Extra-Curricular Meeting 12/8/2020

Meeting was called to order at 3:06 pm by Chairperson Updyke.

In attendance: Tony Shinall, Bill Robison, Patrick Meyer, Steve Updyke, Brent Graham, Kevin Kreiter, Brandon Porter, John Thompson (Kreiter, Porter, Thompson attending remotely). Todd Johnson joined remotely at 3:40 pm.

Updyke, Graham, and Meyer all expressed their concerns. Updyke mentioned being able to support baseball and softball, but worried about the expense of a football program. Graham and Meyer mentioned the issue of losing football and opportunities for kids.

Kreiter talked about the issue of waiting for Elmwood. Graham and Kreiter talked about the dissolving of the Brimfield/Elmwood co-op. Kevin reiterated that Elmwood did not want to dissolve the co-op, to the best of his recollection.

Thompson spoke about his feelings. Cross-County and Track students also have consideration in this decision. Football students as well.

Shinall shared fiscal concerns. The expense of a football program and eventually the cost of a respectable facility was shared. Shinall also shared the state of school finance and how that will impact the budget of Brimfield CUSD #309.

Shinall mentioned that he and Elmwood administration had spoken about this on multiple occasions.

Membership in the Prairieland Conference was discussed as well. The Prairieland has lost a few schools and added to Macomb. We are also still members of the ICAC, which has added Peoria Heights and Peoria Christian, now making the ICAC an 8 team league.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Board President

Board Secretary