

## BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

Mt. Sterling, Illinois

December 19, 2018

The meeting of the Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, December 19, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. in the Brown County High School Auditorium, 500 East Main St, Mt. Sterling, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Krupps. The minutes were recorded by Casey Perry.

On roll call, Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fry, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea.

In attendance: Tracy Conley, Kris Gallaher, Pollee Craven, Karen Jirjis, Shelly Sheffler, Vada Yingling, Todd Moore (Architechnics), Ann O'Sullivan, Clayton Taylor, Brad Henry, Shawn Conley, Julie Houston, Mark Read, Len Wiese, Christie Sefton, Doug Henry, Heather Henry, Madi Henry, Merle Kenady, Dusty Buss, Angela Salrin, Earl Bricker, Dave Ferrill, Mike Yingling, Chris Brierton, John Oliver, Jason Garthaus, Lance Grady.

*Public Comment speakers: Mrs. Craven introduce Madi Henry, BCCHS Student of the Month. Henry was nominated by Mrs. Zimmerman for the award, stating that Henry is a woman of character, a very hard and dedicated worker, making Brown County Schools a positive place to learn and teach.*

Motion by Fullerton, seconded by Fry, to approve the consent agenda.

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

Correspondence: none received for review.

**Committee Reports:**Facilities Report

Mrs. Phillips and Kris Gallaher presented an overview of the most recent information available to the Steering Committee members who were present as well as the public and the Board of Education members. The overview was entitled, "Choices Choices Choices" and provided the following information as a result of a meeting that had been held recently with Mrs. Phillips, Tracy Conley, Kris Gallaher and James McKay of BCSD, Jacques Reynolds of Architechnics and Steve Adams of PMA Financial. They met on Monday, December 17 to determine calculated predictions of renovation timelines and related expenditures/specific costs of building new schools versus renovating the current schools. These discussions included the removal of the previously discussed options of building a new bus barn and/or bus storage building and a new Board of Education office from the plans moving forward with the new plan that is limited to only the high school building, elementary school building and possibly the HS Auditorium Building. If the BCSD should choose to renovate the current high school, the cost of meeting all Health Life Safety Codes/Requirements and other building improvement needs totaled \$10,746,674. If BCSD should choose to renovate the current elementary school, the cost of the same for the BCES totaled \$9,730,975. The cost to

build a new high school building (which includes a competition-size gymnasium) is estimated at \$13,535,270. The cost to build a new elementary school building is estimated at \$10,507,818. The renovation plans/costs will not address all the major concerns with the lack of security and safety in the current buildings. It was decided that the recently remodeled BCHS Auditorium will stay in its current location in either plan. But if a new high school is built, a new handicapped-accessible entrance, handicapped-accessible restrooms and other ancillary spaces would need to be added to the auditorium building which is estimated to add \$702,703 to the overall costs. The total costs to renovate both buildings was estimated at \$20,238,793 and the total cost to build new buildings was estimated at \$24,984,647.

The *estimated* debt tax levy rate that would be necessary to cover the costs to do the renovation projects would be \$1.99. The *estimated* debt tax levy rate necessary to build new buildings is \$2.04. Regardless of the choice of building new or renovating, the operating tax levy would be set at *approximately* \$3.95 which must be added to the debt service rate making the total tax levy *approximately* \$5.94 to renovate or \$5.99 to build both a new High School and Elementary school. The reason for the narrow margin of debt service rate between renovate and build new is due to the fact that the renovation bonds must be issued over a shorter pay-back time period of 10 years compared to the building bonds which could be issued for to up to 30 years of payment with legislative approval. It was also noted that because BCSD would be issuing bonds in excess of the current debt limit, permission must be obtained for the Illinois Legislature to do so. Typically, a debt limit exception requiring legislative approval is more easily granted by the legislature after a voter-approved referendum has passed at the local level. However, voter approval by referendum is not required to perform the necessary Health Life Safety renovations as required by the State of Illinois up to the debt limit of the District.

