

BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
Mt. Sterling, Illinois
August, 26 2020

The 2020-2021 budget hearing was held on Wednesday evening, August 26, 2020 at 5:45 pm in the Brown County Board of Education Office, 503 NW Cross St, Mt Sterling and via Zoom video conference. The meeting was call called to order by Krupps. The minutes were recorded by McKenzie Taute.

Roll call: Krupps, yea; Blaesing, absent; Blakeley, absent; McCaskill, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Heinecke, yea.

Budget Hearing Minutes

Superintendent, Vicki Phillips, presented the fiscal year 21 budget to the board. Each fund was reviewed in terms of expected revenue/receipts and expenses as well as beginning balance and projected ending balance. She noted that the capital projects and fire prevention expenditures is based upon the number of projects the Building Committee and Board of Education determines necessary in FY 21. Krupps discussed that in the past the property taxes and state aide were not covering the district's current expenses. Phillips told the board that Covid will change the gate money generated at home games as well as reduce some expenses. Phillips went on to say the state is all caught up with payments but grant money receipts are behind.

The regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Philip Krupps. The minutes were recorded by McKenzie Taute

Roll call: Krupps, yea; Blaesing, absent; Blakeley, yea; McCaskill, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Heinecke, yea.

Public Comment: Board President, Philip Krupps, discussed the great effort by students, staff, parents, and the public to adapt to continued changes.

In attendance at the Board of Education Office: Vicki Phillips, Pollee Craven, Sally Ruble, Shelly Sheffler, Kris Gallaher, Melissa Ransom, Rebecca Wallace.

In attendance via Zoom: Dan Long, Roger Ehret, Jillian Theis.

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

Roll call: McCaskill, yea; Fullerton, yea; Krupps, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Heinecke, yea
Motion carried.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Blakeley, to approve the Financial Report.

Roll call: McCaskill, yea; Fullerton, yea; Krupps, yea; Blakeley, yea; Heinecke, yea; Hughes, yea.

Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Mrs. Sheffler lead a tour for a few board members around the elementary school. The tour highlighted the construction that took place over the summer. Krupps thanked director of maintenance, James McKay, for his work during the elementary construction.

Motion by Fullerton, seconded by Krupps, to approve the Fiscal Year 21 Budget.

Roll call: Heinecke, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea; Hughes, yea.

Motion carried.

Motion by Heinecke, seconded by Fullerton, to approve the presented changes to the Brown County Return to Learn Plan.

The following changes were made to the Brown County Return to Learn Plan:

- Directions provided to custodians on school wide cleaning and disinfecting
- Quarantine spaces at each building
- Expectations of student athletes to follow the same recommendations while participating in extracurricular activities as they do at school. Including wear a mask, maintain social distance, wash hands with soap, etc. When hosting athletic events, no visiting team fans will be allowed, each home team player may have two people attend the game as a fan. No concessions will be available, and bathrooms will be accessed by key only
- High School – Option 2 Remote Learning – Plan A, students will enroll in four IVS courses, along with a required PE credit from Edgenuity or another vendor
- High School – Option 2 – Remote Learning, families who choose remote learning will be required to continue with this format for the semester
- Middle School – Option 2 – Plan B, local teacher led-remote learning (GRADES 5-8)
- Middle & Elementary – Class sizes will be limited with the attempt to make classes as small as 12-15 if possible based on staff availability
- A vending machine is available in each building where bottles of water can be purchased for 25 cents each.
- Students with disabilities who have an IEP will be serviced to the maximum ability of the school to do so as stated within the IEP. IEP teams will make necessary changes to documentation in a timely manner to provide the best and least restrictive learning environment for every student regardless of disability
- See IDPH Decision Tree for more detailed information regarding time off work for illness, care of a close relative with an illness and required quarantine

Roll call: Heinecke, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Fullerton, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea.

Motion carried.

Motion by Fullerton, seconded by Hughes, to approve MOU between Brown County Board of Education and the ESP Union to initiate a Director of Food Service position.

Roll call: Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Krupps, yea; Hughes, yea; McCaskill, yea; Blakeley, yea; Heinecke, yea.

Motion carried.

