

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

The board recognized the following visitors: Sarah DeBord, Melissa Jackson, John Ballentine, and Jake & Liz Lowery.

Updyke moved and Johnson seconded to approve the minutes from:

- February 17, 2021 Regular Meeting & Closed Session
- March 1, 2021 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting
- March 10, 2021 Curriculum Committee Meeting

Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Johnson – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – no. Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion Carried

Board President Thompson reported. He thanked the current and past Board members. He is proud of the accomplishments such as the hiring of the current administration and the HVAC upgrade at the Grade School, just to name a few. He personally thanked Heinz and Graham for helping get him acclimated to the Board in the beginning. Best of luck to the new Board.

Superintendent Shinall reported on his board report. The Board was informed of a recent FOIA request and was updated on the status of statewide assessments. The Grade School Cafeteria was congratulated on its recent clean lunch audit. He informed the Board of a request for technology purchase(s). The purchase(s) will be ½ funded by ERATE. He then touched on how ERATE works. The Board was informed of how ESSER II funds can be further utilized. Lastly, he detailed the end-of-year activities.

Mr. Robison reported on his High School Report. The winter sports athletes were able to play in front of family and/or friends at home games! He congratulated the girls' basketball team for going undefeated and wished they had been able to compete for a state title. The Board was updated on SATs and PSATs. Freshmen and sophomores will not be taking the PSATs as was the original plan. He also mentioned that the Prom Committee has a solid plan for recognition of the court. Lastly, he mentioned the 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. The Board was briefed on Student Achievement/Instruction/Curriculum/Initiatives. She mentioned that the CCII 3rd/4th grade Special Education interviews begin March 18 (Not April 5th). She also informed the Board about Extracurriculars and upcoming events.

There was old business to discuss/approve.

Superintendent Shinall updated the Board on the status of the ESSER II funding and the Memorial Wall. Both are progressing well.

Johnson moved and Updyke seconded to approve the expenditure of \$19,924.25 for technology upgrades with HEART. Superintendent Shinall reminded the Board that with ERATE, it is a 50/50 match and the ERATE funds are use or lose funds. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Johnson – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes. Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion Carried

There was a brief discussion about how to proceed with collecting outstanding student fees. Superintendent Shinall mentioned a discussion was had with legal counsel which resulted in only a few viable options. He indicated that those who are on free/reduced lunch also pay reduced fees. He mentioned that there are 12 students with outstanding fees (not including lunch accounts), the lowest amount due, and the highest amount due. A few ideas were discussed. The Board supports any and all options Superintendent Shinall chooses.

Johnson moved and Bell seconded to approve the 2020-2021 Spring Coaches. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Johnson – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes. Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Graham seconded to approve the 2020-2021 Volunteer Coaches. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Johnson – abstain, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes. Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Johnson seconded to approve the Teachers for Second Year Probation. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Johnson – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes. Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Heinz moved and Updyke seconded to approve the Teachers for Third Year Probation. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Johnson – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes. Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Johnson moved and Bell seconded to approve the Teachers for Fourth Year Probation. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Johnson – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes. Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Heinz moved and Johnson seconded to approve the Teachers for Tenure Status (taking effect at the start of the 2021-2022 School Year). Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Johnson – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes. Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Heinz seconded to approve the Teachers for continued Tenure Service. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Johnson – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes. Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Graham seconded to approve Kristin Wagner as Part-Time Certified Staff. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Johnson – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes. Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Heinz moved and Johnson seconded to approve Jake Lowery for High School Social Studies for the 2021-2022 School Year. 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 Retirement of Tina Schnake-Grade School Teacher Assistant with appreciation for her time and commitment to the District. 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 Grade School Principal Albritton's Vacation. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Johnson – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes. Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Johnson moved and Updyke seconded to approve High School Principal Robison's Vacation. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Johnson – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes. Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Graham 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; there were none.

At 7:31pm, Johnson moved and Updyke seconded to leave open session and enter closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee *Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120, being Sec. 2 (c)* Roll Call: Heinz – yes, Bell – yes, Johnson – yes, Graham - yes, Updyke - yes, Meyer - yes, Thompson - yes. Motion carried

At 8:48 p.m. the Board returned to Open Session. Updyke then moved and Johnson seconded to adjourn the March 17, 2021 regular board meeting of the Brimfield CUSD #309 Board of Education. Motion carried


Board President

Board Secretary