

**BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**Mt. Sterling, Illinois**  
**July 31, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday evening, July 31, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Brown County Middle School library. The meeting was called to order by President, Dawn Hughes. The minutes were recorded by McKenzie Taute.

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

**Attendance:** Lan Eberle, Pollee Craven, Alex Ebbing, Lisa Hannel, Kris Gallaher, Jessica Robertson, McKenzie Taute, Dave Phelps, J.R. Parn, Sara Parn, Niles Parn.

**Public Comment:** Sara Parn addressed the board regarding cross-country.

**Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Koch, to approve the Consent Agenda.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Correspondence:**

**Brown County State Bank Affinity Card Donation:** Hughes thanked Brown County State Bank for their Affinity Card donation in the amount of \$1,067.40.

**Kathy Yingling:** Thank you card for retirement gift.

**Discussion Items:**

**Roof Update:** Eberle discussed the ongoing roof replacement project at the middle/high school campus. Eberle explained that the project was approximately sixty percent complete.

**Presentation on Renovation Project:** Eberle presented plans designed by Ameresco for the addition/renovation project at the middle/high school campus. Eberle went on to say that the plan was to use alternative revenue bonds funded by the facility sales tax to fund the first phase of the project that would cost approximately 10.2 million dollars. The first phase would include six new classrooms, a band room, restrooms, weight room, teachers' lounge, storage, and an expansion of the two cafeterias located at the middle school. Eberle also discussed phase two that would include the renovation of the high school, asbestos abatement, plumbing and electrical replacement, larger classrooms, centralized offices, and updated locker rooms. The cost of phase two is approximately 14.4 million dollars. Eberle also discussed a new bus garage that would house transportation bays and offices, maintenance bays, the Board of Education offices, technology, and classrooms for a potential alternative school. Eberle said those drawings are in the works currently. Eberle discussed the district's bonding capacity, noting that the district has no plans to raise taxes to fund the presented projects. Eberle also discussed the possibility of an all-weather track, outdoor locker rooms, restrooms, spirit wear stand, concession area, and parking lot improvements.

**Brush/Lawn Care Update – Property West of Elementary School:**

Eichelberger discussed an unofficial quote in the amount of \$2500.00 that was received from Nathan Newton for brush cleanup west of the elementary school. Elementary school principal, Lisa Hannel, mentioned that maintenance employees had done some cleanup work already.

**Negotiations Update:** Eberle reported that negotiations with both support and certified staff are still ongoing.

**Crow's Nest:** Eberle explained that he received approximate costs from Architechnics for crow's nests at the baseball and softball fields. Eberle said the architect provided two options - block structures were estimated at \$47,880 each and stick-built structures were estimated at \$42,630 each.

**Bernardi Securities:** Eberle spoke about transitioning to Bernardi Securities for current and future bonds.

**Next Board Meeting – August 21, 2023, at 5:30 PM**

Hughes explained that the second reading and adoption of Issue 112 would take place at the August meeting.

**Motion by Gregory, seconded by Koch, to approve the first reading of Press Issue 112 including the following Policy Section Changes:**

- 2:170 Procurement of Architectural Engineering, and Land Surveying Services
- 4:45 Insufficient Fund Checks and Debt Recovery
- 4:100 Insurance Management
- 5:230 Maintaining Student Discipline
- 7:305 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries
- 2:80 Board Member Oath of Conduct
- 2:280-E Exhibit – Board Member Code of Conduct
- 6:10 Educational Philosophy and Objectives
- 6:190 Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities
- 6:240 Field Trips and Recreational Class Trips
- 7:275 Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment
- 7:330 Student Use of Buildings – Equal Access
- 8:25 Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entries
- 8:95 Parental Involvement

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

**Motion Carried**

Eberle explained that the presented resolution would allow him signing authority to execute contracts with Ameresco pending contract review by the district's attorney and necessary funding. Eichelberger discussed the importance of a new transportation garage and expressed interest in holding off on the resolution until the drawings and estimated costs for the bus garage were complete.

