

BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
Mt. Sterling, Illinois
November 20, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday evening, November 20, 2023, 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, absent; Ingram, yea; Reische, yea; Gregory, yea.

Attendance: Lan Eberle, Pollee Craven, Alex Ebbing, Lisa Hannel, Kris Gallaher, Jessica Robertson, McKenzie Taute, Nichole Miller, Chris Lichtsinn, Kim Lichtsinn, Lily Lichtsinn, Chelsey Howard, Brailey Markert, Mic Myers, David Phelps, Nicole Nash, Derrick Nash, Aaliyah Nash, Griffin Nash, Lane Heldt, Macy Quinn.

Public Comment: Kim Lichtsinn addressed the board regarding the early graduation policy.

Visitors:

Mr. Ebbing recognized Brown County Middle School Student of the Month, Aaliyah Nash.

Mrs. Craven explained Brown County High School Student of the Month, Halle Sefton, would be in attendance next month as she was at a cheerleading event.

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

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

Motion Carried

Correspondence:

Hughes thanked Brown County State Bank for their donation in the amount of \$1,061.57.

Discussion Items:

Revenue & Expenditure Update: Eberle explained that as of 11/14/2023 the district was 37% through the fiscal year, had received 75% of expected revenue and disbursed 52% of expected expenditures.

Roof Update: Eberle explained that the roof is complete with the exception of the gutters, down spouts, and fascia. Eberle expects this project to be completed in the next few weeks.

RLock Safety/Security Project: IT Director, Kris Gallaher, discussed the need for a district-wide notification system. Gallaher explained the available safety and security features, showed several devices that will be installed, and pointed out the general locations for devices. Gallaher said this project will happen in phases as funds become available.

Next Board Meeting – December 18, 2023 – 5:15 Truth in Taxation; 5:30 Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to authorize the Superintendent to prepare Tax Levy.

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

Motion Carried

Hughes explained that Bushue provides HR and Risk Management consulting. Hughes went on to say that the renewal reflected a \$60 price increase from the prior year.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Boylen, to approve the three-year contract renewal with Bushue HR Inc.

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

Motion Carried

Eberle explained the Alternate Bonds will be paid using the facility sales tax dollars.

Motion by Koch, seconded by Boylen, to approve the resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$9,000,000 of Alternate Bonds to improve the sites of and alter, repair and equip school buildings and facilities, for the pledge of revenues to pay the Alternate Bonds, for the levy of taxes to pay the Alternate Bonds if the pledged revenues are insufficient and for the sale of the Alternate Bonds to Bernardi Securities, Inc

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

Motion Carried

Eberle explained that the \$1,500,000 would most likely not come into play as it was a buffer in the event rates dropped significantly. Eberle went on to say that the dollars listed in the resolution were an up to amount and that rates would determine the final revenue outcome.

Motion by Gregory, seconded by Boylen, to approve the resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$1,500,000 of Working Cash Fund Bonds and not to exceed \$14,500,000 of Funding Bonds, for the levy of taxes to pay the Bonds and for the sale of the Bonds to Bernardi Securities, Inc.

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

Motion Carried**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to approve the Modification of the 2023-2024 Early Graduation Handbook Language; Reverting back to 2022-2023 Language Allowing Early Graduates to Participate in the Graduation Ceremony at the End of the School Year.**

Roll call: Hughes, no; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Ingram, yea; Reische, yea; Gregory, no.

Motion Carried

Hughes explained that the promotion and graduation plans would be as follows:

Promotion: May 23, 2024 – High School Gym – 7:00 p.m.

Graduation: May 24, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

Boylen inquired about changing the awards ceremony to the Tuesday before graduation. Craven explained that she would look into the change but discussed the many factors that led to the date being the Wednesday prior to graduation, including extra-curricular schedules and availability of event supplies.

Motion by Koch, seconded by Reische, to approve the Dates for 8th Grade Promotion and High School Graduation.

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

Motion Carried**Motion by Ingram, seconded by Reische, to approve the first reading of Press Issue 113 including the following Policy Section Changes:**

- 2:20 Powers and Duties of the Board of Education; Indemnification
- 2:120 Board Member Development
- 2:200 Types of Board of Education Meetings
- 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedure
- 4:10 Fiscal and Business Management
- 4:30 Revenue and Investments
- 4:60 Purchases and Contracts
- 4:130 Free and Reduced-Price Food Services
- 4:160 Environmental Quality of Building and Grounds
- 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria
- 5:190 Teacher Qualifications
- 5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
- 5:210 Resignations and Retirement
- 5:220 Substitute Teachers
- 5:250 Leaves of Absence
- 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
- 6:15 School Accountability
- 6:30 Organization of Instruction
- 6:50 School Wellness
- 6:660 Curriculum Content
- 6:230 Library Media Program
- 7:60 Residence
- 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
- 7:160 Student Appearance
- 7:190 Student Behavior
- 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students
- 7:285 Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program
- 7:290 Suicide and Depressions Awareness and Prevention
- 8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

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

Motion Carried**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Reische, to enter closed session at 5:56 p.m. for the following subjects: a) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the School District; g) student disciplinary cases.**

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

Motion Carried

Ingram exited the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Hughes, to exit closed session at 6:35 p.m.

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

Motion Carried

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

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Reische, to approve the Employment of Jami Schuwerk – NHS Sponsor – effective November 20, 2023.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to approve the resignation of Nikki Boyce – Pittsfield Early Childhood Paraprofessional – effective November 2, 2023.

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

Motion Carried

The resolution authorizing the honorable dismissal of Education Support Personnel item was postponed.

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Hughes, to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.

Motion Carried by Acclamation