

April 17, 2019

The Brimfield Board of Education held its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 7:09 p.m. in the High School Library. Board President Heinz called the meeting to order with the following members present: Thompson, Hoerr, Kenney, Updyke, and Graham.

There were 4 community members present: Terry Towery, Buffie Stewart, Jerry Stewart, and Dave Hicke.

Hoerr moved and Johnson seconded to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2019 Regular & Closed Sessions, March 27, 2019 Negotiations Committee, and March 29, 2019 Building and Grounds Committee. Motion carried

Board President Heinz thanked and recognized Mr. Hoerr for the 16 years that he had provided to the District.

Mr. Hoerr shared his thoughts and thanked everyone for the memories.

Superintendent Richardson reported on his board report. He mentioned the County Facility Sales Tax amount of \$13,510.11. He stated how there is a new foster care plan requirement put in place by ISBE. It is complete; we are now working on completing the Consolidated District Plan. Organizational meeting to seat new Board Members has been penciled in for April 24, if the Board is in agreement on the date. Senate Bill 10 has been passed; part of that requirement is the \$40k minimum Teacher Salary by 2023-2024 School Year. The 6% Retirement incentive has been reintroduced into the legislation conversation.

President Heinz inquired about the status of Skyward. Superintendent Richardson confirmed it will be part of May's Agenda.

President Heinz also inquired about the progress of the A/C at the Grade School. Richardson commented that some work is taking place after school hours. The only ceiling units not in place are the dropped ceiling units. Also, Ameren has required some additional work be done as the HVAC system is too much for the current transformer.

Mr. Shinall reported on his High School Report. He highlighted Sunday, May 19 as the Graduation date.

Mr. Juchems reported on his Grade School Report. State testing has wrapped up as of 1145am yesterday; one student completed 3 tests in one day! He highlighted how fun it was to have Author Kate Klise visit. The students enjoyed it!

Vice President Thompson inquired about the progress of the parking issue that had been previously discussed. Juchems responded that he and Superintendent Richardson are working on resolving the matter.

Kenney moved and Johnson seconded to approve the 8th Grade Trip to St. Louis, Missouri. Roll Call: Hoerr- yes, Kenney-yes, Johnson-yes, Graham - yes, Updyke - yes, Thompson – yes, Heinz - yes. Motion carried

Hoerr moved and Updyke seconded to approve the Co-op Purchasing Program. Roll Call: Hoerr- yes, Kenney-yes, Johnson-yes, Graham - yes, Updyke - yes, Thompson – yes, Heinz – yes. Motion carried

There was a lengthy discussion in regards to the Transportation Contract. We would take a \$13k hit if we continue with transporting Bright Futures students. Having 2 buses is problematic. Juchems had inquired if an aide could be added, therefore allowing for the possibility of using only one bus for pickup and dropoff (same time). The Board confirmed that this adjustment can be possibly be made upon approval of the contract presented. Graham had inquired about the 6% increase in price. President Heinz confirmed that it was the negotiated price as upgrades had been made.

Johnson moved and Kenney seconded to approve the 2 year Transportation Contract. Roll Call: Hoerr- yes, Kenney-yes, Johnson-yes, Graham - yes, Updyke - yes, Thompson – yes, Heinz – yes. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Graham seconded to approve that the closed session minutes remain closed. Roll Call: Hoerr- yes, Kenney-abstain, Johnson-yes, Graham - yes, Updyke - yes, Thompson – yes, Heinz – yes. Motion carried

Thompson moved and Johnson seconded to approve the consent calendar items. Roll Call: Hoerr- yes, Kenney-yes, Johnson-yes, Graham - yes, Updyke - yes, Thompson – yes, Heinz – yes. Motion carried

At 7:42pm, Updyke 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, Updyke - yes, Hoerr - yes, Thompson - yes. Motion carried

Regular Session resumed at 9:25pm.

Kenney moved and Updyke seconded to approve the Retirement of Margaret Garls, High School English Teacher (recognized for all of her years of service). Roll Call: Hoerr- yes, Kenney-yes, Johnson-yes, Graham - yes, Updyke - yes, Thompson – yes, Heinz – yes. Motion carried

Thompson moved and Kenney seconded to approve the resignation of Brandon Porter, 7th Grade Boys Basketball, Trent Trotter, 8th Grade Girls Basketball, and Marysue Ciccirelli, 5th Grade Teacher at the end of the current year (all recognized for time served). Motion carried

Updyke moved and Thompson seconded to approve the employment of Kaselyn Hart, Grade School Music Teacher for the 2019-2020 School Year; Non-certified Staff for the 2019-2020 School Year (as presented); Extra-Curricular Sponsors for the 2019-2020 School Year (as presented); and Fall & Winter Coaches for the 2019-2020 School Year (as presented). Motion carried

Board President Heinz welcomed comments from the community members.

Jerry Stewart inquired about the parking issue, first addressed last month; when will we begin seeing results? Mr. Juchems assured him that he should begin seeing results in the next week or so. Mr. Stewart also brought to light the memorials/names of past individuals by the track area; there are items damaged...what can be done? The Board assured him that the matter is concerning and they hope to get the items repaired.

At 9:28 p.m. Hoerr moved and Johnson seconded to adjourn the March 20, 2019 regular board meeting of the Brimfield CUSD #309 Board of Education. Motion carried

Board President

Board Secretary