Information was also shared based on Fiscal Year 16, which is the most current available, that school levy tax in Brown County is comparable to that of the neighboring school districts. As reported on the Illinois State Board of Education website, the tax rate for Brown County School District was \$4.63, Payson at \$5.195, Camp Point at \$3.64, Mendon at \$5.38, Beardstown at \$4.96, Virginia at \$5.96, Southeastern at \$4.21, Schuyler-Industry at \$4.69, Griggsville-Perry at \$5.73, Western Barry at \$5.59, Pikeland at \$4.11 and Meredosia-Chambersburg at \$5.68.

A question/answer session was provided at the conclusion of the presentation. Once all questions and comments were heard from the public, a recess was taken by all.

The meeting was called to order once again by President Krupps at 6:15 pm. President Krupps thanked the Steering Committee members for their participation, advisement and recommendations to the Board of Education regarding next steps to take in light of the information that has been thoroughly researched and shared about the district facilities options.

Motion by Krupps, seconded by Blaesing, Approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Brown County Education Association. New teacher minimum base salary will start at \$34,000 with an overall 3% (built-in base and step) increase each year for the life of the contract which is three years through the summer of 2021. An additional \$1560 per year will be offered for health insurance for those employees who access the school district-provided health insurance.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fry, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, yea;

McCaskill, yea.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Krupps, seconded by Fullerton, Approval of adding a HS Special Ed Activity Account.

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

Motion by Fry, seconded by McCaskill, Approval of Property Tax Relief Grant Application FY2019

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

Motion by Blakeley, seconded by Blaesing, Approval to adopt the Certificate of Tax Levy.

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

The First Reading of Press Plus Issue 98 – 2:105, 2:170, 4:180, 4:140, 6:10, 6:30, 6:120, 6:190, 6:230, 6:240, 6:250, 7:50, 7:330, 7:340, 8:25, 6:135, 6:60 was presented to the Board.

A Discussion about Flexibility to Define an Instructional Day was presented. ISBE and the Legislature removed the requirements stating that a standard school day is 5 hours. No changes are being made within Brown County School District at this time.

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

Motion carried.

MINUTES of a regular public meeting of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 1, Brown County, Illinois, held in the Brown County High School Auditorium, 500 East Main Street, Mount Sterling, Illinois, in said School District at 5:00 o'clock P.M., on the 19th day of December, 2018.

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The meeting was called to order by the President and upon the roll being called, Philip Krupps, the President, and the following members were physically present at said location:

Philip Krupps, Jennifer Blaesing, James Blakeley, Kerry Fry, Heath Fullerton, Matt McCaskill, Dawn Hughes.

The following members were allowed by a majority of the members of the Board of Education in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the Board of Education to attend the meeting by video or audio conference: none.

No member was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

The following members were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever: none.

The President announced that the Board of Education would next consider the adoption of a resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing School Building Bonds to the voters of the District at the consolidated election to be held on April 2, 2019.

Whereupon Member Krupps presented and the Secretary read by title a resolution as follows, a copy of which was provided to each member of the Board of Education prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said meeting who requested a copy:

RESOLUTION providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing School Building Bonds to the voters of Community Unit School District Number 1, Brown County, Illinois, at the consolidated election to be held on the 2nd day of April, 2019.

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WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "*School Board*") of Community Unit School District Number 1, Brown County, Illinois (the "*District*"), has considered the existing school facilities and the improvements and extensions necessary to be made thereto in order that the same will adequately serve the educational needs of the District; and

WHEREAS, the School Board does hereby find and determine that it is necessary and in the best interests of the District that the School Board be authorized to build and equip a new elementary school building and a new high school building, improve the sites thereof and demolish the existing high school building except for the auditorium (the "*Project*") at an estimated cost of \$25,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the School Board does hereby find and determine that the Project is needed to provide a quality educational program; and

WHEREAS, there are insufficient funds on hand and available to pay the costs of the Project; and

WHEREAS, before the School Board can provide the Project and borrow money and issue bonds for such purpose, a proposition therefor (the "*Proposition*") must be submitted to the voters of the District and be approved by a majority of the voters of the District voting on the Proposition at an election to be held in and for the District; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the District that the Proposition be submitted to the voters of the District at an election to be held and conducted in accordance with the general election law:

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 1, Brown County, Illinois, as follows:

*Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles.* The School Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.

