

August 16, 2017

The Brimfield Board of Education held its regular meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library. Heinz called the meeting to order with the following members present: Graham, Hoerr, Thompson, Updyke, and Kenney. Bauer was absent.

The board recognized approximately twenty five community members.

Hoerr moved and Kenney seconded to approve the July 19, 2017 regular and special session board minutes, and August 3, 2017 special and closed session minutes. Motion carried

Jenni Wahl, manager of PNC Bank, addressed the board regarding a Brimfield Spirit account set up at the bank which will pay the school district a \$.05 donation for every debit card purchase to post and settle.

Dave Harmon addressed the board to recognize Tammy Ehnle and Lynn England for their time served with the Brimfield School District. Mr. Harmon also stated that Mrs. Ehnle and Mrs. England worked above and beyond at different times during their career at the school district such as; building of the new high school, taking on the maintenance and inspections when there was not a maintenance director hired for the district, and the State tournament. He went on to say that all three administrators that Tammy and Lynn worked for had high regard for both of them, as well as the auditors who praised them for their ability to finish an audit in one day, with the exit interview the following morning. Mr. Harmon asked the board for an apology for an article that was written in The Weekly Post on August 9, 2017, leading the community to believe there was mishandling of funds and the police were involved. Mr. Heinz stated that he did not know where that information came from.

Mr. Richardson reported on his board report (on file in the Unit office).

Mrs. Blane reported on her board report (on file in the Unit office).

Heinz asked for a motion to approve Dewberry Architects as the architect for life/safety amendments. No motion was made. Motion failed

Hoerr moved and Updyke seconded to approve the consent calendar items presented, which included the following items: bills for payment for the month of August, Position and Treasurer's report for the month of July, and Grade School and High School Activity Reports for the month of July. Roll call: Graham – yes, Hoerr – yes, Thompson – yes, Updyke – yes, Kenney – yes, Heinz – yes. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Hoerr seconded to approve the Tentative Budget for FY18. Roll call: Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Hoerr - yes, Thompson – yes, Updyke – yes, Heinz – yes. Motion carried

At 7:26 p.m. Hoerr moved and Updyke seconded to leave open session and enter into close session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee *Open Meetings Act, 5ILCS 120, being Sec. 2 (c)* Roll call: Updyke – yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Hoerr – yes, Thompson – yes, Heinz – yes. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Graham seconded to approve the resignation of Cami Snyder, Cafeteria worker. Motion carried

Thompson moved and Updyke seconded to approve the termination of Tammy Ehnle, without cause Motion carried

Hoerr moved and Kenney seconded to approve the retirement of Lynn England. Motion carried

In closing, Mr. Richardson addressed both Mrs. Ehnle and Mrs. England with an apology for the article written in The Weekly Post on August 9, 2017. He stated that at the Special Meeting on August 3, 2017 a reporter, Terry Lowery of The Weekly Post, had asked questions that were later misconstrued to lead the public to believe there had been mishandling of funds. In the year he has been at Brimfield School District there has never been any mishandling of funds, and the Board took no action in open session regarding Mrs. Ehnle at the August 3, 2017 Special Meeting.

At 8:19 p.m. Hoerr moved and Thompson seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried

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Dan Heinz, President

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Mark Hoerr, Secretary