

**BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**Mt. Sterling, Illinois**  
**October 18, 2021**

The Public Hearing to review administrative costs was held on Monday evening, October 18, 2021, at 5:45 p.m. in the Brown County High School band room. The meeting was called to order by Heath Fullerton. The minutes were recorded by McKenzie Taute.

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

**Attendance:** Lan Eberle, Pollee Craven, Sally Ruble, Alex Ebbing, McKenzie Taute, Tracy Conley, Kris Gallaher, Penny Drake, Lacey Bradbury, Gunner Bradbury.

### **Public Hearing Minutes**

Superintendent, Lan Eberle, discussed the increase in administrative costs from Fiscal Year 2021 to Fiscal Year 2022. Eberle explained that costs were down last year due to the district only having a part-time, interim Superintendent. Eberle went on to say anytime administrative costs exceed 5% from one fiscal year to another, the Board is required to sign a waiver acknowledging the increase.

**Motion by Blakeley, seconded by Fullerton, to adjourn at 5:47 p.m.**

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea.

**Motion Carried**

### **Regular Board Meeting**

The regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Heath Fullerton. The minutes were recorded by McKenzie Taute.

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

**Attendance:** Lan Eberle, Pollee Craven, Sally Ruble, Alex Ebbing, McKenzie Taute, Tracy Conley, Kris Gallaher, Penny Drake, Lacey Bradbury, Gunner Bradbury, Angel VanOrder, Tim VanOrder, Paige VanOrder.

**Public Comment:** Beth Boylen thanked Mrs. Craven and Dr. Eberle for their assistance with traffic control during dismissal.

**Visitors:**

Mr. Ebbing recognized Brown County Middle School student of the month, Gunner Bradbury. Ebbing said Bradbury was nominated by two teachers that noted his helpfulness, politeness, and kindness.

Mrs. Craven recognized Brown County High School student of the month, Paige VanOrder. Craven said Van Order was nominated for her hard work, politeness, helpfulness, and always being prepared.

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Fullerton, to approve the Consent Agenda.**

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea.

**Motion Carried**

**Correspondence:** Fullerton announced the Affinity Card donation in the amount of \$557.66 from Brown County State Bank.

**Discussion Items:**

**Update on Past Due Registration and Food Service Fees:** The district recently mailed out letters to current and former high school families with past due fees. Since letters were mailed out, approximately \$2000 has been collected. On 10/18 letters were mailed to elementary school families and middle school will follow soon.

**Tax Dollars Collected:** Eberle discussed the recent tax payment the district received. Eberle explained that the first payment was over half the levied amount, just under \$3.6 million.

**Fiscal Year 2021 Audit:** Eberle briefed the Board on the recent audit of the Fiscal Year 2021 financials. Eberle explained that the auditors would present at the December meeting. Eberle mentioned that the exit notes from the auditors were very positive.

**Ag Plot:** Eberle discussed the desire to move forward with an Ag plot and possibly a greenhouse on the lot west of the high school. Eberle said more information and formal action would take place at the November Board meeting.

**LED Lighting:** Eberle discussed recent lighting updates that are taking place at the middle school. The LED bulbs provide brighter, more efficient lighting. The cost of the lighting is being partially offset by an incentive through Ameren.

**Motion by Hughes, seconded by Fullerton, to approve the Waiver of Limitation on Administrative Cost Resolution.**

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea.

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Blakeley, to approve the non-renewal of the contract with Link Media Billboard.**

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea.

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Fullerton, seconded by Hughes, to set the Truth in Taxation/Tax Levy Hearing for December 13, 2021, at 5:45 p.m.**

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea.

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Blakeley, seconded by Hughes, to approve the early completion of high school credits.**

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea.

**Motion Carried**

Mrs. Craven discussed the handbook language update.

“After entering the school parking area, student must exit vehicles and enter the building. Students should not be in the school parking lot before 7:30 a.m. unless they have a school-sponsored class or club meeting or practice for a school-sponsored activity.”

**Motion by Fullerton, seconded by Blakeley, to approve the language update in the District/High School Handbook.**

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea.

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Hughes, seconded by Fullerton, to approve the amended Board of Education meeting schedule.**

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea.

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Fullerton, seconded by Blakeley, to enter closed session at 6:19 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; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea.

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Blakeley, seconded by Fullerton, to return to open session at 7:07 p.m.**

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea.

**Motion Carried**

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

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea.

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Blakeley, seconded by Fullerton, to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Brown County Community Unit School District No. 1 and Brown County Education Association.**

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea.

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Blakeley, seconded by Hughes, to approve the following personnel action.**

**Approval:**

Ben Yingling – MS Yearbook Sponsor – split stipend – effective 10/18/2021  
Megan Lawson – MS Yearbook Sponsor – split stipend – effective 10/18/2021

**Request for Leave:**

Molly Burton – Maternity Leave – March 28 through end of 2021-2022 school year

**Transfers:**

Karrie Leenerts – MS Custodian to ES Custodian – effective TBD

**Resignation:**

Morgan Oestreich – High School Paraprofessional – effective 10/26/2021

**Retirement:**

Karen Dickhut – Music Teacher – effective end of 21 – 22 school year

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried

**Motion by Fullerton, seconded by Blakeley, to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.**

**Motion Carried by Acclamation**

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