

BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.1**Mt. Sterling, Illinois****May 26, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, May 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Brown County High School band room and via Zoom video conference. The meeting was called to order by Heath Fullerton. The minutes were recorded by McKenzie Taute.

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

In person attendance: Curt Simonson, Pollee Craven, Sally Ruble, Shelly Sheffler, Tracy Conley, McKenzie Taute, Kris Gallaher, Chris Miller, Alexa Blaesing, Kennedy Gallaher, Jake Laning, Marcus Perry.

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

Visitors: Mrs. Craven introduced four members of the Brown County FFA along with sponsor, Chris Miller. Each member spoke about recent accomplishments by the nearly forty active FFA members. The Board thanked Mr. Miller and FFA members for all their hard work and dedication to the program. Mrs. Craven also recognized Alexa Blaesing on her recent award for her artwork that was entered into the Poppy Poster Contest. Alexa won the state grand prize and was asked to attend an awards ceremony in July.

Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Fullerton, to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

Motion Carried

Correspondence: Fullerton presented the March and April Brown County State Bank Affinity card donations, totaling \$1178.77. Fullerton also mentioned that the Board received a thank you card from the Class of 21.

Admin Reports: Dr. Simonson asked each building principal to share how they made use of the three remote planning days allotted by ISBE.

Elementary School: Mrs. Sheffler explained that her building had taken the time to evaluate the success of what they accomplished during the year. Sheffler also mentioned they used the time to plan for next year and what reentry in the Fall might look like.

Middle School: Mrs. Ruble said her staff discussed what items they will continue to implement that they were not implementing prior to this school year. One of those being 10-minute breaks for students. Ruble was amazed at how a 10-minute "brain break" helped students. Ruble went on to say her staff planned for Fall reentry.

High School: Mrs. Craven reported to the Board that her teachers broke up into groups and discussed reentry in the Fall, remote learning, freshening up the building and classrooms and creating lesson plans for the first two weeks of the 21-22 school year.

Simonson explained to the Board that the goal of the three remote planning days were to have staff prepared to have students walk in the door in the Fall and he feels that has been accomplished.

Facility Upgrades: Simonson let the Board know that maintenance director, James McKay, has been working on a list of the top 10 building and grounds items the district needs completed immediately.

FRIS Report: Simonson reported that there have been minimal changes to the FRIS report as of May 25, 2021. Simonson went on to say that the district has yet to receive its first May evidence-based funding payment from the State of Illinois.

Debt Recovery: Dr. Simonson discussed the current past due balances on student accounts. Simonson went on to say that the district currently has over \$19,000 in past due administration and food service fees.

Board Member Professional Development: Simonson discussed upcoming Board Member training events. These events include new Board Member training provided by the districts legal counsel. As well as the opportunity for Board Members to attend the Joint Annual Conference hosted by the Illinois Association of School Boards.

Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Koch, to Approve the FFA Overnight Trip to the State Convention June 9th through June 10th.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Boylen, to Approve the FFA Overnight Trip to the National Convention October 26th through 30th.

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

Motion Carried

**BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS MAY 2021**

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>ALTERNATE</u>
INSTRUCTION / CURRICULUM	JENNIFER BLAESING	HEATH FULLERTON	BETH BOYLEN
OPERATIONS / BUILDING	JOHN EICHELBERGER	TODD KOCH	HEATH FULLERTON
FINANCE	JAMES BLAKELEY	BETH BOYLEN	JOHN EICHELBERGER
TECHNOLOGY	DAWN HUGHES	JENNIFER BLAESING	HEATH FULLERTON

PRO EDUCATOR NEGOTIATIONS	DAWN HUGHES	JAMES BLAKELEY	BETH BOYLEN
ESP NEGOTIATIONS	HEATH FULLERTON	BETH BOYLEN	TODD KOCH
TRANSPORTATION	JOHN EICHELBERGER	TODD KOCH	JAMES BLAKELEY
FOUR RIVERS SPED COOP	DAWN HUGHES		JENNIFER BLAESING

Simonson asked the Board to review current committees and weigh in on if those committees were fitting the district needs. Simonson also discussed the need for a committee meeting schedule, adding all committees should meet at least once per quarter.

Motion by Fullerton, seconded by Boylen, to Approve the Board Member Committee Assignments.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Hughes, to Approve the Renewal of the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Membership for FY 2022.

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

Motion Carried

Fullerton announced the hearing to amend the fiscal year 21 budget will take place on June 23, 2021 at 5:45 p.m. in the Brown County High School band room.

Motion by Koch, seconded by Blaesing, to set budget hearing to amend fiscal year 21 budget.

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

Motion Carried

The Board looked to Technology Director, Kris Gallaher, to provide details on the lease-purchase agreement for new student laptops. Gallaher explained that each year the district purchases new laptops for incoming 5th and 9th graders. After the student moves from 8th grade to 9th grade, that laptop is then passed on to the elementary school to be used. The 9th graders have their district provided laptop throughout high school and are aloud to keep that device after graduation.

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Blaesing, to approve the 2021-2022 lease-purchase agreement with American Capital in the amount of \$46,699.95 for laptop computers (lease term is four months, four monthly payments, first payment will be due in November, monthly payment \$12,095.87, total repayment amount is \$48,383.48, Education Fund will be used for repayment.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Eichelberger, to enter closed session at 6:38 p.m. for the following subjects: a) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the School District; b) collective negotiating matters between the School District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Koch, to Exit Closed Session at 7:09 p.m.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Fullerton, to Approve the Minutes of Closed Session.

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

Motion Carried

May 26, 2021 Board of Education Personnel

Approval:

Alicia Grady – Part Time Summer Meal Kitchen Supervisor – effective June 2, 2021

Stacy Scheer – Part Time Summer Meal Assembler and Distributor – effective June 2, 2021

Marsha Bolten - Part Time Summer Meal Assembler and Distributor – effective June 2, 2021

Leslie Wiese - Part Time Summer Meal Assembler and Distributor – effective June 2, 2021

Resignation:

Dawn Kessler – First Grade Teacher – effective end of 20-21 school year

Transfer:

Tom Moran – Fourth Grade Teacher to 7th-8th Social Science – effective beginning of 21-22 school year

Chelsey Howard – Second Grade Teacher to Fourth Grade Teacher – effective beginning of 21-22 school year

Melanie Harvey – Third Grade Teacher to Fourth Grade Teacher – effective beginning of 21-22 school year

Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Koch, to Approve Recommended Personnel Action (employment, resignations, transfers, retirement, dismissals, mentoring application)

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

Motion Carried

The Board discussed at length the current expectation that any volunteer coaches in the district pay for their own required training classes. Dr. Simonson, Dr. Eberle and the Board tossed around different ideas to assist volunteer coaches with the cost of this required training. This item will be discussed further at an upcoming Board meeting.

Motion by Koch, seconded by Blaesing, to adjourn at 7:26 p.m.

Motion Carried by Acclamation

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