

## **BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1**

### **Mt. Sterling, Illinois**

### **December 12, 2022**

The Public Hearing to review the 2022 Tax Levy was held on Monday evening, December 12, 2022, at 5:45 p.m. in the Brown County Middle School library. The meeting was called to order by Heath Fullerton. The minutes were recorded by McKenzie Taute.

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blaesing, 5:49 p.m.; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, 5:46 p.m.; Koch, absent; Boylen, yea.

**Attendance:** Lan Eberle, Pollee Craven, Alex Ebbing, Lisa Hannel, Kris Gallaher, McKenzie Taute, Jessica Robertson, Andrew Wagner.

### **Public Hearing Minutes**

Superintendent, Lan Eberle, discussed the 2022 Tax Levy and how he reached the proposed tax rate. Eberle mentioned that the proposed rate is a decrease of 0.07238 from the prior year. Eberle discussed the fine line between missing out on tax dollars for the district and raising the tax rate. Eberle went on to say that he took an average of the EAV increases over the last five years to come up with the proposed rate. Eberle explained that while the district does not expect to go over the 5% threshold that requires a public hearing, to be fully transparent, the district held the Truth in Taxation Hearing.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Boylen, to adjourn at 5:51 p.m.  
Motion Carried by Acclamation

### **Regular Board Meeting**

The regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Heath Fullerton. The minutes were recorded by McKenzie Taute.

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, absent; Boylen, yea.

**Attendance:** Lan Eberle, Pollee Craven, Alex Ebbing, Lisa Hannel, Kris Gallaher, McKenzie Taute, Jessica Robertson, Suzanne Steckel, Andrew Wagner, Craig Law, Amanda Law, Hunter Law, Sara Holterfield, Blake Holterfield, Ali Holterfield.

#### **Visitors:**

Mr. Ebbing recognized Brown County Middle School student of the month, Hunter Law. Law was nominated by Mr. Moran who noted that Law was a quiet leader, hard worker, and put in great effort in the classroom.

Mrs. Craven recognized Brown County High School student of the month, Ali Holterfield. Holterfield was nominated by Mrs. Miller who noted Holterfield was a hard worker, kind, and respectful. Craven went on to say that Holterfield has had great attendance and was in the top ten of her class.

**Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2022 Audit:**

Suzanne Steckel from Zumbahlen, Eyth, Surratt, Foote & Flynn LTD. presented the Fiscal Year 2022 audit. Steckel went through the highlights of the district's financials noting the following:

- Financial profile summary score increased from 3.8 to 3.9
- Operating cash on hand increased from 149 to 205 days
- The district spent \$0.84 for every \$1 received
- The district incurred no new debt during the fiscal year
- The district has made great financial strides over the last few years
- The district had two findings compared to four the prior year –
  1. Segregation of duties
  2. Activity accounts not recognized under ISBE guidelines as acceptable accounts

Fullerton thanked the Brown County State Bank for their monthly Affinity Card donation in the amount of \$526.40.

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Hughes, to approve the Consent Agenda.**

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Boylen, yea.

**Motion Carried****Reports:**

Mr. Ebbing discussed the success of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball team. Ebbing noted that the girls will play in the state championship on December 15, in Havana. Ebbing also mentioned that the district will be taking a fan bus for 5<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> BCMS and SMS students at no cost to the student. Ebbing went on to say that Steve Surratt and Hope Through Faith Ministries would be paying for the admission of every student riding the fan bus.

**Revenue & Expenditure Update:**

Eberle discussed the revenues and expenditures through December 8, 2022. Eberle mentioned the district was 44% through the fiscal year, has collected 88% of budgeted revenue, and spent 58% of budgeted expenditures. Eberle also noted that the large debt service payments were already made for the year, driving up the expenditure percentage.

**Roof Update:**

Eberle explained to the board that six different companies have shown interest in the roof project and three have indicated that they will bid on the project. Eberle said more information will be provided as the district moves through the bid process.

**Rival 5 – Maintenance Grant:**

Eberle and Technology Director, Kris Gallaher, spoke about the use of the awarded maintenance grant dollars from the state. Gallaher explained that the district is looking to increase security and improve the notification system throughout the district. Eberle explained that while the matching maintenance grant will be reserved for the high school campus, all buildings will have added security features to better inform students and staff in the event of an emergency.

***Fullerton reminded the board that the next regular meeting will be held on January 23, 2023.***

**Motion by Hughes, seconded by Fullerton, to approve the 2022 Tax Levy.**

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Boylen, no  
**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Fullerton, seconded by Boylen, to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Audit.**

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Boylen, yea  
**Motion Carried**

**Fullerton presented the first reading of Press Issue 110, policy 6:50 School Wellness.**

**Motion by Fullerton, seconded by Blakeley, to approve the final reading of Press Issue 110 including the following policy section changes:**

- 2:100 Board Member Conflict of Interest
- 2:105 Ethics and Gift Ban
- 2:150 Committees
- 2:210 Organizational Board of Education Meeting
- 2:250 Access to District Public Records
- 2:265 Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure
- 3:10 Goal and Objectives
- 4:10 Fiscal and Business Management
- 4:55 Use of Credit and Procurement Cards
- 4:140 Waiver of Student Fees
- 4:165 Awareness and Prevention
- 5:120 Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest
- 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- 5:170 Copyright
- 5:190 Teacher Qualification
- 5:220 Substitute Teachers
- 5:250 Leaves of Absence
- 5:260 Student Teachers
- 5:280 Duties and Qualifications
- 5:320 Evaluation
- 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
- 6:15 School Accountability
- 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day
- 6:60 Curriculum Content
- 6:65 Student Social and Emotional Development
- 6:130 Program for the Gifted
- 6:250 Community Resource Persons and Volunteers
- 6:255 Assemblies and Ceremonies
- 6:260 Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs
- 6:270 Guidance and Counseling Program
- 6:310 High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Student
- 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program
- 7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers to and From Non-Districts Schools
- 7:70 Attendance and Truancy

- 7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
- 7:180 Preventions of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 7:250 Student Support Services
- 7:285 Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program
- 7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
- 7:340 Student Records
- 7:10-E Exhibit – Equal Educational Opportunities Within the School Community

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Boylen, yea

**Motion Carried**

Mrs. Craven explained the plan to pursue the opportunity to offer dual credit for the CEO program. Craven said both John Wood Community College and Western Illinois University have been contacted to assist in offering this opportunity. Craven explained that the hope is to be able to offer dual credits to seniors participating in the CEO program at the start of the spring semester. Craven explained that more details are forthcoming.

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Blaesing, to approve the district to pursue the dual credit agreement with Western Illinois University for the Brown County CEO Program.**

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Boylen, yea

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Blakeley, seconded by Boylen, to enter closed session at 6:39 p.m. for the following subjects: a) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the school district; d) the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the district.**

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Boylen, yea

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Boylen, to exit closed session at 7:09 p.m.**

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Boylen, yea

**Motion Carried**

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

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Boylen, yea

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Fullerton, seconded by Boylen, to approve the resignation of Stacy Demaree – High School Paraprofessional – effective December 20, 2022**

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Boylen, yea

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Eichelberger, to adjourn at 7:11 p.m.**

**Motion Carried Acclamation**