

February 16, 2022

The Brimfield Board of Education held its Regular meeting on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the High School Library. Board President Updyke called the meeting to order with the following members present: Johnson, Meyer, Snyder, Johnson, Graham. and Kappes.

The Board welcomed approximately the following visitors: Cathryn Hill, Dave Hicke, Alecia Sparks, and Nicole Loser.

Updyke welcomed comments from the community members; there were none.

Johnson moved and Snyder seconded to approve the minutes from:

- January 19, 2022 Regular and Closed Session
- January 31, 2022 Building and Grounds Committee Meeting
- February 7, 2022 Policy Committee Meeting
- February 7, 2022 Special Meeting and Closed Session

Motion Carried

Meyer briefed the Board on takeaways from a recent Building & Grounds Committee meeting. The plan is to move ahead with the rehabilitation to the track, baseball field, and Grade School roof. Snyder inquired about the Solar Project; our attorney is looking at the binding agreement. Johnson inquired about the aspects of the track that are being looked into; Meyer explained what is being looked at. Meyer explained the concrete area(s) in need of repair at the Grade School.

Board President Updyke reported. He mentioned that we are now fully mask optional; the Return to School Plan has been amended. Visitors and Assemblies management has been turned over to the Administrators.

Superintendent Shinall reported on his board report. He shared his thoughts on the current state of Athletics. The Board was briefed on the 2022-2023 School Calendar, Economic Statements of Interest, recent reception of the School Maintenance grant, and the Distance Learning grant. He explained that he and the High School Principal had met with the individual heading the RoomReady (distance learning) project; this is going to be an amazing opportunity for the students.

Mr. Robison reported on his High School Report. The Board was briefed on sports, homecoming, the professional development focus, and the ELITE students of the month. He reminded us all how important it is to Be ELITE.

Mrs. Albritton reported on her Grade School Report. The Board was briefed on enrollment numbers. An update from the Nurse was shared. The Board was given updates on the recent SIP day, takeaways from the ELA meeting, the 5Essentials survey completion rate (so far), Grade School graduation, Spring Parent/Teacher conference, IAR state testing, Illinois Science testing dates, a new BGS newsletter, upcoming events, and sports updates.

There was new business to discuss/approve.

Johnson moved and Snyder seconded to Approve the 2022 - 2023 School Calendar. Motion carried

Snyder moved and Johnson seconded to waive the 1st reading and adopt Board Policies as presented. Roll Call: Johnson – yes, Meyer – yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Meyer moved and Snyder seconded to Approve the Agreement with RoomReady for the Distance Learning Grant. Superintendent Shinall informed the Board that 75% of the cost will be reimbursed. Snyder inquired about the exclusions; Shinall explained. Roll Call: Johnson – yes, Meyer – yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Johnson moved and Snyder seconded to Approve the Agreement with SkyWard. Roll Call: Johnson – yes, Meyer – yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Snyder moved and Graham seconded to Approve the Cyber Insurance Policy. Superintendent Shinall explained that the first quote, originally provided, was premature; other quotes have been received and this is the best. Roll Call: Johnson – yes, Meyer – yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Johnson moved and Snyder seconded to Approve Nicole Loser as the District Assistant Principal. Superintendent Shinall added that it is not everyday a quality candidate is available; we hit the jackpot with Nicole. Grade School Principal Albritton mentioned that there were 17 applicants; Nicole was the best out of the top 3 and we are lucky! High School Principal Robison echoed Shinall and Albritton and added that she was the best candidate. Roll Call: Johnson – yes, Meyer – no, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Johnson moved and Graham seconded to Approve High School Principal Robison’s vacation request. Roll Call: Johnson – yes, Meyer – yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Johnson moved and Snyder seconded to approve the Consent Calendar items. Roll Call: Johnson – yes, Meyer – yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

There was Non-Agenda Business to discuss.

Meyer proposed the Board vote on every use of School facilities, as he was not a proponent of the vaccine clinics; he does not want the District to be seeming like it is taking sides in controversial matters. Johnson explained that the vaccine clinic was a choice. Updyke explained that the use of school grounds is a public service and there are policies in place; the Board can step in if the use of school facilities becomes a legal concern. Snyder mentioned (Graham, Johnson, and Updyke agreed) that the Board is not open to lengthening Board Meetings to approve of school facility use for every event when it is not necessary.

At 7:28 p.m., Meyer moved and Johnson seconded to adjourn the January 19, 2022 regular board meeting of the Brimfield CUSD #309 Board of Education.

Motion carried

  
Board President

  
Board Secretary