*Section 2. Need for Project.* It is necessary and in the best interests of the District that the School Board be authorized to provide the Project, and that it is necessary and in the best interests of the District that money be borrowed and in evidence thereof bonds of the District be issued therefor to the amount of \$25,000,000.

*Section 3. Submission to Voters.* The Proposition shall be submitted to the voters of the District in accordance with the general election law at the consolidated election to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of April, 2019, between the hours of 6:00 o'clock A.M. and 7:00 o'clock P.M. on said day (the "*Election*").

*Section 4. Voting Precincts and Polling Places.* The Election shall be held in the voting precincts and at the polling places established by the County Board (the "*County Board*") of The County of Brown, Illinois (the "*County*"), for voters of the District at the Election.

*Section 5. Election Notice.* The County Clerk of the County (the "*County Clerk*") shall give notice of the Election (the "*Notice*"), in accordance with the general election law by (i) publishing the Notice once not more than 60 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the Election in a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the District, and (ii) posting a copy of the Notice at least 10 days before the date of the Election at the principal office of the County Clerk.

*Section 6. Local Notice.* The Secretary of the School Board shall post a copy of the Notice at the principal office of the District.

*Section 7. Newspaper of General Circulation.* It is hereby found and determined that the *Brown County Democrat Message* is a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the District as required by Section 12-5 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended (the "*Election Code*").

*Section 8. Form of Notice.* The Notice shall appear over the name or title of the County Clerk and shall be substantially in the following form:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the consolidated election to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of April, 2019, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of Brown County Community Unit School District Number 1, Brown County, Illinois:

Shall the Board of Education of Brown County Community Unit School District Number 1, Brown County, Illinois, build and equip a new elementary school building and a new high school building, improve the sites thereof and demolish the existing high school building except for the auditorium and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$25,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

The polls at the election will be open at 6:00 o'clock A.M. and will continue to be open until 7:00 o'clock P.M. of that day.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

Judith L. Ham  
County Clerk, The County of Brown, Illinois

*Section 9. Form of Ballot.* The ballot to be used at the Election shall be in substantially the following form, with such necessary alterations, changes, deletions and insertions as may be required by Articles 24A, 24B or 24C of the Election Code if an electronic, mechanical or electric voting system is used at the Election:

(Face of Ballot)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

PROPOSITION TO ISSUE \$25,000,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS

(INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Mark a cross (X) in the space opposite the word indicating the way you desire to vote.)

Shall the Board of Education of Brown County Community Unit School District Number 1, Brown County, Illinois, build and equip a new elementary school building and a new high school building, improve the sites thereof and demolish the existing high school building except for the auditorium and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$25,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?	YES	
	NO	

(Back of Paper Ballot)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Official ballot for voting on the proposition to issue School Building Bonds of Brown County Community Unit School District Number 1, Brown County, Illinois, at the consolidated election held on April 2, 2019.

Precinct Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Polling Place: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Facsimile Signature)  
County Clerk, The County of Brown, Illinois

*Section 10. Election Judges.* The Election shall be conducted by the election judges appointed by the County Board to act in the precincts at which the Proposition will be submitted to the voters of the District.

*Section 11. Filing of Resolution.* After the adoption hereof and not less than 68 days prior to the date of the Election, the Secretary of the School Board shall certify a copy hereof to the County Clerk in order that the Proposition may be submitted to the voters of the District at the Election.

*Section 12. Canvass of Election.* The Election shall be held and conducted and the returns thereof duly canvassed, all in the manner and time as provided by the general election law.

*Section 13. Severability.* If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

*Section 14. Repealer and Effective Date.* All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this Resolution be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Adopted December 19, 2018.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

Member McCaskill moved and Member Fry seconded the motion that said resolution as presented and read by title be adopted.

