August 21, 2019

The Brimfield Board of Education held its regular meeting on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 7:01 p.m. in the High School Library. Board President Thompson called the meeting to order with the following members present: Kenney, Heinz, Graham, and Johnson.

The board recognized approximately nine community members: Joe and Katie Hersemann, Rex Comerford, Trip Barton, Marilyn Eberle, Erin Miller, Sarah Moon, Angie Sneeringer, Dave Hicke, and Jerry Stewart.

Kenney moved and Johnson seconded to approve the July 10, 2019 Regular and Closed session minutes as well as the August 7, 2019 Building & Grounds Committee Minutes. Motion carried

Superintendent McNamara and Grade School Principal Julie Albritton shared takeaways from the Building & Grounds Committee Meeting. There has been a smooth transition to the reallocation of staff and visitor parking considering there is no signage yet. The village has assisted by lending the District roadblocks to utilize. Also, they are debating as to what to do with the memorial wall. A few options under consideration are removing the wall completely and replacing it with granite and engraving names or fixing what is there and taking out the tree and planting a replacement elsewhere on the property.

Kenney moved and Graham seconded to approve the appointment of Joe Hersemann to fill the vacancy on the Brimfield Board of Education. Roll Call: Kenney - yes, Johnson – yes, Graham-yes, Heinz-yes, Thompson-yes. Motion carried

Board President Thompson commended Grade School Principal Julie Albritton on her presentation on opening day. People seem excited! Air conditioning is done, looks great and feels great too!

Superintendent McNamara reported on his board report. He can tell this is going to be a great year and mentioned how he likes the constant flow of communication. He mentioned that the audit was completed and received a great score! He thanked his office staff for their efforts in making this possible! This is important in the budgeting process. He also highlighted that restructuring the bonds remains very likely. We have a few months but reminded the board it is their decision and that this should be done if more projects are expected at the Grade School.

Mr. Shinall reported on his High School board report. He announced that there is a student teacher at the high school. And since the posting of his report, he mentioned that the Illinois Principal’s Association has a program called “Principal for a Day” and Representative Spain will be visiting Brimfield!

Mrs. Albritton reported on her Grade School report. She highlighted the number of new students-35! She congratulated the custodial crew and all their efforts in preparing the school for opening day! She added that she hopes to bring a candidate to the September board meeting to fulfill the vacant lunchtime playground supervisor role as the previous individual had resigned.

Heinz moved and Kenney seconded to approve the move of the March meeting, from March 18, 2020 to March 11, 2020. Motion carried

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

At 7:32pm, Graham moved and Hersemann 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, Hersemann - yes, Heinz - yes, Thompson - yes. Motion carried

Heinz moved and Updyke seconded to approve Miller, Hall, and Triggs as the Attorneys to represent Brimfield CUSD #309 for the 2019-2020 School Year. Roll Call: Kenney – yes, Johnson – yes, Graham-yes, Updyke-yes, Heinz-yes, Thompson-yes. Motion carried

The board members returned from closed session at 8:26pm.

Kenney moved and Johnson seconded to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation to increase Lonna Sumner from part-time (5.5 hrs/day) to full time (6.5 hrs/day). Roll Call: Kenney - yes, Johnson – yes, Graham-yes, Hersemann-yes, Heinz-yes, Thompson-yes. Motion carried

Hersemann moved and Johnson seconded to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation to hire Fran Meyers as the Grade School Boys Track Coach. Roll Call: Kenney - yes, Johnson – yes, Graham-yes, Hersemann - yes, Heinz-yes, Thompson-yes. Motion carried

Hersemann moved and Graham seconded to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation to increase the sub rate. Superintendent McNamara added that the increase is from $98/day to $100/day and will keep Brimfield in line with surrounding districts. Roll Call: Kenney - yes, Johnson – yes, Graham-yes, Hersemann - yes, Heinz-abstain, Thompson-yes. Motion carried

Heinz moved and Johnson seconded to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation to provide a Webmaster Stipend to Kevin Faulkner. Roll Call: Kenney - yes, Johnson – yes, Graham - yes, Hersemann - yes, Heinz - yes, Thompson- yes. Motion carried

Kenney moved and Heinz seconded to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation to transfer $300,000 from the Building & Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. Superintendent McNamara added it is a lateral move of Funds; no new money is involved. Roll Call: Kenney - yes, Johnson – yes, Graham - yes, Hersemann - yes, Heinz - yes, Thompson- yes. Motion carried

Heinz moved and Hersemann seconded to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation to accept the Perdue Blacktop Bid. Superintendent McNamara and Board President Thompson added that this is part of a process. Our parking lots need resealed every three years; they are on a rotation. Roll Call: Kenney - yes, Johnson – yes, Graham - yes, Hersemann - yes, Heinz - yes, Thompson- yes. Motion carried

Board President Thompson welcomed comments from the community members.

Marilyn Eberle questioned how long it takes for special needs diet and medication requests to be fulfilled by Nurse/staff. Superintendent McNamara explained that we attempt to be very diligent but have to be careful of HIPAA laws and who has knowledge of individual care plans. Marilyn also commented on the questionnaire that was sent out; seems to be a good idea!

Trip Barton applauded the Boards approval of Lonna Sumner as a full-time Nurse!

At 8:42 p.m. Heinz moved and Johnson seconded to adjourn the August 21, 2019 regular board meeting of the Brimfield CUSD #309 Board of Education. Motion carried

Board President

Board Secretary