The first reading of Press Plus Issue 105 was held and the suggested changes to policy it contains reviewed by Mrs. Phillips.

Motion by Fullerton, seconded by McCaskill, to approve Press Plus Issue 104 which include the following policy section changes.

- 4:180 Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery
- 7:345 Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security
- 2:20-E9 Exhibit – Requirements for No Physical Presence of Quorum and Participation by Audio or Video During Disaster Declaration
- 7:340 Student Records
- 7:190 Student Behavior
- 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedure
- 7:40 Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students

Roll call: Hughes, yea; McCaskill, yea; Fullerton, yea; Krupps, yea; Blakeley, yea; Heinecke, yea.
Motion carried.

Reports: Krupps discussed some feedback from students and parents. A middle school parent expressed concern about students not having access to lockers and needing to carry all their supplies with them throughout the day. Mrs. Ruble said she has ordered bags for books and supplies that can be left in the classroom to help try to solve this problem. Krupps asked for clarification on if a student had a temporary health issue and they had to go remote while recovering would they be able to return to school once they were cleared. Mrs. Phillips explained that this situation is currently taking place for a few students already and yes, they will be able to jump back into in person learning once the health issue is resolved. Krupps mentioned a special thanks to officer Jess Bond, the Mt. Sterling Police Department and Mt. Sterling city works for all the help with traffic control during the first week of school. Board Secretary James Blakely inquired about a timeline of returning high school students to in-person learning. Mrs. Phillips explained that the concerns the board had when voting for the high school to go remote are still concerns. Krupps suggested to have the topic placed on the September Board Meeting Agenda for discussion on the progress of returning to learn in person for the high school.

Motion by Fullerton, seconded by McCaskill, to go enter closed session to approve any matter discussed in closed session as necessary including the approval of personnel employment, release, and other personnel items that may require action, and limited to those matters authorized for discussion in executive session by motion of the Board. *Closed Session on the following subjects: a) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the School District; or other matters appropriate for a closed meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act at 6:22PM.*

Roll call: Heinecke, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea.
Motion carried.

Motion by McCaskill, seconded by Heinekce, to exit closed session at 6:37 P.M.

Roll call: McCaskill, yea; Fullerton, yea; Krupps, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Heinecke, yea.
Motion carried.

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

Roll call: Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Fullerton, yea; Krupps, yea; Heinecke, yea; McCaskill, yea.
Motion carried.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Heinecke, to approve recommended personnel (employment, resignations, transfers, retirement, dismissals, and mentoring applications)

Personnel Listing - August 26, 2020 BOE Meeting

Approval:

Amanda Winter – HS Biology Teacher – Beginning 20-21 School Year
Krista Taylor – MS Science Teacher Long Term Substitute – Beginning 20-21 School Year
Jake Wallace – ES Custodian – Beginning 20-21 School Year
Emma Houston – Bus Monitor – Beginning 20-21 School Year
Ethan Sefton – Bus Monitor – Beginning 20-21 School Year
Dana Scheer – Bus Monitor – Beginning 20-21 School Year
Liann Bauch – Bus Monitor – Beginning 20-21 School Year
Gracey Lichtsinn – Bus Monitor – Beginning 20-21 School Year
Thomas Moore – MS Math/Science Teacher – Beginning 20-21 School Year
Eric Jones – MS Student Council Sponsor – Beginning 20-21 School Year
Nicole Mountain – MS Yearbook – Beginning 20-21 School Year
Jennifer Ingram – MS Literacy Coach – Beginning 20-21 School Year
Alicia Grady – Director of Food Service – Effective Immediately

Resignation:

Renee Grady – ES Fourth Grade Teacher – Effective Immediately

Reassignment:

Tom Moran – ES Math Specialist to ES Fourth Grade Teacher – Beginning 20-21 School Year
Jennifer Ward – Long Term Sub Special Ed ES to Long Term Sub Fourth Grade Teacher – Beginning 20-21 School Year

Roll call: Blakeley, yea; Krupps, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; McCaskill, yea; Heinecke, yea.
Motion carried.

Motion by McCaskill, seconded by Blakeley, to adjourn at 6:39 PM.
Motion carried by acclamation.

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