

September 21, 2022

The Brimfield Board of Education held its Regular meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the High School Library. Board President Updyke called the meeting to order with the following members present: Bell, Johnson, Meyer, Kappes, Snyder, and Graham.

Jonson motioned and Meyer seconded to open the FY23 Budget Hearing. Updyke mentioned that he has been seeing budget deficits, similar to ours, in surrounding districts and suggested that the timing of ESSER federal funding is a contributing factor. Johnson motioned and Meyer motioned to close the FY23 Budget Hearing. Motion carried

Johnson motioned and Snyder seconded to Approve the Budget for FY23. Roll Call: Bell - yes, Johnson -yes, Meyer - yes, Kappes - yes, Snyder - yes, Graham - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

The Board welcomed approximately 9 visitors.

Updyke welcomed comments from the community members. There were none.

Bell motioned and Kappes seconded to approve the minutes from:

- August 10, 2022 Regular Meeting
- August 15, 2022 Special Meeting

Motion carried

Board President Updyke reported. Updyke thanked the staff and Administration for everything they do and is pleased that school is off to a (so far) quiet year!

Superintendent Shinall reported on his board report. Shinall briefed the Board on the opportunity to obtain a School Maintenance Grant; he mentioned how it could be applied. He mentioned that an audit of the District's financials have been completed; he shared details and publicly acknowledged Kyle and Michele in the District Office. He shared information on ISBE compliance for IDEA. He explained the Raptor Visitor Management System up for approval later in the meeting. Lastly, he mentioned how the CARES Agreement with HEART (also up for approval later in the meeting) is taking the place of the MIS Agreement and how it can aide in the District obtaining a new server.

Mrs. Burdette Steele reported on her High School Report. She feels like she hit the jackpot and is lucky to be here; she sees how supportive the students and their families are. The Board was briefed on enrollment; these numbers are comparable to the previous year. Mrs. Steele briefed the Board on the NORMED Assessment and detailed the strands used for Reading and Math. There will be testing again in the winter; one of the goals will be to improve on the previous test taken. The Board was briefed on BHS Professional Development and the distribution of SHAPE referrals.

Mrs. Albritton reported on her Grade School Report. She enjoys hearing Mrs. Burdette Steele's kind words. The Board was briefed on current enrollment, the BGS Newsletter, previous and upcoming Student Improvement Days, LETRS professional development program, BGS school safety drills, and PTO News. The PTO was thanked for all they do! She shared some important dates and BGS students and staff that have received SHAPE referrals. The Jr High Softball Team is in the Elite 8 again! Jr High Baseball won Regionals! Jr High Cross Country is doing great as well! They are all doing great academically and physically! Lastly, she mentioned how Bradley University's Dr. Dean Campbell and his crew will be on site in late October and described some experimental expectations.

The floor was given to Laura Kowalske from the Center of Prevention and Abuse (CFPA). Handouts were distributed to supplement her presentation. Laura urged the Board to approve CFPA programming so as to assist the CFPA and their mission to allow people to live free from abuse. Laura highlighted some prevention programs that are available, shared victim statistics, topics addressed per grade level, bullying programs, and relationship programs. Once the floor was open for questioning, Updyke asked what we have done (and are still doing)? Mrs. Albritton mentioned that we are teaching the topics that align with the curriculum; notifications are sent out to the parents, in advance of the curriculum being taught, so they have an opportunity to opt out. Bell inquired if the stats have decreased (once schools have implemented the program)? Laura mentioned that the statistics are national, and, sadly, no as the pandemic did not help. Laura mentioned that, although there has been an increase in cases, studies have shown that knowledge has been gained after the program has been implemented. The Board thanked Laura for her presentation.

There was new business to discuss/approve.

