

BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1**Mt. Sterling, Illinois****March 24, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, March 24, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Brown County High School band room and via Zoom video conference. The meeting was called to order by Philip Krupps. The minutes were recorded by McKenzie Taute.

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

In person attendance: Curt Simonson, Pollee Craven, Sally Ruble, Shelly Sheffler, Tracy Conley, McKenzie Taute, Kris Gallaher, Alex Ebbing, Mary Ingram, Megan Lawson, Adam Lawson, Lan Eberle, Jennifer Reif, Tyler Koch, Dawn Koch, Deanna Briney.

In attendance via Zoom: Dan Long, Charolette Koch, Beth Boylen, Jillian Theis, Marcy Wort, Cassie Lipcaman.

Visitors: Mrs. Craven introduced March student of the month, Maycie McCombs. Craven read aloud the nomination she received describing Maycie's accomplishments.

Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Heinecke, to approve contract with Superintendent, at annual salary of \$125,000, term of 3 years.

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

Motion Carried

Public Comment: Union president, Mary Ingram, expressed to the Board her gratitude for the way Dr. Simonson has handled the tough task of reduction in force. Ingram spoke about how Dr. Simonson treated staff with sensitivity knowing what a significant impact it would have on each person.

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

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

Motion Carried

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

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Blakeley, seconded by Fullerton, to approve the Student Activity Account Statement.

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

Motion Carried

Correspondence: Krupps made note of the \$501.11 Affinity Card donation from Brown County State Bank. Krupps also noted a thank you letter sent from high school teacher, Jenny Zimmerman, regarding staff appreciation gifts.

Committee Reports: Dr. Simonson spoke about a recent walkthrough he did with maintenance director, James McKay. Simonson mentioned the roof is leaking in a couple locations in the elementary school. Simonson stated he has plans to do a walkthrough at the middle school and high school next week. Simonson plans on putting together a maintenance report and addressing current maintenance needs at an upcoming Board meeting.

Reports: Dr. Simonson discussed the FRIS report and explained the district has currently collected 68% of its state & federal funding for this fiscal year. Simonson explained he is currently working through the ESSER II grant that recently opened.

Return-To-Learn: Mrs. Craven spoke about the recent change in the social distancing guidance from the IDPH. Craven explained that although the social distancing guidelines were changed to 3 feet per IDPH, contact tracing guidelines set by ISBE still state 6 feet, at last check. The Board was in agreeance that no changes would be made at this time regarding the return-to-learn plan.

Past Due Lunch Balances: Dr. Simonson discussed that the district is currently owed over \$6,000 in past due lunch balances. Simonson stated there is currently no plan in place to collect the past due dollars but wanted to bring it to the Boards attention. Krupps discussed the need to follow through with collection, but also be respectful of the circumstances surrounding the issue.

Motion by seconded by to enter closed session at 6:14 p.m. for the following subjects: a) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the School District; b) collective negotiating matters between the School District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; g) student disciplinary cases.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Fullerton, seconded by Blaesing, to exit closed session at 8:06 p.m.

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

Motion Carried

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

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Fullerton, seconded by Heinecke, to approve the resolution regarding the dismissal of non-professional educator licensed personnel.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Krupps, seconded by Heinecke, to approve the resolution regarding the dismissal of professional educator licensed personnel.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Fullerton, seconded by Heinecke, to approve the resolution regarding the honorable dismissal of professional educator licensed personnel.

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

Motion Carried

March 24, 2021 Board Meeting Personnel

Approval:

Landolin Eberle – Superintendent – effective July 1, 2021

Nicole Mountain – JH Girls Track Coach – effective March 15, 2021

Eric Grady – HS Football Volunteer Football Assistant Coach – effective March 3, 2021

Sarah Mass – HS Track Assistant Coach – covering until Megan Woodward returns

Sandy Prather – JH Volunteer Girls Track Coach – effective March 24, 2021

Resignation:

Jake Wallace – ES Custodian - effective March 24, 2021

Emily Bystry – 3rd Grade Teacher – effective end of 2021 school year

J. Tyler Eveland – 6th Grade Teacher – effective end of 2021 school year

Olivia Lawler – MS Counselor – effective end of 2021 school year

Carrie Martin – MS Special Education Teacher – effective end of 2021 school year

Jennifer Ingram – MS Teacher – effective end of 2021 school year

Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Fullerton, to approve recommended personnel action.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Krupps, seconded by Blaesing, to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.

Motion Carried by Acclamation