

BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1**Mt. Sterling, Illinois****August 16, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday evening August 16, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Brown County High School Auditorium and via Zoom video conference. The meeting was called to order by Heath Fullerton. The minutes were recorded by McKenzie Taute.

On roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blaesing, arrived at 6:02 p.m.; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

In person attendance: Lan Eberle, Pollee Craven, Sally Ruble, Alex Ebbing, Kris Gallaher, Tracy Conley, McKenzie Taute, Chris Miller, Lisa Barfield, Jeremy Ward, Melissa Markert, Kelly Garthaus, Sarah Allen, Deb Hedden, Sally Dolby, Jerod Metz, Susie Woodward, Mary Anne Kerley, Gayle Lehne, Karl Groesch, Levi Vermillion, Jenna Vermillion, Lydia Vermillion, Matt Bordenkircher, Hannah Bordenkircher, Julie Houston, Susan Houston, Bev Stay, Kathy Mitchell, Courtney Garfield, Brenda Veith, Adam Veith, Wyatt Gard, Brittany Heinecke, Grace Boylen.

In attendance via Zoom: Dan Long, Megan Kunkel, Kara Cox, Charolette Koch, Molly Lenover, Aaron Foster, Mary Ingram, Kelsey Jones, Nicole Fanshier, Dave Phelps, Mikki Volk, Stacy Kindhart, Brandon Gallaher, Sandy Prather, Christi Goudschaal, Susan Oswald, Kim Dormire, Natasha Jones, Stacey Rohn, Liann Bauch.

Public Comment: Jeremy Ward, Adam Veith, Sarah Allen and Lisa Barfield addressed the Board with concerns regarding the mandated mask order.

Letters submitted electronically for public comment from the following:

- Aaron Foster
- Jenna Vermillion
- Nicole Fanshier
- Susan Houston
- Gayle Lehne
- Chris Brierton
- Craig & Amanda Law
- Courtney Garfield
- Nancy Goben
- Kristi Laning
- Emily Lerch
- Sherry Vermillion
- Jessica Bridgewater
- Time & Rose Henry
- Jamie Arana
- Terry Houston
- Darren Henry
- Brieanne Ham
- Emily Frank

- Kathy Mitchelle
- Bethany Selby
- Julie & Brian Houston
- Sarah Henry
- Nikki Maxwell
- Andria Crabtree
- Heather & Doug Henry
- Kim Berkenbile

Dr. Eberle, Heath Fullerton and James Blakeley read aloud 27 letters submitted electronically for public comment. The letters requested that the Board consider optional masking for students.

Visitors: Chris Miller updated the Board on potential opportunities for FFA. Miller reported that the district could soon be offering dual credits with local community colleges. Miller also mentioned that a potential donor expressed interest in funding a greenhouse on the district owned property west of the high school. Miller also mentioned that FFA alumni requested to lease property for Ag purposes.

Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Fullerton, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried

Financial Report: Dr. Eberle explained that the finance committee is meeting monthly, prior to the Board meeting to go over expenses.

Building and Grounds: John Eichelberger discussed building and grounds tours that were recently taken. Eichelberger explained that maintenance director, James McKay, was working on prioritizing a list of needs.

Transportation: Eichelberger discussed notes from the transportation committee meeting. Eichelberger explained Todd Koch, Dr. Eberle and himself had met and reviewed the current transportation fleet with mechanic, Brian Roberts. Eichelberger went on to say that district currently has 13 full size busses with 8 routes and 6 smaller busses with 3 routes. Eichelberger reported that two of the smaller busses will not pass DOT inspection and need to be removed from the fleet. The district will be looking at adding new busses and analyzing whether to buy or lease for acquisition next summer.

Cell Tower Lease Agreement Extension: Eberle explained that the districts attorney is currently reviewing the cell tower lease and will provide advisement once he has completed his review.

Past Due Fees: Eberle looked to the Board for instruction on how to proceed with collection of the over \$35,000 in past due registration, food service and sports fees.

Motion by Fullerton, seconded by Blakeley, to approve the Amended Brown County Return to Learn Plan.

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blaesing, no; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, no; Koch, no; Boylen, no.

Motion Failed

Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Blaesing, to approve the Consolidated District Plan from the Illinois State Board of Education.

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Fullerton, seconded by Blaesing, to set the Fiscal Year 22 Budget Hearing for September 20, 2021, at 5:45 p.m.

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Koch, to enter closed session at 7:06 p.m. for the following subjects: a) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the School District; b) collective negotiating matters between the School District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Fullerton, to exit closed session at 7:35 p.m.

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Koch, seconded by Boylen, to approve the minutes of closed session.

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to approve the 3.5% salary increase for certified personnel.

Roll call: Fullerton, abstain; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Boylen, to approve the 1% salary increase for extra pay stipends.

Roll call: Fullerton, abstain; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Fullerton to approve the Salary Increase of 3% for Exempt Employees, not covered under another contract for FY 22 (Director of Maintenance – James McKay, Maintenance Employee – Chad Roley, Business Manager – Tracy Conley, Board

Secretary/Bookkeeper – McKenzie Taute, Director of Technology – Kris Gallaher, Pre-K Coordinator – Diane Settles and Birth to Age 3 Teacher – Kris Taylor)

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Blaesing, to approve the following personnel action:

Personnel Listing – August 16, 2021

Approval:

Anthony Cook – Elementary Special Education and Elementary Physical Education Teacher – beginning of 2021-2022 school year

Ivan Miranda – High School Spanish Teacher – beginning of 2021-2022 school year

Benjamin Yingling – Middle School Science Teacher – beginning of 2021-2022 school year

Scott Woodward – High School Golf Assistant Coach – effective August 16, 2021

Vanessa Markert – High School Girls Assistant Basketball Coach – effective August 16, 2021 – split stipend

Alexis Doyle - High School Girls Assistant Basketball Coach – effective August 16, 2021 – split stipend

Transfer:

Jolene Hall – Middle School Science to Middle School Special Education – beginning of 2021-2022 school year

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Fullerton, to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Motion Carried by Acclamation