After a full discussion thereof, the President directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion to adopt said resolution.

Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: Blaesing, Blakeley, Fry, Fullerton, Hughes, Krupps, McCaskill

The following members voted NAY: none.

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted and did sign and approve the same in open meeting and did direct the Secretary to record the same in the records of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 1, Brown County, Illinois, which was done.

Other business not pertinent to the adoption of said resolution was duly transacted at the meeting.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, Board of Education

STATE OF ILLINOIS            )  
  ) SS  
COUNTY OF BROWN         )

**CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES AND RESOLUTION**

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education (the “Board”) of Community Unit School District Number 1, Brown County, Illinois (the “District”), and that as such official I am the keeper of the records and files of the Board.

I do further certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete transcript of that portion of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on the 19th day of December, 2018, insofar as the same relates to the adoption of a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing School Building Bonds to the voters of Community Unit School District Number 1, Brown County, Illinois, at the consolidated election to be held on the 2nd day of April, 2019.

a true, correct and complete copy of which said resolution as adopted at said meeting appears in the foregoing transcript of the minutes of said meeting.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board on the adoption of said resolution were conducted openly, that the vote on the adoption of said resolution was taken openly, that said meeting was held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that an agenda for said meeting was posted at the location where said meeting was held and at the principal office of the Board at least 48 hours in advance of the holding of said meeting, that at least one copy of said agenda was continuously available for public review during the entire 48-hour period preceding said meeting, that a true, correct and complete copy of said agenda as so posted is attached hereto as *Exhibit A*, that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and that the Board has complied with all of the provisions of said Act and said Codes and with all of the procedural rules of the Board.

I do further certify that the geographic or common name of the District by which the District is commonly known and referred to is Brown County Community Unit School District Number 1, Brown County, Illinois.

There is hereby certified to the County Clerk of The County of Brown, Illinois, for submitting to the voters of the District at the consolidated election to be held on the 2nd day of April, 2019, the proposition set forth in said resolution, which said resolution was duly adopted by the Board on the 19th day of December, 2018.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature, this 19th day of December, 2018.

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Secretary, Board of Education

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
 ) SS  
COUNTY OF BROWN )

**FILING CERTIFICATE**

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting County Clerk of The County of Brown, Illinois (the “*County*”), and as such official I do further certify as follows:

1. That on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, there was filed in my office a duly certified copy of a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing School Building Bonds to the voters of Community Unit School District Number 1, Brown County, Illinois, at the consolidated election to be held on the 2nd day of April, 2019.

duly adopted by the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 1, Brown County, Illinois (the “*District*”), on the 19th day of December, 2018, and that the same has been deposited in the official files and records of my office.

2. That included in the certification of said resolution were the form of public question (the “*Question*”) to be placed on the ballot at the consolidated election to be held on the 2nd day of April, 2019 (the “*Election*”), and the date on which the Question was initiated by the adoption of said resolution.

3. That the Question will be submitted to the voters of the District at the Election.

4. That notice that the Question will be submitted to the voters of the District at the Election (the “*Notice*”), will be given as required by Section 12-5 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, by (a) publishing the Notice once not more

than 60 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the Election in the *Brown County Democrat Message*, being a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the District, and (b) posting a copy of the Notice at my principal office at least 10 days before the date of the Election, as set forth in Section 5 of said resolution, and that the Notice will be substantially in the form set forth in Section 8 of said resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of the County, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk, The County of Brown, Illinois

(SEAL)

Motion by McCaskill, seconded by Fry, Consideration of a resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing School Building Bonds to the voters of the District at the consolidated election to be held on April 2, 2019

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

Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Blakeley, to go into 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: g) student disciplinary cases; or other matters appropriate for a closed meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.* at 7:02 pm.

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

Motion by Krupps, seconded by Fullerton, to return to open session at 7:29 pm.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fry, yea; Fullerton, yea; Hughes, yea; Krupps, yea;

McCaskill, yea.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Fry, to approve the minutes of closed session.

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

Motion to adjourn by acclamation at 7:30 pm.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY