

BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
Mt. Sterling, Illinois
April 8, 2024

The special meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday evening, April 8, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Brown County Middle School library. The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Beth Boylen, who served as president pro tem in the absence of President, Dawn Hughes. The minutes were recorded by McKenzie Taute.

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

Attendance: Lan Eberle, Pollee Craven, Alex Ebbing, Lisa Hannel, Kris Gallaher, Jessica Robertson, McKenzie Taute, Lori Roberts, Ralph Roberts, Emma Roberts, Ty Roberts, Tom Luthy, Sara Luthy, Hollie Luthy, Maycie McCombs, Noah Ingram, Karly Gallaher, Maxwell Perry, Grace Boylen, Jayden Fink.

Visitors:

Mr. Ebbing recognized the April Brown County Middle School Student of the Month, Emma Roberts.

Mrs. Craven recognized the April Brown County High School Student of the Month, Hollie Luthy.

CEO: The CEO students spoke to the board about the opportunities the CEO program has offered them. Students discussed just a few of the benefits being confidence in public speaking, business planning, finance management, and life skills.

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

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

Motion Carried

Reports: Mrs. Craven noted that the Drama Club performance would take place on April 13 and 14.

Discussion Items:

Revenue and Expenditure Update: Eberle explained that as of 04/04/2024 the district was 76% through the fiscal year, had received 470% of expected revenue and disbursed 76% of expected expenditures. Eberle explained that the revenue was skewed due to the bond issues, but expenses were right on target.

Roof Update: Eberle reported that the roof and gutter installation project has been completed. He went on to say that Peter's has been working to repair leaks in the middle school. Eberle explained that Peter's will be testing the integrity of the roof with future precipitation and agreed to extend the warranty from two to five years. Eberle also mentioned that the district is working on securing quotes for ice guards and roof repair on the east side of the high school.

Building Project Update: Eberle explained that the weight room demolition and tree removal is underway. Eberle also reported that finishes and color selection have begun. Eberle said as supplies arrive, they will be stored in trailers located on site. Eberle also discussed weekly jobsite meetings with Ameresco.

Hornet Night: Mr. Ebbing discussed Hornet Night details including the recipient selection process for the first year and future years, auction items, and the plan for proceeds. Ebbing mentioned auctioning off football endzone spots and reserved seats in the gym. Ebbing said Hornet Night will be Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at the American Legion building in Mt. Sterling.

Next Board Meeting, May 20, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.: Eberle explained that the senior awards banquet is scheduled for May 20, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. The board agreed to push the meeting back to 7:00 p.m. on May 20, 2024, to eliminate any conflict. Eberle also discussed moving the location of the June meeting to the elementary school to show the board phase one of the intercom project. Gallaher said phase one of the intercom project is almost complete.

Seniors spoke about plans for their May 21 senior trip to St. Louis. They reported several different options for the start of the day, followed by a Cardinals game in the evening.

Motion by Koch, seconded by Reische, to approve the May 21 Senior Trip to St. Louis.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Gregory, seconded by Boylen, to approve the First Reading of Press Issue 114 including the following policy section changes:

- 2:40 Board Member Qualifications
- 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedures
- 2:265 Title IX Grievance Procedures
- 4:190 Targeted School Violence Prevention
- 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- 5:300 Schedules and Employment Year
- 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities
- 7:10-E Exhibit – Equal Educational Opportunities Within School Community
- 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
- 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 2:270 Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color and National Origin Prohibited
- 5:100 Staff Development Program
- 2:50 Board Member Term of Office
- 2:60 Board Member Removal from Office
- 2:140 Communications to and From the Board
- 2:140-E Exhibit – Guidance for Board Member Communications Including Email Use
- 4:110 Transportation
- 5:35 Compliance with Fair Labor Standards Act
- 5:40 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
- 6:40 Curriculum Development

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

Motion Carried

Boylen explained the WAPC membership provides discounted rates from suppliers. Boylen went on to say that the renewal price is the same as the prior year.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Eichelberger, to approve the Western Area Purchasing Cooperative Membership Renewal.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Gregory, seconded by Reische, to approve the Opening of the Mark Ebbing Memorial Activity Account.

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

Motion Carried

Gallaher explained that the camera lease will be paid using the lease levy money, earmarked for leasing purposes. Gallaher went on to say that \$178,911 was the collective amount of lease levy funds from the last three fiscal years being saved specifically for this project.

Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Boylen, to approve the Lease-Purchase Agreement with American Capital in the amount of \$178,911 for Camera Upgrades.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Koch, seconded by Reische, to enter closed session at 5:58 p.m. for the following subjects: 1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 2. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 10. Student disciplinary cases.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Koch, seconded by Reische, to return to open session at 6:29 p.m.

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

Motion Carried

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

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Boylen, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Honorable Dismissal of Professional Educator License Personnel – Special Education Coordinator position.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Gregory, seconded by Eichelberger, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding #4 between Brown County Education Association, IEA/NEA and Brown County Community Unit School District No. 1 – Key Club Stipend.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Boylen, to approve the Alternative Disciplinary Agreement for Student 24A.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Boylen, to approve the Resignation of Keaton Wort – High School Assistant Baseball Coach – effective March 20, 2024.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Koch, seconded by Reische, to approve the Employment of Jeremy Garrett – High School Assistant Baseball Coach – effective March 27, 2024.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Gregory, to approve the Retirement of Tish Rowlands – Middle School Special Education Teacher – effective end of 2024-2025 School Year.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Boylen, to adjourn at 6:32 p.m.

Motion Carried by Acclamation