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to approve Resolution #3, directing District Superintendent to enter into contractual agreement(s) with Ameresco, Inc. to complete the project(s) inasmuch as the following conditions are met:**

1. The availability of approval of funding sufficient to satisfy the contractual costs of the project(s)

2. The successful completion of legal review of the Ameresco contract(s) by the district's legal counsel

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, no; Ingram, yea; Gregory, yea.

**Motion Carried**

Eberle discussed a recent bill passed by the governor allowing individual school boards the authority to waive tuition for non-resident children of school employees. Eberle explained that the district was looking into filing a waiver with the state when the bill was passed.

**Motion by Gregory, seconded by Boylen, to approve the Board Policy Waiving Tuition for Non-Resident Children of School Employees**

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, no; Ingram, yea; Gregory, yea.

**Motion Carried**

Hughes explained that the destruction of closed session meeting recordings was a yearly action item.

**Motion by Koch, seconded by Boylen, to approve the Destruction of Closed Session Meeting Recordings over 18 Months old**

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

**Motion Carried**

Hughes explained that the district has purchased the 1<sup>st</sup> Agency Student Insurance plan for several years and noted there was no price increase from the prior year.

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to approve the 1st Agency Student Insurance Plan**

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

**Motion Carried**

Hughes explained that the district has purchased the IHSA HeadStrong Concussion Insurance Plan for several years and noted there was no price increase from the prior year.

**Motion by Koch, seconded by Boylen, to approve the IHSA HeadStrong Concussion Insurance Plan**

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

**Motion Carried**

Eberle explained that the District Consolidated Plan is a yearly plan that explains to the State Board how grant funds will be spent.

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Gregory, to approve the District Consolidated Plan**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to approve the Closure of the Class of 2022 Student Activity Account**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Gregory, to Authorize Superintendent to hire BCSD Staff as needed until the August 21, 2023, meeting.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to enter closed sessions at 6:38 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.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to return to open session at 7:12 p.m.**

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

**Motion Carried**

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

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

**Motion Carried**

Hughes explained that the cross-country action item should have been before closed session and apologized to the Parn family for their wait. Athletic Director, Dave Phelps, spoke about what the district would need to do moving forward if the board decided to create a high school cross-country team. Phelps said at last check there were 6 students interested in participating. Phelps said the district would need to hire a coach and that practices could start on August 7.

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to approve the Creation of a High School cross-country Team.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to approve the Transfer of Justin Volk – Junior High Boys Assistant Basketball Coach to High School Boys Assistant Basketball Coach – effective July 31, 2023**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Gregory, to approve the Voluntary Transfer of Kathleen MacGregor – 5th Grade Reading and Social Studies to High School/Middle School Spanish – effective beginning of 2023-2024 school year**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Koch, to approve the Voluntary Transfer of Aldo Ossa – Long Term Substitute High School Spanish to Long Term Substitute Elementary/Middle School Spanish – effective beginning of 2023-2024 School Year.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Gregory, to approve the Voluntary Transfer of Jami Schuwerk – Social Emotional Educator to Hybrid Social Emotional Educator/Guidance Dean – Mrs. Schuwerk will receive an additional 10 days for guidance for a total of 195 - effective beginning of 2023-2024 school year**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Boylen, to approve the Employment of Natasha Jones – Elementary School Yearbook Sponsor – effective July 31, 2023**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Gregory, to approve the Employment of David Phelps – Class of 2027 Sponsor – effective July 31, 2023**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to approve the Employment of Jennifer Ingram – Class of 2027 Sponsor – effective July 31, 2023**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Boylen, to approve the Employment of Katelyn Coyle – Long-Term Substitute Pre-Kindergarten – effective beginning of 2023-2024 school year**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Boylen, to approve the Employment of Deborah Cooley – Paraprofessional – beginning of 2023-2024 school year – pending completion of WorkKeys exam**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Boylen, to approve the Employment of Jayden Gooding – Paraprofessional – beginning of 2023-2024 school year – pending completion of WorkKeys exam**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Koch to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.**

**Motion Carried by Acclamation**