

The Brimfield Board of Education held its regular meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 7:01 p.m. in the High School Library. Board President Thompson called the meeting to order with the following members present: Bell, Meyer, Updyke, Johnson, Heinz, and Graham.

The board recognized the following visitors: Alyssa Walser, Dave Hicke, and John Ballentine.

Updyke moved and Johnson seconded to approve the minutes from:

- December 16, 2020 Special Meeting & Closed Session
- December 16, 2020 Regular Meeting
- January 11, 2021 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

Motion Carried

Board President Thompson did not have anything to report.

Superintendent Shinall reported on his board report. The Board was briefed on the status of the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar, grant meeting information, ESSER II preliminary data, and one to one initiative. He shared the state of the current budget as well as preliminary revenue numbers for the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget. Lastly, he shared future changes that will be enacted due to the passage of recent legislation.

Mr. Robison reported on his High School Report. ICC will be present, in February, to provide placement testing to students interested in dual credit. The Board was briefed on the culture and positive thinking. He shared that sports practices have resumed since the recent change in tiers (health guidelines from the state). The camera system has been tested and is working. The FCS department needed a new fridge and P.E.R.F.E.C.T. has funded this need. Lastly, he shared the hashtag.

Mrs. Albritton reported on her Grade School Report She briefed the Board on enrollment numbers as well as the number of students participating in remote learning. A message from the District Nurse was shared. She shared her praises for Mrs. Gibbs being featured on a professional music education website! The Board was briefed on winter benchmarking, expectations during alternative learning days, the upcoming SIP day, IAR state assessment, and ISA state assessment. She shared that sports practices will be resuming since the recent change in tiers (health guidelines from the state). Lastly, she touched on the upcoming events.

Superintendent Shinall mentioned that IHSA will be meeting in a week and more information is forthcoming. Discussion followed as to when the various sports could play and what the schedules may look like.

Superintendent Shinall explained the one to one initiative. He highlighted that the 7th-12th graders are set to be the first area of focus. ESSER II and the PTO will be assisting with the funding. A \$100 fee, per student, would apply. Speaking of ESSER II, the funds would not have to be spent in the year it is received; we are hoping to have a more concrete number (of ESSER II funds awarded to the district) to share next month.

There was new business to discuss/approve.

Johnson moved and Heinz seconded to waive the First Reading for 5-year policy review:

- Policy 5:270 Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment.
- Policy 6:315 High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8.

Motion Carried

Heinz moved and Updyke waive the First Reading for Draft Updates to:

- Policy 3:40 Superintendent
- Policy 3:40-E Exhibit – Checklist for the Superintendent Employment Contract Negotiation Process
- Policy 4:150 Facility Management and Building Programs
- Policy 4:80 Accounting and Audits
- Policy 4:90 Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds
- Policy 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day
- Policy 6:300 Graduation Requirements
- Policy 6:310 High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-entering Students
- Policy 6:320 High School Credit for Proficiency
- Policy 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program
- Policy 7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students
- Policy 7:140 Search and Seizure
- Policy 7:300 Extracurricular Activities

Motion carried

Heinz moved and Johnson seconded to accept Alyssa Walser for High School Biology.

Superintendent Shinall explained that we are extremely lucky to have acquired a teacher with a Master's in their teaching subject. We have been extremely fortunate that Cathy Krostal was able to teach dual credit classes; this new candidate should be able to as well! Mr. Robison struck gold with this candidate. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Johnson – yes, Bell – yes, Graham – yes, Heinz – yes. Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes.


Motion carried

Updyke moved and Bell 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. Heinz questioned the electricity usage at the High School and the Baseball field electricity usage. Superintendent Shinall assured him that we will look into it and get back to him.

At 7:24 p.m. Heinz moved and Johnson seconded to adjourn the January 20, 2021 regular board meeting of the Brimfield CUSD #309 Board of Education.

Motion carried


Board President


Board Secretary