

BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
Mt. Sterling, Illinois
November 15, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, November 15, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Education office, 503 NW Cross Street, 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: Pollee Craven, Karen Jirjis, Shelly Eager, Kris Gallaher, Suzanne Steckel (Zumbahlen, Eyth, Surratt, Foote & Flynn), Dan Long (the Democrat Message), Emma Volk (Student of the Month), Trevon Volk and Shawn Volk.

Public Comment speakers: Mrs. Craven highlighted Emma Volk as the Student of the Month for Brown County High School. She read the nomination letter that had been written by Ms. Kline to nominate Emma for Student of the Month noting Emma's excellent classroom behavior and ongoing efforts to do her top work and participate in class. Mrs. Craven noted that Emma always has a smile, which is also very much appreciated. Emma was awarded a silver dollar as a memento for her to keep as a reminder of her selection of Student of the Month.

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

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

Suzanne Steckel, Partner at Zumbahlen, Eyth, Surratt, Foote & Flynn, Presented the the Annual Financial Audit. Ms. Steckel review the results of the audit providing insight to specific aspects of the information including the Estimated Financial Profile Summary of the district, the ratio of expenses to revenue, overall debt of the district and findings based on lack of past sufficient bonding for activity accounts which was rectified before the audit was finished.

Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Hughes, for the Presentation and Approval of Annual Financial Audit

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

Motion carried.

Discussion of the Cell Tower offer from Crown Castle. Crown Castle is the lessee of the property owned by the school district where the cell tower sits currently. Crown Castle would like to extend the lease beyond the current original 25-year lease of which began in 2011 and extends to 2036. After much discussion, it was decided not to take any action at this time regarding the current lease.

Motion by Krupps, seconded by Blaesing, to Adopt HS Handbook Language for Graduation.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Fry, seconded by Fullerton, to Set Date of BCHS Graduation as May 25th, 2018 and 8th Grad Promotion as May 24th, 2018.

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

Motion carried.

Consider and possible approval of Gaming Club at BCHS with sponsor being an unpaid position. Motion tabled for further conversation.

Motion by McCaskill, seconded by Fullerton, to go into closed session at 6:39 pm for the purpose of a) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the School District; and d) the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Krupps, to go out of closed session at 7:21 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 approve the minutes and take action on the following outcomes of closed session:

1. Approve the Release of Kenzi Fortner
2. Approve hiring Wanda Robertson as Elementary Special Ed Paraprofessional
3. Approve hiring Brooke Dawson as Elementary Special Ed Teacher

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

Motion by McCaskill, seconded by Fry, to adjourn at 7:24 pm.

Motion carried by acclamation.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY