

BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

Mt. Sterling, Illinois

December 18, 2019

The Truth in Taxation public hearing for the tax levy was held on Wednesday evening, December 18, 2019 at 5:45 p.m. in the Board of Education office at 503 NW Cross St, Mt. Sterling. No public comments were made.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Wednesday December 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Brown County Board of Education Office, 503 NW Cross St, Mt. Sterling. The meeting was called to order by Krupps. The minutes were recorded by Casey Perry.

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

In attendance: Shelly Sheffler, Pollee Craven, Kirs Gallaher, Mckenzie Taute, Dan Long, Tim Hightower, Pam Leffringhouse, Kara Cox, Lynn Tomlinson, Megan Kunkel, Annie Fullerton, Chelsey Howard, Cassie Lipcaman, Emily Hendricker, Melissa Ransom, Madison Henry, Heather Henry.

Public Comment speakers: none

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Hughes, to approve the consent agenda.

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

Motion by Blakeley, seconded by Hughes, for Approval of Financial Reports.

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

Committee Reports: McCaskill presented the districts facility maintenance plans for 2020. Some items discussed were asbestos abatement, new flooring throughout, and mold remediation in the gymnasium at the Elementary School. Intercom paging system in all three school buildings. HVAC replacement in a portion of the High School Band/Chorus room. HVAC in the High School kitchen and cafeteria and bleacher repairs at the Middle School. The estimated cost for all repairs discussed is \$1 million dollars. The district is able to use Health life safety and 1% sales tax for the repairs.

Motion by Blakeley, seconded by McCaskill, for discussion and adoption of the 2019 Tax Levy

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

Motion carried.

Tim Hightower of Adams Telecom presented to the Board of Education further information regarding the transfer of Brown County School District's Educational Broadband Service ("EBS") license to Adams Telecom, Inc. He provided an opportunity for clarification regarding the details of how and why this is an opportunity for the district to received revenue for no investment on the part of the district.

Motion by McCaskill, seconded by Hughes, for the Approval of the transfer of Brown County School District's Educational Broadband Service ("EBS") license to Adams Telecom, Inc. Brown County School District is currently engaged in a multiple year lease of its EBS license WLX713 to Adams. At our meeting, the school board will discuss an offer made by Adams to terminate the lease and transfer the EBS license to Adams, pursuant to the FCC rules, for a fee

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

Motion Carried.

Mrs. Phillips presented the opportunity for the district to apply for a School Maintenance grant now available to Illinois schools via Illinois State Board of Education. She explained that this is a matching grant that has a maximum amount received from ISBE of \$50,000. Because it is a matching grant, the district would also contribute \$50,000 towards the project. One of the projects listed for 2020 would be either all or partially paid for using this opportunity.

Motion by Blakeley, seconded by Heinecke, to approve the Superintendent to apply for the School Maintenance Project Grant via ISBE as a matching grant of \$50,000 in school maintenance projects.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Blakeley, for the Approval of Year 1 Facilities Renovation Plan as presented in the Committee Reports.

Roll call: Blaesing, absent; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, absent; Heinecke, yea; Hughes, yea;

Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea.
Motion carried.

Motion by Blakeley, seconded by Heinecke, for the Approval of 2020 BCMS School Improvement Plan as required by Title 1003g Grant Requirements

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

Motion by McCaskill, seconded by Blakeley, to Approve to keep closed session minutes through November, 2019 closed due to confidentiality as per Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act

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

The First Reading of Press Plus Issue 102 was presented by Mrs. Phillips. New items included Conflict of interest of Board Members, sexual harassment by a board member or to a board member. BOE vacancies and the time period in which they need to be filled. Identity protection. Threat assessment teams are required by Illinois law. First Reading District Policy changes to Sections 2:20, 2:70, 2:100, 2:105, 2:110, 2:200, 2:220, 2:260, 2:70E, 3:40, 4:15, 4:30, 4:60, 4:80, 4:150, 4:190, 5:10, 5:20, 5:30, 5:50, 5:90, 5:100, 5:120, 5:200, 5:220, 5:250, 5:330, 6:20, 6:60, 6:135, 6:150, 6:300, 7:20, 7:150, 7:180, 7:270, 8:30.

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

Administrative: Mrs. Craven introduced Madison Henry as Student of the Month for November at the High School. Madison was nominated by Mr. Harbourn for being a very hard working student, very kind & caring and a top notch quality person.

Motion by Blakeley, 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; h) the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students; or other matters appropriate for a closed meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. at 6:44 pm.*

Motion by McCaskill, seconded by Heinecke, to return to open session at 7:23 pm.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Blakeley, seconded by Hughes, to approve the minutes of closed session.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Krupps, seconded by Heinecke, to approve Employment (Resignations, Hiring's, Dismissals, Release, and Reductions)

Personnel Listing—December 2019 BOE Meeting

Approval:

Jennifer Ingram – full-time paraprofessional for Middle School Math

Amy Ham – Maternity Leave – 8 weeks around March 7th

Ashton Hohenberry – Volunteer HS Cheerleading coach

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

Motion carried.

Motion carried by acclamation to adjourn at 7:28 pm.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY