

BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
Mt. Sterling, Illinois
March 18, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday evening, March 18, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Brown County Middle School library. The meeting was called to order by President, Dawn Hughes. The minutes were recorded by McKenzie Taute.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Reische, yea; Gregory, yea.

Attendance: Lan Eberle, Pollee Craven, Lisa Hannel, Kris Gallaher, Jessica Robertson, McKenzie Taute, Jim Planting, Dave Phelps, Max Perry, Michelle Perry, Matt Perry, Madeline Bradley, Regina Bradley, Jocelyn Whewell, Kimberly Whewell, Gracie Hinkle, Kayden Sorrells, Tolly Ebbing, Boyd Ebbing, Greer Ebbing.

Visitors:

Mr. Ebbing recognized the February Brown County Middle School Student of the Month, Jocelyn Whewell.

Mr. Ebbing recognized the March Brown County Middle School Student of the Month, Madeline Bradley.

Mrs. Craven recognized the March Brown County High School Student of the Month, Max Perry.

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Gregory, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Reische, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Correspondence: Hughes thanked Brown County State Bank for their monthly Affinity Card donation in the amount of \$463.76.

The Board recognized Alex Ebbing for being named Illinois Principal Association Two Rivers Region Middle School Principal of the Year.

Discussion Items:

Revenue and Expenditure Update: Eberle explained that as of 03/14/2024 the district was 71% through the fiscal year, had received 467% of expected revenue and disbursed 73% of expected expenditures.

Roof Update: Eberle explained that the gutters are almost completely installed. Eberle also discussed continued leaks and snow damage above the boys' lockers room. Eberle mentioned ongoing conversations with insurance to discuss claim options.

Weight Room Demolition: Eberle said the transition to the temporary weight room would begin this week and demolition of the current weight room is scheduled to start on April 1st.

Past Due Food Service Balances: Eberle reported to the Board that as of March 12th the district was owed \$19,823.00 in past due food service balances. Eberle asked the board to think about collection options and the topic would be revisited at a later date.

Summer International Travel Program: High school art teacher, Jim Planting, discussed the opportunity to offer a summer trip to Italy for students through Educational Tours. Planting explained that the trip would take place the summer of 2025. Eberle mentioned that this trip would not be school affiliated, so no action would need to be taken by the board.

Next Board Meeting, April 15, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Gregory, seconded by Ingram, to approve the 2024-2025 IHSA Membership Renewal.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Reische, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Koch, to approve the 2024-2025 IESA Membership Renewal.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Reische, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Mrs. Craven explained that the Kiwanis are opening a new chapter in the area. Craven noted Kiwanis would be an opportunity for an outlet for students while not being as demanding as a sport. Eberle explained that he is working with the union to come up with a stipend for Key Club and that would be voted on at an upcoming meeting.

Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Boylen, to approve the Creation of a Key Club Activity Account.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Reische, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Eberle explained that the short-term substitute training agreement would allow the Regional Office of Education to provide training for individuals with short-term substitute licenses, making them able to substitute in certified positions.

Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Koch, to approve the Short-Term Substitute Training Agreement.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Reische, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Mr. Phelps spoke about revising the first offense language in the Hornet Code Handbook. Phelps mentioned that the track season only consisted of 13 meets, unlike basketball that had over 30

games scheduled. Phelps went on to say that the proposed language for track would be a 3-game suspension for a 1st offense of the Hornet Code.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Reische, to approve the Hornet Code Handbook Revision.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Reische, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to enter closed session at 5:59 p.m. for the following subjects: 1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Reische, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to return to open session at 6:43 p.m.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Reische, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Reische, to approve the minutes of closed session.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Reische, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Eichelberger, to approve the Retirement of Kathy Rohrer – Elementary School Physical Education Teacher – effective end of 2024 – 2025 School Year.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Reische, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Boylen, to approve the Employment of Holly Acheson – High School Counselor – effective beginning of 2024 – 2025 School Year.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Reische, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Boylen, to approve the Employment of Rebecca Welchert – Certified Substitute - effective March 18, 2024.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Reische, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Boylen, to approve the Employment of Caitlin Schrader – Substitute Nurse – effective March 18, 2024.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Reische, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Eichelberger, to approve the Employment of Jordan Cauldwell – Evening Custodian – effective March 18, 2024.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Reische, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to approve the Resignation of Eric Jones – High School Boys Basketball Coach – effective March 14, 2024.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Reische, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to adjourn at 6:46 p.m.

Motion Carried by Acclamation