

The Brimfield Board of Education held its regular meeting on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 7:02 p.m. in the High School Library. Board President Thompson called the meeting to order with the following members present: Meyer, Updyke, Johnson, Heinz, and Graham.

The board recognized the following visitors: Mark Bell, Amy Kepple, Brandon Porter, Dave Hicke, John Ballentine, and Ali Jones.

Heinz moved and Johnson seconded to approve the minutes from:

- November 11, 2020 Regular Meeting
- December 8, 2020 Extra-Curricular Meeting
- December 10, 2020 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

Motion Carried

Heinz moved and Meyer seconded to accept the resignation of Monte Kenney from the Board with appreciation for time served.

Motion Carried

Johnson moved and Heinz seconded to approve the appointment of Mark Bell to the Brimfield CUSD #309 Board of Education. Bell will serve the remainder of the term of the vacant position. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Johnson – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes. Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes.

Motion Carried

Heinz moved and Meyer moved to open nominations for Vice President of the Brimfield CUSD #309 Board of Education.

Motion Carried

Heinz nominated Updyke.

Meyer moved and Graham seconded to close nominations for Vice President of the Brimfield CUSD #309 Board of Education.

Motion Carried

Meyer moved and Johnson seconded to approve Steve Updyke as the Vice President of the Brimfield CUSD #309 Board of Education. Updyke will serve as Vice President of the Brimfield CUSD #309 Board of Education until April 2021.

Motion Carried

Board President Thompson did not have anything to report.

Superintendent Shinall reported on his board report. He thanked everyone for their diligence and flexibility during this first semester! He mentioned that we will be observing COVID-19 over the break and plan on returning for in-person instruction on January 4. He briefed the Board on what it would take to move to 1:1 on devices, a recently published legal notice, administration's monitoring of IHSA and IESA decisions, cafeteria debt, and recent discussions with the Red Cross. Heinz commended Shinall for his leadership through these tough times; Mrs. Albritton, Mr. Robison, and the teachers were commended as well for their efforts.

Mr. Robison echoed Heinz and shared his sentiments; he then reported on his High School Report. He recognized the outstanding efforts of the students and staff. He updated the Board on the SATs and PSATs. He shared his gratitude for everyone helping to make this such a positive learning environment. Lastly, he highlighted perseverance at the high school and their

hashtag. Heinz commended Mr. Robison for his enthusiasm, energy, and positivity. Heinz also mentioned that he has been hearing great things around the community!

Mrs. Albritton reported on her Grade School Report She briefed the Board on enrollment numbers as well as the number of students participating in remote learning. A message from the District Nurse was shared. Mrs. Albritton informed the Board of a recent winter concert, food drive, winter boot donation, and the Brimfield 5k donation. She referenced a page of Teachers (included in the packet) who have had SMART TVs or SmartBoards installed; she mentioned that those items were purchased as a result of grant funds. She shared the number of chromebooks distributed, extracurricular event information, and upcoming events. Heinz commended Mrs. Albritton for everything she has done (and continues to do) and has been hearing great things from the community as well!

There was new business to discuss/approve.

Updyke moved and Johnson seconded to waive the First Reading of Policy 7:40 Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students. Superintendent Shinall explained that legal counsel has added the additional (highlighted) verbiage. Motion Carried

Updyke moved and Heinz seconded to approve the Tax Levy for FY22. The Levy was explained. He mentioned that, because of the Board’s collaboration with Administration last year on refinancing the Bonds, the tax rate decreased; he commended them for making this happen! Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Johnson – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried


Meyer moved and Johnson seconded to accept the bid for the BGS Bleacher Project. Superintendent Shinall explained that the Building & Grounds Committee had met and discussed the three bids that had been submitted. Ultimately, Irwin Seating Company was chosen. June 1 is the expected started date and the architects anticipate the project completed in about 2 weeks. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Johnson – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes. Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

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

Thompson welcomed comments from the community members. Amy Kepple mentioned it was “like Christmas” when the SmartBoards and Smart TVs arrived and were installed. She thanked the Board and Administration for making it happen!

At 7:28 p.m. Heinz moved and Johnson seconded to adjourn the December 16, 2020 regular board meeting of the Brimfield CUSD #309 Board of Education. Motion carried

  
Board President

  
Board Secretary