

May 8, 2024

The Brimfield Board of Education held its Regular meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 7 p.m. in the High School Library. Board President Updyke called the meeting to order with the following members present: Monk, Butterfield, Kappes, and Bell.

The Board welcomed 6 visitors: Nick Vlahos, Kelly Walker, Erin Miller, and Pam Asbell.

Board President Updyke welcomed comments from the community; there were no comments

Butterfield motioned and Monk seconded to approve the minutes from:

- April 10, 2024 Regular Meeting & Executive Session, and
- May 2, 2024 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

Motion carried

Board President Updyke reported. He is looking forward to summer; it will be busy. He is looking forward to seeing the completed summer projects.

Superintendent Jones reported. Windows (for the primary hallway) are set to be delivered late- mid to late August. He mentioned the timeline for the entire window project (at this point). Construction will be inconvenient but we will do our best to get everything done in a timely manner. Primary hallway windows will be boarded up until new windows are installed. While those windows are being installed, the classrooms affected will be temporarily relocated. The company (installing the windows) has agreed to work 2nd shift if necessary. Boarded-up windows will be watertight. Keach and Kelly Glass will stay in touch with us. He touched on the replacement of HVAC controls; the quote is in your packet. This replacement is essential- an almost emergent situation; replacement of these controls will allow for control of both buildings. The downspout quote is not entirely accurate; a few other things are being looked into. This project should eliminate a safety hazard. Bell commends the work that BAS has done. Mr. Jones is deferring any questions and material related to the curriculum (up for approval tonight) to Mrs. Albritton. We are switching website platforms- moving to Aptegey; believes it is time for a different look. Everything will be more easily accessible; there was mention of the personnel involved with the transition. He brought up the June BOE meeting; we are requesting either the 18th or 20th of June; all members in attendance mentioned that June 20th would work. There was then mention of the School Board convention in November; please express interest/disinterest by June 1. Lastly, there was an update on the bus barn and athletic complex design. Mr. Jones mentioned the cost for scope and sequence- would like to get this approved at the June meeting; some ideas were mentioned as possible eventual additions.

Mrs. Steele reported on the High School. Our attendance rate is 95%; chronic absenteeism is at 9.8%- a significant decrease! There was mention of additional current 8th graders being eligible for Biology; those students will be taking Biology entrance exams. Mark Bills Life Skills students returned; BHS students inquiring about being a buddy for when the Mark Bills Life Skills students return! There was mention of a couple of awards winners and banquets. The Senior Signing event was awesome! It was great to honor them! Mrs. Hostert will be on maternity leave this fall. There will be a sub covering her class but this individual is unable to be present; we are looking to utilize the distance learning room for this purpose. Lastly, we are taking names of Board Members interested in attending the Graduation.

Mrs. Albritton reported on the Grade School. The Board was provided some feedback from the most recent K-4 ELA Committee Meeting; the Committee recommends the CKLA curriculum. There was information shared on the CIV IPA Student Recognition Breakfast and the BGS Vision Team Meeting.

Benchmarking information was shared- this is ending at the end of this week; data will be shared in June. There are professional development opportunities this summer and they are optional. Thank you, Mrs. Wagner for your contributions to the BGS Book Fair- you hit it out of the park! We are currently celebrating Teachers and Nurses Appreciation week. The Board was briefed on some upcoming dates. Board Members, let us know if you are interested in attending the BGS graduation.

There was new business to discuss/approve.

Kappes motioned and Butterfield seconded to Approve the BGS Graduates for the 2023-2024 School Year. Motion carried

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Butterfield motioned and Bell seconded to Grant Superintendent permission to pay outstanding May 2024 Bills. Roll Call: Kappes - yes, Butterfield - yes, Monk - yes, Bell - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

Monk motioned and Butterfield seconded to Approve the Peoria County Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, as presented. Roll Call: Bell - yes, Kappes - yes, Butterfield - yes, Monk - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

Butterfield motioned and Monk seconded to Approve the MSI Proposal of HVAC controls, as presented. Roll Call: Monk - yes, Bell - yes, Kappes - yes, Butterfield - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

Monk motioned and Butterfield seconded to Approve Miller & Son downspout burial and miscellaneous piping work, as presented. Roll Call: Butterfield - yes, Monk - yes, Bell - yes, Kappes - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

Kappes motioned and Monk seconded to Approve the FY25 Audit Contract from Gorenz & Associates, as presented. Roll Call: Kappes - yes, Butterfield - yes, Monk - yes, Bell - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

Monk motioned and Butterfield seconded to Approve the K-4 ELA adoption of CKLA Curriculum, as presented. Roll Call: Bell - yes, Kappes - yes, Butterfield - yes, Monk - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

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

At 7:37 pm, Butterfield motioned and Monk 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: Monk - yes, Bell - yes, Kappes - yes, Butterfield - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:27 pm; there were personnel matters to address/approve.

Monk motioned and Butterfield seconded to Approve the Brooke Norman - BGS 2nd Grade Teacher.
Roll Call: Butterfield - yes, Monk - yes, Bell - yes, Kappes - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

Kappes motioned and Butterfield seconded to Approve the FY25 BGS Extra-Curricular Assignments as Modified. Roll Call: Kappes - yes, Butterfield - yes, Monk - yes, Bell - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

Butterfield motioned and Monk seconded to Approve the FY25 BHS Extra-Curricular Assignments as Modified. Roll Call: Kappes - yes, Butterfield - yes, Monk - yes, Bell - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

Butterfield motioned and Monk seconded to Approve the FY25 Support Staff Personnel Assignments as Presented. Roll Call: Bell - yes, Kappes - yes, Butterfield - yes, Monk - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

At 8:29 p.m., Butterfield motioned and Kappes seconded to adjourn the May 8, 2024 Regular Board Meeting of the Brimfield CUSD #309 Board of Education. Motion carried



Board President



Board Secretary