

BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
Mt. Sterling, Illinois
September 20, 2021

The 2021-2022 budget hearing was held on Monday evening, September 20, 2021, at 5:45 pm in the Brown County High School band room. The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Blaesing. The minutes were recorded by McKenzie Taute.

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

Attendance: Lan Eberle, Pollee Craven, Alex Ebbing, McKenzie Taute, Tracy Conley, Kris Gallaher, Kennedy Gallaher, Gail Gallaher, Jennnifer Ingram, Nikki Decker, Paige Welty, Debbie Staton, Lena Anderson, Corey Anderson, Cora Anderson, Amber Anderson, Dave Phelps, Dan Long.

Budget Hearing Minutes

Superintendent, Lan Eberle, presented the Fiscal Year 2022 tentative budget to the Board. Each fund was reviewed and expected revenues and expenses were discussed. Eberle thanked interim Superintendent, Dr. Curt Simonson, for his work in getting the district to a balanced budget. Eberle went on to say that due to cuts and funding from the ESSER grants, the district has healthier fund balances than originally projected.

	Education	O&M	Debt Service	Trans.	IMRF/SS	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Safety & Prev.
July 1, 2021	\$1,508,325	\$296,825	\$75,500	\$773,830	\$97,577	\$875,391	\$540,389	\$518,239	\$4,629
Projected Revenue	\$6,875,386	\$731,524	\$706,969	\$857,381	\$310,000	\$403,000	\$57,288	\$1,494,000	\$56,288
Projected Expense	\$6,421,835	\$546,569	\$706,969	\$503,788	\$286,612	\$57,500	\$0	\$1,153,338	\$15,000
Excess (+/-)	\$453,551	\$184,955	\$0	\$353,593	\$23,388	\$345,500	\$57,288	\$340,662	\$41,288
Projected Balance End FY 22	\$1,961,876	\$481,780	\$75,500	\$1,127,423	\$120,965	\$1,220,891	\$597,677	\$858,901	\$45,917

Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Koch to adjourn at 5:54 p.m.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Hughes, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea.

Motion Carried

Regular Board Meeting

The regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 5:56 p.m. by Jennifer Blaesing. The minutes were recorded by McKenzie Taute.

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

Attendance: Lan Eberle, Pollee Craven, Alex Ebbing, McKenzie Taute, Tracy Conley, Kris Gallaher, Kennedy Gallaher, Gail Gallaher, Jennifer Ingram, Nikki Decker, Paige Welty, Debbie Staton, Lena Anderson, Corey Anderson, Cora Anderson, Amber Anderson, Dave Phelps, Dan Long.

Visitors:

Mr. Ebbing recognized Brown County Middle School student of the month, Lena Anderson. Ebbing said Lena was nominated by Mr. Yingling for her leadership, organization, and willingness to help.

Mrs. Craven recognized Brown County High School student of the month, Kennedy Gallaher. Craven said Gallaher was nominated by Mr. Miller and Mr. Miranda for her outstanding leadership, academic accomplishments, and willingness to go the extra mile.

Nikki Decker spoke to the Board about the CEO program and the projects the group is currently working on. Decker went on to say that the program has helped bring herself and fellow classmates out of their shell.

Paige Welty spoke to the Board about what she has witnessed the CEO program do for some of her classmates. Welty said the program has made her gain confidence by stepping out of her comfort zone.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Eichelberger, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Hughes, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea.

Motion Carried

Correspondence: Blaesing announced the Affinity Card donation in the amount of \$1,077.72 from Brown County State Bank.

Discussion Items:

Maintenance Grant: Eberle spoke about the recently submitted maintenance grant. Eberle said the original plan was to do multiple smaller projects throughout all the campuses, but the dollars must be spent at one location. Eberle and the Building and Grounds committee thought the money would be best spent taking care of Health Life/Safety projects. This would include fire alarm systems, emergency doors, stabilizing the building addition and exterior doors and frames at the Elementary School.

ESSER III: Eberle explained that 20% of the ESSER III funding would be spent on learning loss. This would include summer school, summer school salaries and benefits and supplies. Eberle went on to say the plan includes purchasing iPads, student laptops, textbooks, water bottle filling stations, updates to the High School kitchen, adding HVAC, updating the band room restrooms and new radios for the buses and each office.

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan: Eberle explained that a Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan was required to proceed with the ESSER III grant. This plan lays out a lot of the same guidelines that were in the district's Return to Learn Plan that was approved at the August 19, 2021, Board meeting.

Use of Funds Plan: Eberle explained that the Use of Funds Plan was also a requirement to proceed with the ESSER III grant. The plan spells out how the funds will be used to assist with student learning loss, staffing, technology, staff/student safety and facility renovations/upgrades.

Educational Broadband Spectrum License Proceeds: IT Director, Kris Gallaher, discussed the proceeds received from Adams Telephone Co-Operative for the Educational Broadband Spectrum sale. Gallaher explained that Adams purchased the wireless spectrum from the district in late 2019. The agreement was, if the spectrum was sold by Adams for over \$20,000, they would split the proceeds with the district. The district received \$190,000 from Adams for the recent sale.

Update on Past Due Student Account Balances: Eberle updated the Board on the \$38,000 in past due registration and food service fees. Eberle told the Board that he will be sending individual letters to each household with a balance in attempt to collect.

Motion by Koch, seconded by Blaesing, to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Tentative Budget.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Hughes, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Koch, to approve the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan and the Use of Funds Plan for the ESSER III Grant.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Hughes, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Hughes, to approve the closure of the Class of 2020 Activity Account.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Hughes, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Koch, seconded by Eichelberger, to approve the opening of the Class of 2024 and 2025 activity accounts.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Hughes, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Koch, seconded by Hughes, to approve the 2021-2022 Officials pay scale.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Hughes, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Eichelberger, to enter closed session at 6:25 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: Blaesing, yea; Hughes, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Blaesing, to exit closed session at 6:41 p.m.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Hughes, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Hughes, to approve the minutes of closed session.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Hughes, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Koch, seconded by Hughes, to approve the increased compensation rate for substitute teachers from \$100 to \$120 per day beginning September 27, 2021.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Hughes, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Koch, to approve the implementation of a compensation rate for long-term substitute teachers in the amount of \$150 per day beginning September 27, 2021.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Hughes, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Koch, to approve the following personnel action:

Personnel Listing – September 20, 2021

Approval:

Martha Blakeley – 7th Grade Girls Basketball – effective 9/20/2021
Rebecca Kassing – 8th Grade Girls Basketball – effective 9/20/2021
Trenton Harrelson – HS Assistant Football – effective 9/20/2021
Shawn Conley – Bus Driver – effective 9/20/2021
Judy Jones – Bus Aide – effective 9/20/2021
Jennifer Van Giesen – Class of 2025 Sponsor – effective 9/20/2021
Jennifer Ingram – Class of 2024 Sponsor – effective 9/20/2021

Resignation:

Anne Wilson – ES Custodian – effective 8/17/2021
Mariah Markert – JH Volleyball Coach – effective 8/23/2021
Denny Flesner – JH Girls Basketball Coach – effective 8/27/2021
Megan Woodward – HS Assistant Track Coach – effective 8/31/2021

Retirement:

Lori Lindsey-Richardson – Bus Driver – effective 9/10/2021

Transfer:

Amanda Ketcham – Middle School Paraprofessional to Elementary School Paraprofessional – effective 8/30/2021

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Hughes, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Koch, to adjourn at 6:46 p.m.

Motion Carried by Acclamation