

August 15, 2018

The Brimfield Board of Education held its regular meeting on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library. Board President Heinz called the meeting to order with the following members present: Hoerr, Thompson, Kenney, Updyke, Johnson, and Graham.

The board recognized approximately fourteen community members.

Kenney moved and Updyke seconded to approve the July 18, 2018 Regular and Closed Session, and July 26, 2018 PERA/Evaluation Committee. Motion carried

Heinz reported on his report. He discussed the future teacher appreciation dinner.

Superintendent Richardson reported on his board report. He highlighted the accumulated sales tax revenue and how the funds have been placed into the capital projects fund. He also mentioned how Keach Architects continues to look over the grade school prior to any improvements.

Mr. Shinall reported on the High School Principal Report. He elaborated on the hashtag (#wyw) that was on the back of the staff shirts worn during the old settler's parade. He discussed the importance of it [What's your why?].

Mr. Juchems reported on his Grade School Principal report.

Mr. Zehr reported on the state of the Ag Department via the Annual Ag Department Report. He highlighted how successful it has been and that there are an increasing number of students enrolling in the vocational classes. He alternates certain classes from one year to the next to accommodate the interested students. He, as well as administration, is looking to put together an advisory council to see what, if anything, can be done differently for the department.

The agreement to co-op baseball and softball for the next two years with Elmwood was discussed. What additional costs are being incurred? Students are already being charged \$50. More discussion needed. Thompson moved and Updyke seconded to table the approval of the co-op baseball and softball with Elmwood. Motion carried.

Thompson moved and Johnson seconded to approve Consent Calendar items. Roll Call: Hoerr- yes, Thompson- yes, Kenney-yes, Johnson-yes, Graham - yes, Updyke - yes, Heinz - yes. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Hoerr seconded to approve the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 and set the public hearing date for Sept. 19, 2018. Roll Call: Hoerr- yes, Thompson-yes, Kenney- yes, Johnson-yes, Graham- yes, Updyke- yes, Heinz- yes. Motion carried

At 7:35pm, Kenney moved and Johnson 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: Kenney-yes, Johnson-yes, Graham - yes, Thompson - yes, Updyke - yes, Hoerr - yes, Heinz - yes. Motion carried

The board members returned from closed session at 8:34pm.

Hoerr moved and Updyke seconded to approve the resignation of Kim Ross, High School Guidance Counselor with appreciation for time served. Motion carried

Thompson moved and Johnson seconded to approve the resignation of Kylie Hankosky, K-12 Band with appreciation for time served. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Kenney seconded to approve the resignation of Katie Schmitt, GS Teacher's Assistant with appreciation for time served. Motion carried

Johnson moved and Thompson seconded to approve the resignation of Melissa Challacombe, Cafeteria with appreciation for time served. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Graham seconded to approve the resignation of Diana Montag, Cafeteria with appreciation for time served. Motion carried

Thompson moved and Johnson seconded to approve the employment of Kelsey Messineo, High School Guidance Counselor. Roll Call: Hoerr- yes, Thompson- yes, Kenney-yes, Johnson-yes, Graham-yes, Updyke-yes, Heinz-yes. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Kenney seconded to approve the employment of Michele Cox, District Secretary / Assistant Bookkeeper. Roll Call: Hoerr- yes, Thompson- yes, Kenney-yes, Johnson-yes, Graham-yes, Updyke-yes, Heinz-yes. Motion carried

Johnson moved and Updyke seconded to approve the employment of Addie Patton, Assistant Volleyball Coach. Roll Call: Hoerr- yes, Thompson- yes, Kenney-yes, Johnson-yes, Graham-yes, Updyke-yes, Heinz-yes. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Johnson seconded to approve the employment of Eva McFarden, Cafeteria, pending background check. Roll Call: Hoerr- yes, Thompson- yes, Kenney-yes, Johnson-yes, Graham-yes, Updyke-yes, Heinz-yes. Motion carried

Graham moved and Thompson seconded to approve the employment of Kim Zombro, Cafeteria. Roll Call: Hoerr- yes, Thompson- yes, Kenney-yes, Johnson-yes, Graham-yes, Updyke-yes, Heinz-yes. Motion carried

President Heinz welcomed comments from the community members.

-Clint McKown mentioned how there are old photos in storage that have been archived and are available on a touchpro donated by the Alumni; because they are digital, he proposed the old framed photos be sold, by the Alumni, so as to raise money for scholarships.

-Michele Miller provided input in regards to the potential two-year co-op agreement with Elmwood (baseball and softball). She suggested students should be surveyed. Stephanie Baysinger added that the numbers are uneven, and, therefore, eliminates some students' chances for participating.

-Stephanie Baysinger inquired on the status of the ball diamond that the boosters were going to help pay for. The Board mentioned that it is not completely ruled out, but it is not as much a priority as the Grade School improvements. The Board would like to have a breakdown of what costs the Boosters would cover.

-Allen Davis mentioned that the restrooms by the ball diamond are in need of repair. The Board members mentioned that volunteers handle repairs. Allen also mentioned the bad filtration throughout the High School.

-Marilyn Eberle wanted to know the status of timekeeping for Maintenance repairs. Mr. Richardson commented that, at this time, maintenance has records for some jobs, but not all, on a personal computer. Marilyn inquired if the process could be streamlined.

-Sonya Beecher inquired about the sudden departure of the K-12 Band Teacher. What is being done? Mr. Richardson mentioned about being in contact with Mr. Camp to temporarily fill a void left by Mr. Harr, who is taking over K-12 Band Teacher duties.

At 9:11 p.m. Updyke moved and Johnson seconded to adjourn the August 15, 2018 regular board meeting of the Brimfield CUSD #309 Board of Education. Motion carried

Board President

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