

October 21, 2020

The Brimfield Board of Education held its regular meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 7 p.m. in the High School Library. Board President Thompson called the meeting to order with the following members present: Meyer, Kenney, Updyke, Johnson, Heinz, and Graham.

The board recognized the following visitors: Dave Hicke and John Ballentine. Amy Kepple arrived later.

Kenney moved and Johnson seconded to approve:

- September 16, 2020 Regular Meeting and Closed Session
- October 12, 2020 Special Meeting
- October 13, 2020 Extra-Curricular Committee Meeting
- October 14, 2020 Policy Committee Meeting

Motion Carried

Board President Thompson reported. He commended Administration, staff, and students for doing their part in keeping the school going through the first 9 weeks! Other districts have not been as fortunate. He mentioned that the Board knows that conferences are generally a busy time, especially this year, and that the Board is covering the cost of the meals for both days.

Superintendent Shinall reported on his board report He shared Mr. Thompson's sentiment; through the first nine weeks, we have been fortunate! He brought the Board's attention to the ISBE materials in the packet. Graham was publicly recognized for his Master Board Member – Level 1 achievement! He mentioned House Bill 4783 is still being actively discussed in the General Assembly; it applies to this district due to our logo. Lastly, he touched on the Facility Sales Tax revenue.

Mr. Robison reported on his High School Report. He highlighted the outstanding accomplishments in golf. Great job! He mentioned that we recently had therapy dogs at the school. It was much needed and would like to make this a semi-annual event. He shared the number of remote learners returning to in-person instruction. He updated the Board on the SATs as well as the make-up days. He briefed the Board on the upcoming PSAT days. Lastly, there will be a decision on the status of the Basketball season soon.

Mrs. Albritton reported on her Grade School Report She briefed the Board on enrollment numbers. She mentioned that some students have returned from remote learning for her also. Conferences are going great and staff will be attending a PD session (primarily regarding remote instruction) this Friday. She detailed some purchases made possible through IDEA grant funds. She highlighted some phenomenal accomplishments in Baseball, Softball, and Cross Country! She has been assisting Tyler Harr in putting together a virtual Veteran's Day concert.

There was one item of old business to address: the eligibility of Homeschool students in extra-curricular Interscholastic Activities and athletics. Superintendent Shinall brought the Board's

attention to the handout (included in packet). There was a question as to whether it will become a common procedure or a policy? Heinz believes it should be policy; there were no disagreements. There was a question as to the amount of time a student has to be in attendance? Mr. Robison mentioned that there is no clear indication and shared verbiage pulled directly from the state's website. We will continue to have discussions with our attorneys.

There was new business to discuss/approve.

Meyer moved and Kenney seconded to approve the intent to spend \$123,000 on Health/Life Safety projects. Superintendent Shinall mentioned that the intent to spend Health/Life Safety funds last month because the architects came back with a different figure. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Johnson – yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion Carried

Updyke moved and Johnson seconded to approve the First Reading of Policies:

- 2:260
- 5:10
- 5:100
- 5:20
- 5:220
- 5:330
- 7:10
- 7:180
- 7:185
- 7:20

A brief discussion regarding the future handling of updates to policies followed. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Johnson – yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Meyer moved and Updyke seconded to approve the new policy 2:265. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Johnson – yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Johnson seconded to approve the addendum to goals to the Superintendent's Contract. Superintendent Shinall briefly described the necessity. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Johnson – yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes. Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried


Graham moved and Johnson seconded to approve Tyler Harr – High School Marching Band. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Johnson – yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Kenney moved and Meyer seconded to approve Jeannie Jones – High School Flags. Roll Call:  
Meyer – yes, Johnson – yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes, Updyke – yes,  
Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Johnson moved and Updyke seconded to approve the Consent Calendar items. Roll Call:  
Meyer – yes, Johnson – yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes, Updyke – yes,  
Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Thompson welcomed comments from the community members; there were none.

At 7:22 p.m. Heinz moved and Johnson seconded to adjourn the October 21, 2020 regular  
board meeting of the Brimfield CUSD #309 Board of Education. Motion carried

  
Board President

  
Board Secretary