May 17, 2017

The Brimfield Board of Education held its regular board meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library. Heinz called the meeting to order with the following members were present: Thompson, Updyke, Hoerr, Kenney, and Graham. Bauer was absent.

Hoerr moved and Graham seconded to approve the special meeting minutes of April 26, 2017, and the committee meeting minutes of May 8th and 9th. Motion carried

Clint McKown, Brimfield High School Alumni President, addressed the Board. He explained that he has met with Mr. Kreiter, Booster’s, and Mr. Richardson regarding the class pictures that were hanging in the old high school, that have been stored in the new high school for the last six years. They would like to digitize them and display them on TouchPro, a large TV screen that allows you to touch the school year, and the picture is displayed. This would be located in the hallway by the high school gymnasium. Mr. McKown asked if the alumni association could have the original pictures, to possibly sell for scholarships. The suggestion from the Board was for the alumni association to digitize the original pictures, and leave the originals intact and in storage.

Mr. Heinz reported on the workload/caseload committee meeting that took place on May 9, 2017. This meeting was to discuss the need for additional teacher assistants, and the needs of special education. He also reported that there was a committee meeting on extra-curriculars to discuss adjusting some of the stipends. Mr. Heinz also recognized Kelsey Drea for stepping up and supervising the high school musical.

Mr. Thompson reported on the building and grounds committee meeting that took place on May 8, 2017. They discussed boiler issues, and the possibility of air conditioning at the grade school. Several architects sent request for qualifications that the committee reviewed. Monday, May 22nd the committee will do a walk through at the grade school. On Wednesday, May 31st a walk through will be done with the architects.

Mr. Richardson reported on his board report (on file in the Unit office). He also reported that an air quality check had been done at the high school on all the previous areas that had been checked before. All areas came back within the normal ranges, except the restroom in the cafeteria. There were higher readings on the cabinet located in the restroom, and the ceiling. The cabinet is being removed, and replaced with a steel cabinet and the ceiling is being cleaned. Mr. Heinz suggested that a grill be installed on the door to allow air flow.

Mrs. Blane reported on her board report (on file in the Unit office).

Updyke moved and Thompson seconded to approve the school board dates for FY18.

Motion carried

Hoerr moved and Graham seconded to approve the final calendar for FY17, removing the discretionary days. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Hoerr seconded to approve the purchasing program for the cafeteria.

Motion carried

Thompson moved and Kenney seconded to approve the grade school and high school registration fees for FY18. Motion carried

Hoerr moved and Updyke seconded to approve the co-op agreement with Elmwood for high school cross country in years, 2017-18 and 2018-19 Motion carried

Updyke moved and Kenney seconded to approve the out of state field trip to Six Flags for the grade school and high school chorus. Motion carried

Hoerr moved and Graham seconded to approve the high school master schedule, moving homeroom/term to the end of the day. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Thompson seconded to approve the 2017 high school graduates, pending graduation requirements met. Motion carried

Hoerr moved and Kenney seconded to approve the consent calendar items presented, which included the following items: bills for payment for the month of May, Position and Treasurer’s report for the month of April, grade school and high school activity reports for the month of April. Roll call: Thompson – yes, Updyke – yes, Hoerr – yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes. Motion carried

Thompson moved and Updyke seconded to approve the tentative amended budget for FY17, and set the hearing date for June 21, 2017. Roll call: Graham – yes, Thompson – yes, Updyke – yes, Hoerr – yes, Kenney – yes, Heinz – yes. Motion carried

At 7:42 p.m. Hoerr moved and Graham seconded to leave open session and go into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee *Open Meetings Act, 5ILCS 120 being Sec. 2 (c)* Roll call: Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Thompson – yes, Updyke – yes, Hoerr – yes, Heinz – yes. Motion carried

At 9:00 p.m. Hoerr moved and Graham seconded to leave closed session and enter into open session. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Kenney seconded to approve the employment of RicAnn Pacheco, high school assistant volleyball coach, and the search of four additional teacher assistants, and approve the salaries, as presented. Roll call: Hoerr –yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Thompson – yes, Updyke – yes, Heinz – yes. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Graham seconded to approve the resignation, with gratitude for time served, of Troy Tilly, grade school track coach and Natalie Bishop, one-on-one special education assistant. Motion carried

At 9:01 p.m. Hoerr moved and Thompson seconded to adjourn. Motion carried

Dan Heinz, President

Mark Hoerr, Secretary