January 13, 2020

The Brimfield Board of Education held its regular meeting on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 7:03 p.m. in the High School Library. Board President Thompson called the meeting to order with the following members present: Kenney, Heinz, Updyke, Graham, and Johnson.

The board recognized three community members: Dave Hicke, Kelly Walker, and Patrick Meyer.

Heinz moved and Kenney seconded to approve the December 18, 2019 Regular meeting Minutes. Motion Carried.

Updyke moved and Kenney seconded to approve the Appointment of Patrick Meyer to fill the vacant seat on the Brimfield Board of Education. Roll Call: Heinz – yes, Johnson – yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Thompson did not have much to report but congratulated Mr. Meyer on his new role and mentioned that the Board will do everything they can to help in getting him acclimated to his new role.

Superintendent McNamara reported on his board report. He elaborated on the past and ongoing HVAC issues. Johnson questioned if he had looked into any preventative maintenance agreement. McNamara assured the Board that he had been looking into this; he had been in constant contact with Lee Gerrietts regarding these issues and what is covered under the warranty.

--Mr. McNamara also informed the Board that Administration has been following up with new laws regarding medical cannabis in Schools.

--Mr. McNamara highlighted the finance score given to the District (3.8/4).

--Heinz questioned the lunch debt, a concern addressed at the previous meeting. McNamara mentioned that Administration (and the cafeteria manager) have contacted families regarding the free/reduced application; we will continue to monitor the debt. Meyer questioned if the free/reduced application seems complex to some families? McNamara said that Administration will be willing to provide guidance if necessary.

Mr. Shinall reported on his High School board report. He highlighted a few items since the start of the second semester including the Girls Basketball team for their recent 2nd Place tournament finish! He mentioned a recent development in College Admissions. A 5 Essentials Survey Report will be generated as the 20% response rate has been met. He will be attending a Big Table event and an E-Learning session.

Mrs. Albritton reported on her Grade School report. She highlighted the enrollment numbers and congratulated Mrs. Sneeringer on her reception of the One Class At A Time grant! Yay! Two Teachers in two months! She discussed issues with condensing units and the Grade School Scoreboard. Ameren has been out to stabilize the leaning poles. She will be attending the Big Table event and E-Learning session with Mr. Shinall.

There was Old Business to discuss.

Since there had already been a discussion on the HVAC issues, McNamara updated the Board on the removal of trees. The trees have not been removed yet; the acclimate weather has delayed the process.

There was new business to discuss/approve.

Kenney moved and Johnson seconded to approve the removal of inactive Accounts from the Grade School Report. President Thompson explained why it is necessary; essentially they have not been used for years. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Johnson seconded to approve the addition of the One Class At A Time Grade School Activity Account. Motion carried

Heinz moved and Updyke seconded to approve Gorenz & Associates as Auditors for the 2019-2020 School Year. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Heinz – yes, Johnson – yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Kenney moved and Johnson seconded to approve resignation of Brandon Porter, 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach. Motion carried

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

Board President Thompson welcomed comments from the community members; there were none.

At 7:38 p.m. Heinz moved and Kenney seconded to adjourn the January 13, 2020 regular board meeting of the Brimfield CUSD #309 Board of Education. Motion carried

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