Johnson motioned and Meyer seconded to Approve the District for Application for the School Maintenance Grant. Bell inquired how much we received last year? Superintendent Shinall mentioned that it was \$50,000; however, applying does not guarantee approval. Shinall mentioned improvements that were discussed at a recent Building and Grounds meeting; this Grant would be beneficial in assisting in the funding of those improvements.. Roll Call: Graham - yes, Bell - yes, Johnson - yes, Meyer - yes, Kappes - yes, Snyder - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

Bell motioned and Kappes seconded to Approve the Resolution for the Transfer of Working Cash funds to the Capital Projects Fund. Graham read the header to the Resolution. Superintendent Shinall then mentioned that this is the last step in the Working Cash Bonds process. Roll Call: Snyder - yes, Graham - yes, Bell - yes, Johnson - yes, Meyer - yes, Kappes - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

Meyer motioned and Snyder seconded to Approve the Buses from Heinz Transportation. Marilyn Eberle inquired how many buses and how much? Shinall mentioned that there were two buses with a cost of approximately \$120,000. Marilyn Eberle and Dave Hicke shared concern with not getting the buses, as agreed upon in the Lease Agreement. Shinall mentioned that he sees a glimmer of hope that we will get all the buses. Roll call: Kappes - yes, Snyder - yes, Graham - yes, Bell - yes, Johnson - yes, Meyer - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

Meyer motioned and Johnson seconded to Table the Lease with Heinz Transportation. Updyke mentioned that no contract has been received. Roll Call: Meyer - yes, Kappes - yes, Snyder - yes, Graham - yes, Bell - yes, Johnson - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

Bell motioned and Snyder seconded to Approve the CARES Agreement with HEART Technology. Superintendent Shinall reminded the Board that this replaces the (now non-existent) MIS Agreement; the cost is short of \$10,000. Roll Call: Johnson - yes, Meyer - yes, Kappes - yes, Snyder - yes, Graham - yes, Bell - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

Johnson motioned and Kappes seconded to Approve the Agreement with Raptor Technologies. Marilyn Eberle inquired if the system will be utilized District-wide; Superintendent Shinall mentioned yes, and explained the process, cost, and that it will be utilized during student attendance hours. There was a question as to the number of schools in the area that have implemented this identification system? Superintendent Shinall mentioned that there are a few and there are several on a wait list. Roll Call: Bell - yes, Meyer - yes, Johnson - yes, Kappes - yes, Snyder - yes, Graham - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

There were personnel items to discuss/approve.

Meyer motioned and Graham seconded to approve Antje Carter - WYSE Sponsor.. Roll Call: Graham - yes, Bell - yes, Johnson - yes, Meyer – yes, Kappes – yes, Snyder - yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Meyer motioned and Kappes seconded to approve Karen Barrow - WYSE Assistant Sponsor. Roll Call: Snyder - yes, Graham - yes, Bell - yes, Johnson – yes, Meyer – yes, Kappes - yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Kappes motioned and Snyder seconded to approve Rebecca Goodell - Freshman Class Sponsor. Roll Call: Kappes – yes, Snyder - yes, Graham - yes, Bell - yes, Johnson - yes, Meyer – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Snyder motioned and Bell seconded to approve Kevin Kreiter - 2nd Boys High School Basketball Assistant Coach. Roll Call: Meyer - yes, Kappes - yes, Snyder - yes, Graham – yes, Bell – yes, Johnson - yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Johnson motioned and Bell seconded to approve Josh Johnson - 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach. Roll Call: Johnson - yes, Meyer - no, Kappes - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – no, Bell - yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Kappes motioned and Meyer seconded to approve Hollie Cahill - 7th Grade Girls Track Coach. Roll Call: Bell - yes, Johnson - yes, Meyer - yes, Kappes - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Johnson motioned and Snyder seconded to approve Erin Self - 8th Grade Girls Track Coach. Roll Call: Graham - yes, Bell - yes, Johnson – yes, Meyer - yes, Kappes - yes, Snyder – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Meyer motioned and Johnson seconded to approve Fran Meyers - 7th Grade Boys Track Coach. Roll Call: Snyder - yes, Graham - yes, Bell - yes, Johnson – yes, Meyer – yes, Kappes - yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Johnson motioned and Kappes seconded to approve Jake Lowery - 8th Grade Boys Track Coach. Roll Call: Kappes – yes, Snyder - yes, Graham - yes, Bell - yes, Johnson - yes, Meyer – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Meyer motioned and Snyder seconded to approve Sarah Jones - Bus Driver. There was a brief discussion. Roll Call: Meyer - yes, Kappes – yes, Snyder - yes, Graham - yes, Bell – yes, Johnson - yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

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

At 7:47 p.m., Meyer motioned and Snyder seconded to adjourn the September 21, 2022 regular board meeting of the Brimfield CUSD #309 Board of Education. Motion carried


Board President


Board Secretary