March 11, 2020

The Brimfield Board of Education held its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library. Board President Thompson called the meeting to order with the following members present: Meyer, Kenney, Heinz, Updyke, Graham, and Johnson.

The board recognized seven community members: Dave Hicke, Chris Paternoga, John Valentine, Paul & Jennifer Coffee, Amy Herron, Amy Kepple, Melinda Treadway, Sherri Hayes, Ashley Hayes, Kelly Walker, Phil Molleck, and Bill & Jenny Robison.

Heinz moved and Kenney seconded to approve the February 19, 2020 Regular meeting & Closed Session Minutes. Motion Carried.

Thompson reported that he, and the rest of the Board, are aware of COVID-19 (aka Coronavirus), and cannot stress enough how important it is at this time to be cautious and careful.

Superintendent McNamara reported on his board report. He highlighted the importance of project awareness. If anyone has any ideas of projects that need to take place, to bring them to Mr. Shinall’s attention

Mr. Shinall reported on his High School report. He highlighted and praised sophomore students and their outstanding reading test scores! He shared a recent meeting with the Regional Office of Education. COVID-19 was a primary topic and the state is pushing e-learning. However, this decision has to be made at the local level and Administration will be looking at necessary options. He stated that Administration is monitoring this threat (COVID-19) very closely.

Mrs. Albritton reported on her Grade School report. She highlighted the music department’s recent ukulele purchase. A portion of funds was donated by the PTO to make this possible! She shared takeaways from the recent visit by the Regional Office of Education. She also highlighted that there was a recent auction and the PTO raised $40,000!!!!

There was new business to discuss/approve.

Superintendent McNamara suggested waiting to approve the new HEART Technology Contract until later in the meeting. He outlined key points from the last visit from Keach Architectural and Midwest Engineering (their minutes are included in the Board packet). The faulty units are currently being tested. A special Board meeting may still take place in order to get updates and vote on any necessary action. Lastly, a Fire/Life Safety Ammendment is waiting for state approval.

Phil Molleck inquired about warranties on the new units. The Board confirmed that the warranty concern has been discussed and requested. Superintendent McNamara again stressed the importance of presenting project ideas to Mr. Shinall so we can use budgeted Fire/Life Safety funds. This is a process as amendments have to be submit prior to project completion. The amendment submission to work process ratio can be 3 months. Mr. Shinall has a list of projects that we can begin addressing.

Heinz moved and Updyke seconded to approve the 2019-2020 Volunteer Coaches (as presented). Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Heinz – yes, Johnson – yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Heinz moved and Johnson seconded to approve Antje Carter, Suzanne Colorado, Kaselyn Gibbs, and Josh McKown for second year probation. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Heinz – yes, Johnson – yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Heinz moved and Kenney seconded to approve Kelsey Messineo and Kristin Spears for third year probation. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Heinz – yes, Johnson – yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Heinz moved and Johnson seconded to approve Jessica Avery, Tyler Harr, and Trent Trotter for fourth year probation. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Heinz – yes, Johnson – yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Heinz moved and Johnson seconded to approve that Erin Self and Melinda Treadway receive tenure status. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Heinz – yes, Johnson – yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Graham moved and Updyke seconded to approve the list (as presented) for continued tenure service. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Heinz – yes, Johnson – yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Johnson seconded to approve Kristin Wagner for certified, part-time service. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Heinz – yes, Johnson – yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Updyke moved and Kenney seconded to approve the resignation of RicAnn Pacheco – High School Varsity Volleyball Coach with gratitude for her service to children. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Heinz – yes, Johnson – yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Heinz moved and Updyke seconded to approve Bill Robison as the High School Principal, beginning July 1, 2020. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Heinz – yes, Johnson – yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

Heinz moved and Kenney seconded to approve the Consent Calendar items. The bill to Keach was questioned. Superintendent McNamara explained that this is for services rendered and because it is due to faulty units, the bill will be passed on to the manufacturer. 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. Phil Molleck commended Superintendent on how professional the Board Meetings are being ran.

At 7:42pm, 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: Meyer – yes, Heinz – yes, Johnson – yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

The Board resumed open session at 9:46 pm.

Updyke moved and Kenney seconded to approve the new HEART Technology contract, which will begin July 1, 2020. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Heinz – yes, Johnson – yes, Kenney – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion carried

At 9:47 p.m. Heinz moved and Johnson seconded to adjourn the March 11, 2020 regular board meeting of the Brimfield CUSD #309 Board of Education. Motion carried

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