

January 17, 2024

The Brimfield Board of Education held its Regular meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 7 p.m. in the High School Library. Board President Updyke called the meeting to order with the following members present: Snyder, Butterfield, Kappes, Bell, Blodgett, and Monk.

The Board welcomed Nick Vlahos; Nick had no comment on any matters at this time..

Butterfield motioned and Monk seconded to approve the minutes from:

- December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting & Executive Session
- January 10, 2024 Special Meeting & Executive Session

Motion carried

Board President Updyke reported. Glad the students are back in school; it was nice to have a couple of "old fashioned" snow days!

Superintendent Jones reported. The recommendation-for the Activity Bus Lease Agenda item- is to go with MTE for two Activity Buses; it will be beneficial to lease both for 5 years as doing so will provide flexibility and we can claim 80% depreciation over that time. The tax [rate] will not increase with issuance of the working cash bonds. [Issuance of the bonds] will allow us to complete much needed projects; would like to schedule a Building & Grounds Meeting. In addition to any previously discussed projects, would like to fulfill any BGS needs during the full containment period during window replacement. An example letter was shared that he would like to have sent out regarding plans during inclement weather. A tentative calendar has been created; hoping to bring the [2024-2025 School Year] calendar for approval next month. This School District will be benefiting from a \$10,000 safety grant; Butterfield suggested that Mr. Jones inquire about window glazing.

Mrs. Steele reported on the High School. Updates were provided on the attendance rate and the 2024-2025 school year schedule. Adding in dual credit classes helps level out class sizes. The Board was briefed on class changes for next year- primarily Language Arts and Math. Some important dates / events were shared.

Mrs. Albritton reported on the Grade School. Updates were provided on: Winter benchmarking (the students are encouraged to give their full effort); K-4 ELA Committee (late April/early May target time to present a curriculum to the Board); January 3rd Institute Day events; IESA Scholar Attitude Award Change (candidate has to submit own application to IESA); BGS Book Blast (supported by the IPA, the goal is to get a book in each student's hands); PTO carnival; and the State Assessments. Information on sports was provided. There was mention of the basketball hoist system being in need of repair. Superintendent Jones added that with the 7th Grade State Volleyball taking place in March, there is a need to amend the calendar; would like to present the modified calendar next month. Updyke inquired about the hoist basketball system at BGS; Mr. Jones explained what we are looking for and that we are currently gathering information and pricing.

Blodgett motioned and Kappes seconded to Approve the FY24 SEAPCO Hiring Survey as presented. Superintendent Jones mentioned that this is a formality for SEAPCO- they must have this. There are no changes from the current year. Roll Call: Snyder - yes, Blodgett - yes, Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Monk - yes, Butterfield - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

Snyder motioned and Kappes seconded to Approve the BHS Science trip to the St. Louis Zoo.

Motion carried

Blodgett motioned and Snyder seconded to Approve the Activity Bus Lease as presented. Superintendent Jones mentioned that this is a 5-year Lease for 2 Activity buses. He had looked into purchasing, but they are expensive; additionally, the Lease comes with a bumper to bumper warranty. Roll Call: Butterfield - yes, Snyder - yes, Blodgett - yes, Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Monk - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

Monk motioned and Snyder seconded to waive the 1st Reading and Approve Board Policies:

1. 2.20 Powers and Duties of Board of Education; Indemnification
2. 2.120 Board Member Development
3. 2.200 Types of Board of Education Meetings
4. 2.220 Board of Education Meeting Procedures
5. 2.220-E2 Motion to Adjourn to Closed Meetings
6. 2.220-E6 Log off of Closed Meeting Minutes
7. 4.10 Fiscal and Business Management
8. 4.30 Revenue and Investments
9. 4.60 Purchases and Contracts
10. 4.130 Free and Reduced-Price Food Services
11. 4.160 Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds
12. 4.130-E Free and Reduced-Price Food Services and Meal Charge Notifications
13. 5.30 Hiring Process and Criteria
14. 5.190 Teacher Qualifications
15. 5.200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
16. 5.210 Resignations
17. 5.220 Substitute Teachers
18. 5.250 Leaves of Absence
19. 5.330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays & Leaves
20. 6.15 School Accountability
21. 6.30 Organization of Instruction
22. 6.50 School Wellness
23. 6.60 Curriculum Content
24. 6.230 Library Media Program
25. 7.60 Residence
26. 7.70 Attendance and Truancy
27. 7.160 Student Appearance
28. 7.190 Student Behavior
29. 7.270 Administering Medicines to Students
30. 7.285 Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program
31. 7.290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
32. 8.30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property.

Motion carried

At approximately 7:30 pm, Monk motioned and Snyder seconded to Open the Public Hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Education of the School District to sell, not to exceed \$4,000,000, working cash fund bonds. Motion carried

There were no questions or comments or written or oral testimony from the Board Members or audience concerning the proposed issuance of the working cash fund bonds. Blodgett motioned and Kappes seconded to close the Public Hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Education of the School District to sell, not to exceed \$4,000,000, working cash fund bonds. Motion carried

Snyder motioned and Butterfield seconded to Approved the Bond Resolution (read by Board Secretary Kappes): Resolution declaring the intention to issue, not to exceed \$4,000,000, Working Cash Fund Bonds of the School District for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of said School District and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law. Roll Call: Monk - yes, Butterfield - yes, Snyder - yes, Blodgett - yes, Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Updyke - yes.

Motion carried

There were personnel matters to address/approve.

Snyder motioned and Monk seconded to Accept the Resignations of:

1. Alisha Walcher - Cafeteria
2. Luann Baldock - BGS Paraprofessional
3. Ryan Wetherill - BGS Paraprofessional.

Motion carried

Blodgett motioned and Monk seconded to Approve the Consent Calendar items. Roll Call: Bell - yes, Monk - yes, Butterfield - yes, Snyder - yes, Blodgett - yes, Kappes - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

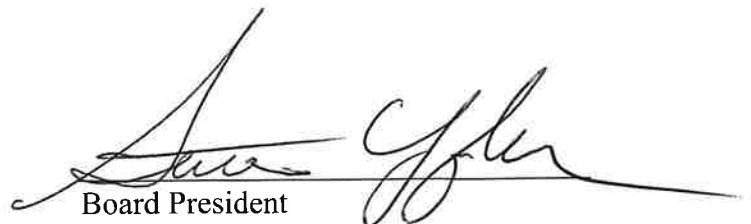
At 8:13 pm, Monk motioned and Butterfield seconded to exit open session and enter Executive Session to discuss: *The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).* Roll Call: Bell - yes, Monk - yes, Butterfield - yes, Snyder - yes, Blodgett - yes, Kappes - yes, Updyke - yes.

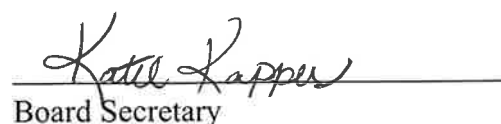
Motion carried

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:36 pm.

At 8:36 p.m., Snyder motioned and Monk seconded to adjourn the January 17, 2024 Regular board meeting of the Brimfield CUSD #309 Board of Education.

Motion carried


Board President


Board Secretary