call: Blaesing, absent; Blakeley, absent; Fry, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, absent; McCaskill, yea.
Motion carried.

Motion by Fry, seconded by Fullerton, Second Reading of Press Plus Issue 95 Policies which included Policy 2:220 Format of the Closed Meeting Minutes; Policy 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure including naming Shelly Eager and Pollee Craven as Complaint Mangers; 6:80 Teaching about Controversial Issues including eliminating the line that allows for disruptive conduct being prohibited and subject to discipline (due to such allowance being already in force); 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities which includes the website of the district and included some clarification wording changes.

Roll call: Blaesing, absent; Blakeley, absent; Fry, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, absent; McCaskill, yea.
Motion carried.

First Reading of Policy 6:300. Discussion took place regarding the desire of the board to allow students who have graduated early to have the opportunity to walk through the graduation ceremony if they agree to follow the expectations of the administration regarding attending practices and maintaining good behavior before and during the ceremony. It was noted that students who have "Officially Graduated" at the end of their 7th semester are eligible for Federal and State Financial Aid if they attend a public college or university. Consequently deeming students graduated at the end of the 7th semester is more advantages than just having them be finished and graduating with their peers in May. Walking through the graduation ceremony is an honor, not a right. A student can graduate from a school without going through the ceremony, but the ceremony is a celebration of accomplishment that either the 7th or 8th semester graduates can participate.

Motion by Fullerton, seconded by Fry, Discussion and Approve BCHS Student Handbook Change. This change provided the weighting of math curriculum courses that should have been counted as weighted classes in the original printing of the handbook, but was missed and not included as weighted classes.

Roll call: Blaesing, absent; Blakeley, absent; Fry, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, absent; McCaskill, yea.
Motion carried.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Fullerton, to Approve the purchase of 2017 Chevy 12 passenger Van from Kitchell Garage for \$24,910

Roll call: Blaesing, absent; Blakeley, absent; Fry, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, absent; McCaskill, yea. Motion carried.

Motion by Fry, seconded by McCaskill, to Approve Updated Facility Usage Fees to change the auditorium rental fee for “For Profit” entities from \$200 to \$500 per 24 hours plus a \$500 damage deposit that will be returned if no damage is found to have taken place during the rental period. Discussion regarding no food or drink allowed in the newly updated auditorium. Discussion also took place regarding setting in place a procedure to have a pre-rental check and a post-rental check of the facilities for any rental damages that may occur.

Roll call: Blaesing, absent; Blakeley, absent; Fry, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, absent; McCaskill, yea.
Motion carried.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Fullerton, Employment (Resignations, Hiring’s, Dismissals, Release, Reduction) which included: Approve hiring Charlotte Scott as Middle School Yearbook Advisor; Approve hiring Sandy Barr for Elementary Paraprofessional with the understanding she will not accept any special trips as a bus driver outside of her regularly scheduled route that would cause her to work overtime hours except in the case of emergencies or direction of the Superintendent; Approve hiring Thomas Moore as a special education teacher grades 6-12 contingent upon obtaining the ISBE issued Short-term Emergency Special Education Approval on his Professional Educators License; Approve hiring James McKay as Buildings and Facilities Manager which is a new position within the management team directly supervised by the Superintendent and independent of the labor union; Accept resignation of Misty Moore as custodian; Approve hiring of Anthony Fanshier as custodian; Approve a pay increase for Billie Moore based on recent evaluation results comparable to that of this year’s non-certified contract increase allowance of 2%; Approve hiring Justin Volk for Boys JV Basketball Coach.

Roll call: Blaesing, absent; Blakeley, absent; Fry, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, absent; McCaskill, yea.
Motion carried.

Motion by Fullerton, seconded by Fry, to adjourn at 8:15 pm.

Motion carried by acclamation.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY