

BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
Mt. Sterling, Illinois
February 22, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday evening, February 22, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Brown County High School band room. The meeting was called to order by Heath Fullerton. The minutes were recorded by McKenzie Taute.

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Blaesing, 6:08 p.m.; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Koch, absent; Boylen, yea.

Attendance: Lan Eberle, Pollee Craven, Sally Ruble, Alex Ebbing, McKenzie Taute, Tracy Conley, Kris Gallaher, Polly Hohenbery, John Hohenbery, Brisyn Hohenbery, Taygen Hohenbery.

Visitors:

Mrs. Craven recognized Brown County High School student of the month, Brisyn Hohenbery. Craven said Hohenbery was nominated by Mrs. Ealy for her success in and out of the classroom, her organization, and her diligence in applying for every scholarship she is eligible for.

Haj Young from Future Green Solar presented solar panel options to the board. Young explained the benefits solar provides along with projected savings the district could potentially see if solar panels were implemented. The board reviewed options for ground and rooftop arrays at each campus. After much discussion, the board decided to review the aerial views and map out some ground space that would work best for the district and present it to Future Green for another proposal.

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

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

Motion Carried

Correspondence:

Fullerton thanked the Brown County State Bank for their monthly affinity card donation in the amount of \$575.52. Fullerton also thanked the Mt. Sterling YMCA for their donation of \$75.00 from the Check in Challenge.

Discussion Items:

Meeting Location: Eberle discussed moving the board meeting location to the middle school library for the month of March. Eberle explained the acoustics in the library might make for a better meeting location in the future. The board will meet in the middle school library in March and decide if it's a good fit for future meetings.

Insurance Update: Eberle briefed the board on a recent health and ancillary insurance meeting with Kepple Healthcare. Eberle explained that the goal is to make application to be part of the Central Illinois Educators Cooperative in the future. Eberle said the district made application last summer and was not accepted due to the lack of history the district could provide from the former insurance company. Eberle informed the board that to date, the history provided to the insurance company looks promising that the district could be accepted into the cooperative in the future.

Job Descriptions: Eberle discussed the need for future committee meetings to review and update job descriptions for both certified and support staff.

Architechnics – Roof Bidding: Eberle mentioned that Architechnics is actively collecting bids for roof replacement at the middle school/high school campus. Eberle explained that the insurance claim would cover the 3% fee charged by Architechnics for their services. The need for replacement stems from the July 9, 2021 hailstorm.

Eberle also mentioned that the middle school lighting project is moving along great. Assistant Principal, Alex Ebbing, noted that most of the classrooms have already been completed. Eberle said 900 bulbs were removed and replaced with 212 new bulbs saving 22,440 watts.

Fullerton explained the need to close the following activity accounts due to inactivity: MS Girls Who Code, Visa Flow Through, and HS Weight Room.

Motion by Blakeley, seconded by Blaesing, to approve the closing of the following activity accounts: MS Girls Who Code, Visa Flow Through and HS Weight Room.

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

Motion Carried

The board discussed at length the reopening of the IHSA Activity Account. Fullerton mentioned that the account was closed in October of 2019 and absorbed by the Education Fund. Athletics expressed interest in reopening the account. Eberle explained the income for this account comes from hosting IESA/IHSA post-season games and the expenses are items to benefit the students such as banners, senior night/ 8th grade night flowers and plaques.

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Fullerton, to approve the reopening of the IHSA Student Activity Account.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Hughes, to enter closed session at 7:21 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: Fullerton, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Hughes, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Boylen, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Blaesing, to exit closed session at 7:59 p.m.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Hughes, 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 Hughes, seconded by Blaesing, to approve the Certified and Educational Support Staff Seniority Lists.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Blakeley, seconded by Fullerton, to approve the following personnel action:

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

Motion Carried

Personnel Listing – February 22, 2022

Approval:

Lindsey Scheer – Middle School Paraprofessional – effective 1/10/2022
Jacqueline Mitchell – Middle School Cook – effective 2/7/2022
Sandra Prather – High School Girls Track Head Coach – effective 2/22/2022

Resignation:

Amanda Winter – High School Biology Teacher – effective 3/17/2022

Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Hughes, to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

Motion Carried by Acclamation