

June 15, 2022

The Brimfield Board of Education held its Regular meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the High School Library. Board President Updyke called the meeting to order with the following members present: Johnson, Snyder, Bell, Kappes, Meyer, and Graham.

The Board welcomed approximately 14 visitors.

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

Meyer moved and Kappes seconded to open the public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Education to sell bonds in the amount of \$831,000 for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District. Motion carried

Nick Vlahos inquired about the purpose of the bonds. Superintendent Shinall explained that the refinancing of the bonds in 2020 as well as the levied funds for the bonds (prior to refinancing) led to an \$831,000 savings. Shinall mentioned that we are selling Working Cash Bonds to fund the roof project at the Grade School. A community member inquired why we are not involving local banks? Superintendent Shinall mentioned that we chose the current financial institution due to the expertise; there is nothing that says we cannot choose a different financial institution later.

Meyer moved and Snyder seconded to close the public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Education to sell bonds in the amount of \$831,000 for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District. Motion carried

Meyer moved and Snyder seconded to approve the minutes from:

- May 11, 2022 Regular Meeting (typo on the Agenda, meeting was not on May 12 as read on the Agenda).
- May 23, 2022 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

Motion Carried

Board President Updyke reported. Updyke likes how the track looks and likes how the roof project is coming along. He commended everyone involved with both projects.

Superintendent Shinall reported on his board report. He thanked the custodians for everything they are doing to prepare the District for the upcoming school year. The Board was briefed on the status of the solar project. The Board was informed that we are currently interviewing candidates for the High School Principal position; we thank and appreciate Bill Robison for everything he has done during his tenure with the District.

Mr. Robison reported on his High School Report. He mentioned a fun activity the High School staff engaged in. The Seniors were congratulated for their dedication and contributions. He provided an update on sports. He urged everyone to get some rest and relaxation over the summer. The Board was reminded about the BELITE hashtag. Lastly, he thanked the community, Board of Education, staff, and Administration for the opportunity [to serve as High School Principal the past two years] and experiences; this change was not sought out.

Mrs. Albritton reported on her Grade School Report. The Board was briefed on enrollment numbers. She summarized the outcome of the 8th grade graduation; those graduates were commended. The Board was briefed on curriculum reviews, administrative professional development, tentative summer dates, and summer projects. Albritton drew the Board's attention to the Grade School Athletic Director's message [in her report], and briefed the Board on summer activities and summer projects.

There was old business to discuss/approve.

Meyer moved and Snyder seconded to approve the quote of \$23,900 for concrete work at Brimfield Grade School. Bell inquired if there had been any changes to the previous proposition; no there has not been. Roll Call: Johnson - yes, Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes.

There was new business to discuss/approve.

Meyer moved and Bell seconded to Approve the lease agreements for school buses. Updyke mentioned that this will be a significant savings. Steve Short inquired about the plan for transportation. Superintendent Shinall reminded Steve Short that he [Steve Short] has been consulted twice. Steve Short was curious as to the quantity of drivers; Shinall reminded him [Steve Short] of the driver's meeting tomorrow morning at 9am. Updyke explained why we are taking over the transportation responsibilities. Marilyn Eberle inquired if it is open to the public. Updyke mentioned that it is not a Board meeting and Shinall added that it is open to those interested in being a driver for our District. Steve Short inquired if the District will have the same priorities [as Heinz Bus Company]; Shinall reminded him [Steve Short] of the meeting tomorrow morning at 9am. Roll Call: Johnson - yes, Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Bell moved and Kappes seconded to approve the purchase of vans, not to exceed \$80,000. Roll Call: Johnson - yes, Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Meyer moved and Snyder seconded to approve the lease agreement with HEART for a new phone system. Superintendent Shinall informed the Board the current phone system is [at least] 10 years old and out of warranty; the phones are malfunctioning. The new phones come with a 3 year warranty. Roll Call: Johnson - yes, Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Bell moved and Kappes seconded to approve the Resolution declaring the intent to issue \$831,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds of the District for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law.. Roll Call: Johnson - yes, Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Johnson moved and Snyder seconded to approve the revised 2022-2023 School Calendar. Superintendent Shinall informed the Board that the extra early-outs will help with the professional development and training opportunities. Albritton added that the additional time for Teachers [due to 3 additional 11:30 a.m. student dismissal times] will help teachers involved in the LETRS trainings and new math curriculum implementation. Motion carried

There were personnel items to discuss/approve.

Meyer moved and Snyder seconded to approve the Transportation Coordinator position. Roll Call: Johnson - yes, Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Meyer moved and Bell seconded to approve the Bus Driver positions. Roll Call: Johnson - yes, Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Meyer moved and Johnson seconded to approve Elizabeth McFarden - Teacher Assistant. Roll Call: Johnson - yes, Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder – abstain, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Meyer moved and Johnson seconded to approve Ashley Cornelison - BGS Custodian. Superintendent Shinall mentioned that she will be taking over for Dave Wiltz, who is retiring. Roll Call: Johnson - yes, Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Johnson moved and Snyder seconded to Approve Julie Albritton - Brimfield Grade School Principal. Meyer wants the Board to be mindful of salaries. Meyer mentioned that the Board has hired an Assistant and now added ten percent to Albritton's salary. Meyer understands that this is the trend but does not want the District to price itself outside the market. Updyke mentioned that Albritton's salary is under that of surrounding Districts and the Assistant Principal hire puts us [Administratively] in line with other Districts of similar size. Kappes agrees with Meyer and Updyke but believes we have to be competitive to retain talent. Bell is financially concerned, but believes we need stability. Bell mentioned that it is a huge loss losing Billy [Robison]. Johnson mentioned that this is ultimately about the kids. Johnson also mentioned things are different now then they were 10 years ago (Kappes believes things are more different now than even 5 years ago) and there are more demands. Steve Short mentioned the different things that we are going to miss with Robison's departure. Roll Call: Johnson - yes, Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Meyer - no, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried


Meyer moved and Johnson seconded to approve Jamie Henson - District Technology Coordinator. Superintendent Shinall mentioned that Jamie is on a year to year contract to retain his tenure. Roll Call: Johnson - yes, Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Meyer moved and Johnson seconded to approve Kenzie Sims - Brimfield High School Girls Basketball Assistant Coach. Roll Call: Johnson - yes, Kappes - yes, Bell - abstain, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Meyer moved and Johnson seconded to approve Cassandra Dolan - BGS Cafeteria Worker. Roll Call: Johnson - yes, Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

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

At 7:32 p.m., Meyer moved and Snyder seconded to adjourn the June 15, 2022 regular board meeting of the Brimfield CUSD #309 Board of Education. Motion carried


Board President


Board Secretary