

BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
Mt. Sterling, Illinois
October 23, 2019

The meeting of the Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, October 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Brown County Board of Education Office, 203 NW Cross St, Mt. Sterling. The meeting was called to order by Krupps. The minutes were recorded by Casey Perry.

On roll call, Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Heinecke, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea.

6:00 pm – Public Hearing

Conduct of public hearing concerning the intent of the board to sell not to exceed \$2,997,861 working cash fund bonds for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District President Krupps called to the meeting to order. Roll call resulted in the following: Discussion was led by President Krupps as to the explanation of the sale of working cash bonds based on the need to provide financial strength to the TORT Fund which by statute is allowed as follows:

“(105 ILCS 5/17-2.5) to pay the cost of risk care management programs in accordance with Section 9-107 of the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act. (Source: P.A. 95-244, eff. 8-17-07.)”

Motion by McCaskill, seconded by Blaesing to close Public Hearing concerning the intent of the board to sell no to exceed \$2,997,861.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Heinecke, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea.

6:15 pm – Regular Board Meeting

On roll call, Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Heinecke, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea.

In attendance: Natasha Jones, Alyssa Horton, Justin Francis, Annie Fullerton, Ashley Behymer, Cassie Lipcaman and Diane Settles.

Announcements: Brown County Elementary School Principal recognized and congratulated the Pre-K Staff for a Gold Status award within the State of Illinois for their Pre-K program. The staff consists of Diane Settles, Ashley Behymer, Annie Fullerton and Cassie Lipcaman.

Public Comment speakers: Natasha Jones voiced her concerns of the district not bussing to licensed daycare providers within city limits. As a provider/parent she was concerned about small children walking home from school. She was also concerned with there being no crosswalk at the Elementary school. Mrs. Jones referenced that some surrounding schools have multiple bus stops within their city limits and would

like to see this as an option in Mt. Sterling. She stated that there are seven licensed daycare providers in Brown County right now, this affects all except one because it receives bus services.

Motion by Fullerton, seconded by Blaesing, to approve the consent agenda.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Heinecke, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea.

Motion carried.

Presentation and Approval of Annual Financial Audit: Mr. Justin Francis of Zumbahlen, Eyth, Surratt, Foote & Flynn, LTD. Presented the Audit. The district's profile score was 2.2 on a 4.0 scale which places the district at a "watch" status by the ISBE Financial Profile Summary based on the following five factors: 1. Fund Balance to Revenue Ratio; 2. Expenditures to Revenue Ratio; 3. Days of Cash on Hand; 4. Percent of short-term borrowing maximum remaining; and 5. Percent of long-term debt margin remaining.

Motion by McCaskill, seconded by Fullerton, to approve the Annual Financial Audit as presented.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Heinecke, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Fullerton, to Approve Cooperative Agreement with Camp Point/Southeastern School Districts for the sport of wrestling grades 7-8

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Heinecke, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Krupps seconded by Blakeley, Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement Memorandum of Understanding with the Brown County ESP Union

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Heinecke, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea.

Motion carried.

A discussion was held in regards to the Five-year Facility Plan. With several health life safety issues, multiple updates will need to be made to the high school and elementary school. Items such as mold remediation, footing repairs, asbestos abatement among many others at the elementary school. Items such as masonry wall repair, proper drainage and roof replacement at the middle school. And items such as a biology lab upgrade, electrical service and plumbing upgrade, asbestos abatement and other items at the high school. The board discussed which items are critical to begin next summer and items that could wait. At this time action was tabled and the superintendent was directed to gather more information specifically about the renovation of a current classroom for an up to date biology classroom/lab.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Heinecke, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea.

Motion carried.

Motion by Fullerton, seconded by Hughes, Authorize the purchase of replacement six video cameras with infrared capabilities to replace the non-working cameras to be paid for by Fund 60-1% Sales Tax not to exceed \$10,000

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Heinecke, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea.

Motion carried.

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Fullerton, Approve Student Handbook language changes allowing high school students to participate in multiple interscholastic sports under the conditions proposed

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Heinecke, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, abstain.

Motion carried.

Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Heinecke, to approve the establishment of the Class of 2023 Activity Fund

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Heinecke, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea.

Motion carried.

Motion by Blaesing, seconded by McCaskill, Set Truth in Taxation Hearing for Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 5:45 pm

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Heinecke, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea.

Motion carried.

The board discussed the issue brought to their attention in public comment about bussing to local daycare providers and reminded their fellow board members the reason for the practice that was put in place sometime before 2014 was based on the lack of bus drivers available to transport the additional students throughout town. The BCSD buses are as full as they can be if all students who are legally allowed to ride the bus elect to do so. Therefore, adding more students to buses would require additional buses being employed with additional bus drivers. The shortage of bus drivers at that time (as well as the present time) requires that only the licensed day/child care centers that are located on current bus routes outside of the city limits be included in having students dropped off.

Motion by McCaskill, seconded by Heinecke, to go into closed session to approve any matter

discussed in closed session as necessary including the approval of personnel employment, release, and other personnel items that may require action, and limited to those matters authorized for discussion in executive session by motion of the Board. *Closed Session on the following subjects: a) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the School District g) student disciplinary cases; or other matters appropriate for a closed meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.* At 8:18 pm.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Heinecke, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea.
Motion carried.

Motion by McCaskill, seconded by Heinecke, to return to open session at 8:43 pm.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Heinecke, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea.
Motion carried.

Motion by Fullerton, seconded by McCaskill, to approve the minutes of closed session.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Heinecke, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea.
Motion carried.

Motion by McCaskill, seconded by Blaesing, Employment (Resignations, Hiring's, Dismissals, Release, Reduction)

Personnel Listing-- OCTOBER 2019 BOE Meeting

Approval:

Austin Jones – Assistant HS Boys Basketball Coach
Mariah Markert – JH Volleyball Assistant Coach

Resignations:

Sarah Maas – NHS

Reassignment:

Addie Thomas reassigned to a hybrid position of paraprofessional/custodian.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Heinecke, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea.
Motion carried.

Motion carried by acclamation to adjourn at 8:46 pm.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY