

November 11, 2020

The Brimfield Board of Education held its regular meeting on Wednesday, November 11, 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 Maribeth Dura and approximately 26 online visitors.

Kenney moved and Graham seconded to approve the minutes from:

- October 21, 2020 Regular Meeting

Motion Carried

Board President Thompson did not have anything to report.

Superintendent Shinall reported on his board report. He thanked and commended all veterans, past and present, in addition to our own former Marine, Mr. Robison! He also thanked and commended the students, Mr. Harr, and Mrs. Gibbs for the outstanding Veteran's Day Program! He briefed the Board on the upcoming Tax Levy, Administrative procedures during inclement wintry weather, information shared at a recent zoning committee, and an update on the Health/Life Safety Amendment.

Mr. Robison reported on his High School Report. He highlighted the outstanding accomplishments of the Cross Country Teams. He congratulated Thomas Harmon and the boys team as well as Addy Simmons and the girls team! He briefed the Board on the success of theme week and status of the SATs. He congratulated Jeremy Ott for being the Student of the Month for October! Lastly, he highlighted perseverance at the high school and their hashtag.

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, even though it was short lived (she shared that today was the first remote learning day for this school year). She shared how ecstatic she was with her staff and what they have done to prepare themselves for remote learning! She thanked Superintendent Shinall for bringing up the virtual Veteran's Day Program; it was fantastic! Thank you Mr. Harr and Mrs. Gibbs! The upcoming canned food drive was explained and she summarized the Teacher Institute day (held October 23rd). She elaborated on various improvements taking place throughout the District and praised Mr. Henson for all of his assistance in ensuring remote learning would be a smooth transition from a technology standpoint. Lastly, the Board was updated on extracurricular events (at the Grade School) and was briefed on the upcoming dates.

There was old business to address. Superintendent Shinall explained that he had a conversation with the attorneys, regarding the eligibility of homeschool students participating in extracurricular and interscholastic activities/events, and they have included some recommended verbiage (highlighted in red in policy 7:40- included in packet). It was explained that IHSA has removed the requirement of the amount of time a home-school student must be on site learning.

A question arose regarding if Elmwood would recognize Brimfield's homeschooled athletes, for those sports where we co-op. Superintendent Shinall mentioned that it would be at their discretion to honor the student.

Superintendent Shinall updated the Board on the status of the Memorial Wall. The stone has arrived and we will coordinate with the weather on the completion.

There was new business to discuss/approve.

Johnson moved and Meyer seconded to approve the Second Reading of Policies:

- 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
- 5:10 Equal Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- 5:100 Staff Development Program
- 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- 5:220 Substitute Teachers
- 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
- 7:10 Equal Education Opportunities
- 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
- 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited

Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Johnson – yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Heinz moved and Johnson seconded to approve the Second Reading and Adopt new policy 2:265 Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Johnson – yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Meyer moved and Kenney seconded to approve the purchase of technology, through the IDEA grant, in the amount of \$64,504.31. Superintendent Shinall briefly explained the items being purchased. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Johnson – yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Kenney moved and Heinz seconded to approve the District Insurance Proposal. Superintendent Shinall explained the reason for the increase and that the projected number next year will be higher as well. The following year, prior claims should be falling off, and we should see a rate decrease at that time. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Johnson – yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

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

The next order of business was the IHSA/IDPH Guidelines for Basketball for the 2020-2021 Season. Superintendent Shinall recommended the District adhere to IDPH regulations until IHSA meets again next week. He shared some documents with the Board that would assist them in their eventual decision. We hope to hear something more on November 19, when IHSA and IDPH will meet with members from the Governor's office. There was a question about students practicing while remote. As of right now, the earliest practice would begin is on the same day as in-person instruction resumes, November 30. He noted that this is contingent on the outcome of IHSA's meeting on November 19. He shared the number of games that are currently scheduled as well as the number of Boys and Girls teams that said yes to playing, no to playing, and those who chose to modify their seasons. Shinall hopes on November 19 IHSA and IDPH come to an agreement.


Thompson welcomed comments from the community members. Maribeth Dura agreed with Superintendent Shinall that it is a good idea to hold off on making a decision on the season until IHSA meets next week; as it looks right now missing a few days would be a small sacrifice. Superintendent Shinall reminded everyone that it is not a good look on the District if the District gave the green light on Basketball, but not on returning to in-person instruction.

Updyke moved and Johnson 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

At 7:44 p.m. Johnson moved and Kenney seconded to adjourn the November 11, 2020 regular board meeting of the Brimfield CUSD #309 Board of Education. Motion carried



Board President



Board Secretary