

BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
Mt. Sterling, Illinois
April 28, 2021

The special meeting of the Brown County Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, April 28, 2021 at 6:15 p.m. in the Brown County High School band room and via Zoom video conference. The meeting was called to order by Superintendent, Curt Simonson. The minutes were recorded by Pollee Craven and McKenzie Taute.

On roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

In-person attendance: Curt Simonson, Shelly Sheffler, Sally Ruble, Kris Gallaher, McKenzie Taute, Jeff Terry, Megan Miller, Heather Miller, Natasha Jones, Alex Ebbing.

In attendance via Zoom: Tracy Conley, Lan Eberle, Dan Long, Jillian Theis.

Reorganization of Board

Attorney, Jeff Terry, administered the Oath of Office to all Board Members. Superintendent Simonson was appointed as president pro tem. Pollee Craven was appointed as secretary pro tem.

Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Koch, to elect Heath Fullerton as Board President.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Blakeley, seconded by Eichelberger, to elect Jennifer Blaesing as Board Vice President.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Koch, to elect James Blakeley as Board Secretary.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Hughes, to Appoint McKenzie Taute as Recording Secretary.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Fullerton, to Appoint Tracy Conley as Board Treasurer.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried**Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Blakeley, to approve Standing Committees.**

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried

Visitors: Mrs. Craven introduced April student of the month, Megan Miller. Craven read aloud the nomination she received describing Megan's success and accomplishments.

Correspondence: Fullerton made note of the \$448.60 Affinity Card donation from Brown County State Bank.

Reports: Mrs. Craven reminded everyone that prom will be held May 1 at the fairgrounds. Craven noted they are taking many precautions, including screening attendees at the door. Mrs. Craven also thanked class sponsors, Nichole Miller and Melissa Markert for their hard work on putting the event together.

Dr. Simonson spoke to the Board about a recent walk through he completed with maintenance director, James McKay, and incoming Superintendent Dr. Eberle. McKay is working on prioritizing a list of building needs. Simonson mentioned the possibility of upgrading the high school kitchen with some available grants.

Dr. Simonson gave the Board an updated report on each fund and the projected fund balance at the end of FY 21. The projected expenses and revenues for each fund are reflected in the chart below. Simonson told the Board that the state is currently caught up on all payments to the district.

FUND	BALANCE 7/20	EXPENSE	REVENUE	DEFICIT/SURPLUS	PRO BAL 6/21
ED	\$384,731	\$6,647,110	\$6,102,444	\$544,666	\$159,935
O&M	\$146,219	\$442,217	\$528,848	\$86,631	\$232,850
BOND & INT	\$73,920	\$740,157	\$740,165	\$8	\$73,928
TRANSP	\$659,711	\$446,302	\$528,848	\$82,546	\$742,257
IMRF/SS	\$79,757	\$275,948	\$276,815	\$10,867	\$100,624
CAPITAL PROJ	\$796,598	\$334,588	\$384,000	\$49,412	\$846,010
WORK CASH	\$485,263	\$0	\$52,844	\$52,844	\$538,107
TORT	\$798,598	\$1,230,450	\$1,490,007	\$259,557	\$1,058,155
FIRE SAFETY	\$377,408	\$423,631	\$52,884	\$370,747	\$2,108

Simonson also made mention of new money. Of this new money approximately 10% will be allotted for St. Mary's School.

\$28,000 Title I – Dollars have been allotted

\$466,000 ESSER II money – Simonson is currently working on this grant

\$1,038,000 ESSER III money – This grant has not yet been released

Return-To-Learn: Dr. Simonson discussed the recent change to the school calendar that will allow May 24, 25, & 26 to be used as remote planning days for teachers. Simonson explained the days will be used for staff to develop and create a re-entry plan for the 2021-2022 school year. This change will mean the last student attendance day will be May 21. Simonson also noted that in the event the Governor would declare the end of the pandemic before the remote planning days, the district would need to amend the calendar and put a different plan in place.

Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Blakeley, to Approve the Renewal of IHSA Membership for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Blakeley, seconded by Blaesing, to Approve the Renewal of IESA Membership for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Koch, seconded by Blaesing, to Approve the IESA Cooperative Agreement with Saint Mary's School for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 School Years.

Roll Call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Blakeley, seconded by Blaesing, to Approve the IESA Wrestling Cooperative Team Agreement with Camp Point Central School District for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 School Years.

Roll Call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried

Dr. Simonson discussed the need to transfer \$600,000 from Tort to Operations and Maintenance. Simonson went on to say that the presented resolution is part one of a two-part transfer that will take place over the next month. Simonson discussed that the district has the ability to transfer bond dollars originally put in Tort to Operations and Maintenance and then on to the Education fund.

Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Fullerton, to Approve Resolution Authorizing the Interfund Loan of \$600,000 from the Tort Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Hughes, to enter close session at 6:54 p.m. for the following subjects: a) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the School District.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Hughes, to exit closed session at 7:39 p.m.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried

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

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried

April 28, 2021 Board Meeting Personnel

Approval:

Keaton Wort – HS Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach – effective April 5, 2021

Transfer:

Alicia Grady – MS Kitchen Supervisor/Director of Food Service to ES Kitchen Supervisor/Director of Food Service

Resignation:

Elisabeth Brand – ES Evening Custodian – effective April 27, 2021

Paul Harbourne – HS Spanish Teacher – effective end of 2021 school year

Katlyn Brockway – ES Paraprofessional – effective end of 2021 school year

Motion by Blakeley, seconded by Hughes, to Approve Recommended Personnel Action.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Hughes, to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Motion Carried by Acclamation