February 7, 2022
Special Meeting

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

The board recognized approximately 18 visitors.

Updyke welcomed comments from the visitors; there were none.

At 7:02 pm, Snyder moved and Meyer seconded to enter Closed Session to discuss *Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)*. Roll Call: Bell - yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder - yes, Kappes - yes, Graham - yes, Updyke - yes.   Motion Carried

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:56 pm.

Upyke mentioned that the Board will address things as they happen and to please be patient. He explained that there are 10 changes proposed:

1. Under quarantine and contact tracing, asymptomatic students and staff will not be quarantined if exposed to a positive case; IDPH guidance will be used with a symptomatic or positive case.
2. Under quarantine and contact tracing, summative assessments may be available during the quarantine period.
3. Under masks, the word 'requirements' was replaced with 'recommendation',
4. Under masks, the second sentence will be struck,
5. Under lockers and drinking fountains, there was a grammatical correction,
6. Under mitigation level 1, "3 feet between students when possible" was struck,
7. Under mitigation level 2, masks are recommended,
8. Under mitigation level 2, "3 feet between students when possible" was struck,
9. Under mitigation level 3, masks are recommended, and
10. Under mitigation level 3, "3 feet betwen students in all circumstances" was struck.

Updyke highlighted that quarantines will be for symptomatic and/or positive cases only. He also mentioned that masking is required on buses, as this is a federal requirement, per the CDC, and IHSA will reevaluate sports guidelines within the next 24-48 hours. Meyer moved and Kappes seconded to Approve the Revised Back to School Plan, implementing the 10 changes mentioned. Roll Call: Bell - yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder - yes, Kappes - yes, Graham - yes, Updyke - yes.   Motion Carried
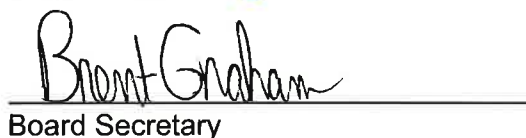
There was confusion as to the masking requirement on buses; Updyke explained how it is a federal requirement. There was a question on who enforces the requirement, to which no clarification was provided. There was a question on if quarantines were a CDC guideline and if students or staff have to

quarantine if contacted by IDPH? Updyke mentioned that students and staff would no longer be required to quarantine if in close contact with a positive case and asymptomatic; however, the parents could opt for their child or children (student or students) to quarantine if in close contact with a positive case. Marilyn Eberle inquired if testing will still be an option and if the 90-day rule still applies after testing positive? Updyke explained that, yes, testing is still an option, but the student or staff member can decline and will be sent home to quarantine, per IDPH guidelines; and, yes, 90-day rule applies.

Updyke shared that the Board decides policy and the Administration serves at the Board's discretion; if there are any complaints or concerns, do not hesitate to contact the Board. Tara Binder then shared a heartwarming story along with some comments from Teachers, parents, and staff about the atmosphere during the day. There was a question about visitors. It was explained that visitors will be allowed once a vaccine is "available" for the Bright Futures students.

At 8:14 p.m. Meyer moved and Kappes seconded to adjourn the February 7, 2022 Special Meeting of the Brimfield CUSD #309 Board of Education.   Motion Carried

Board President

Board Secretary