

April 21, 2021

The Brimfield Board of Education held its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2021 at 7:02p.m. in the High School Library. Board President Thompson called the meeting to order with the following members present: Bell, Updyke, Meyer and Graham.

The board recognized the following visitors: John Ballentine, Brandon Porter, and Jane Mason.

Updyke moved and Graham seconded to approve the minutes from:

- March 17, 2021 Regular Meeting & Closed Session

Motion Carried

Board President Thompson reported. He recognized the janitors, staff, and administration for keeping things running.

Superintendent Shinall reported on his board report. He touched on the credit recovery program and tentative budget. Due to the amended budget timeline and the need to finalize the list of high school graduates, the May meeting will need to be moved to May 12. The 1:1 initiative has been expanded to include 5th and 6th grades. In the packet is the SOPPA agreement. Our attorneys have agreed that it is perfectly fine the way it is. He gave feedback from the Township meetings he recently attended. He mentioned that the distance learning grant was brought up; ongoing conversations continue with this. With the current COVID-19 positivity rate just below 7%, the scheduled end-of-year activities are slated to continue. He shared a token of gratitude with the outgoing Board members.

Mr. Robison reported on his High School Report. He shared updates on sports. He added that the WYSE team performed very well at a recent competition! 3 members advanced to state! He publicly acknowledged Mr. Carlson for his years of service as not only a teacher, but also as a coach. He also congratulated Julie Edwards for being the staff member of the month! The Board was updated on the SAT and PSAT. He thanked Kelsey Messineo for her help with the testing. Lastly, he mentioned Brimfield's hashtag.

Mrs. Albritton reported on her Grade School Report. The Board was briefed on enrollment numbers as well as the number of students participating in remote learning. A message from the District Nurse was shared. We have had one additional positive COVID-19 case since the writing of her report. The Board was briefed on Student Achievement/Instruction/Curriculum/Initiatives. She briefed the Board on testing and explained why, for the first time, Summer School is being offered. We are still looking at getting final numbers so we can hire the appropriate number of staff for summer school. She also added that there have been a few grounds improvements such as the replacement of the marquee, gutter above the cafeteria, and playground fixtures. She shared excitement for the start of the trap shooting season. Basketball is in its final two weeks and she shared their progress. Lastly, she shared the upcoming events. Thompson commended her and her staff for helping to keep the cases down! He also complimented her and the other staff members who will be taking on summer school.

There was new business to discuss/approve.

Meyer moved and Updyke seconded to approve the Health/Life Safety study performed by Keach and MSI for \$42,000. Superintendent Shinall mentioned that this is mandatory, due every 10 years. It includes the sports complex. We are not certain how long it will take to get the report. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes.

Motion Carried

Updyke moved and Bell seconded to approve the bid for concrete work from CNG for \$18,500. Superintendent Shinall added that this includes work at the track and the Grade School. We did get other quotes but this was the cheapest. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Graham seconded to approve a Leave of Absence for Ashley Savage for the 2021-2022 School Year. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Bell seconded to approve the \$22,000 expansion of 1:1 implementation for grades 5 and 6. Superintendent Shinall informed the Board that this is the cost to include two additional grade levels; the previous amount approved was for grades 7-12. The Board was also reminded that ESSER II funds will be used for this. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Meyer seconded to appoint the Superintendent to begin the development of the FY22 Budget. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Graham seconded to approve the expenditure of funds for FY22. Superintendent Shinall explained that we need this approval because we cannot spend money without an adopted budget in place and that does not happen until September. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Meyer seconded to approve the SOPPA Agreement. Superintendent Shinall summarized- there needs to be an agreement with any platform that holds student information. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Graham seconded to approve Brimfield's membership in the Association of Illinois Rural and Small Schools. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Superintendent Shinall explained that there is no vote, right now, on the intergovernmental agreement with PERFECT. They are doing some work to clean up the current agreement. The agreement in the packet indicates the progress.

Graham moved and Updyke seconded to approve the Peoria County Co-Op Purchasing Program. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

There were personnel items to discuss/approve.

Updyke moved and Meyer seconded to approve the 2021-2022 School Year Grade School Extra-Curricular Assignments (as presented). Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Meyer moved and Updyke seconded to approve the 2021-2022 School Year High School Extra-Curricular Assignments (as presented). Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Bell seconded to approve the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Support Personnel Assignment list (as presented). Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Meyer moved and Updyke seconded to approve Jane Mason as the Grade School Special Education Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Meyer seconded to approve Tucker Blum as the 2nd Assistant Baseball Coach. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Meyer seconded to approve the resignation of Angel Frail – Grade School Cheerleading. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Meyer seconded to approve the resignation of Brandon Porter – 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Meyer seconded to approve the resignation of Chloe Bowe – Paraprofessional. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

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

Thompson welcomed comments from the community members. President Thompson questioned if we have flags; Superintendent Shinall confirmed that we do but COVID has put a pause on activities where flags would be involved. Albritton shared a brief background on the newly hired Special Education Teacher, Jane Mason. The High School and Grade School Graduations were discussed. Both will be at the sports complex parking lot. 11am for the Grade School Graduation and 2pm for the High School Graduation; rain date is the following date. It was agreed that there will be a special meeting next week, at 7pm, to seat the new Board of Education.

At 7:36 p.m. Updyke moved and Meyer seconded to adjourn the April 21, 2021 regular board meeting of the Brimfield CUSD #309 Board of Education. Motion carried


Board President


Board Secretary