

April 20, 2022

The Brimfield Board of Education held its Regular meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 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, Graham, Meyer, and Kappes.

The Board welcomed approximately 7 visitors.

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

Snyder moved and Johnson seconded to approve the minutes from:

- March 16, 2022 Extra-Curricular Meeting
- March 16, 2022 Closed Session
- March 29, 2022 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting
- March 29, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting

The March 16, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes were tabled due to requested edits. Motion Carried

Board President Updyke reported. The Teachers were commended for everything they have done thus far and spring sports for the progress they have made considering the weather disruptions.

Superintendent Shinall reported on his board report. The Board was updated on summer projects - the date for bid opening [for the multi-purpose softball/baseball field] has been changed to April 29, 2022. The Board was also updated on support personnel and the Joint Annual Conference in November.

Mr. Robison reported on his High School Report. The Board was provided updates on sports, professional development focus, and PSAT and SAT testing. Mr. Robison mentioned the ELITE students of the month, ELITE staff member Mrs. Treadway, and the BELITE hashtag.

Mrs. Albritton reported on her Grade School Report. The Board was briefed on enrollment numbers. An update from the Nurse was shared. The Board was provided updates on the recent SIP day, kindergarten registration, IAR state testing, IL Science Assessment, upcoming Book Fair, BGS graduation, summer school, and upcoming events. After briefing the Board on the Athletic Director's sports updates, Mrs. Albritton commended the Scholastic Bowl participants on their outstanding record!

There was new business to discuss/approve.

Meyer moved and Snyder seconded to Approve the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the solar energy lease with Trajectory. Bell was concerned with the sole proposal and would like to see more proposals. Meyer shared his experience with similar solar projects and agrees that we should have more proposals, but available funding is time sensitive. Snyder alluded to this as well, noting that this means we are not likely to see any other proposals. A representative from Trajectory, present at the meeting, explained further. Bell inquired on the "deadline" to which the Trajectory representative confirmed August of this year. Bell still wishes to see at least one other proposal. Roll Call: Kappes - yes, Bell - no, Johnson - yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder - yes, Graham - yes, Updyke - yes.

Motion carried

Bell moved and Kappes seconded to Approve the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation School Bonds (Graham read the preface of the Resolution). Superintendent Shinall explained that the Facility Sales Tax will be leveraged and we will be partnering with Morton Community Bank. We may not need to leverage the full amount [request in this resolution is \$1 million]; this would not be putting a burden on taxpayers as it is money that has already been collected (sales tax applied to everyday purchases). Meyer explained the project(s) the Bonds will be paying for. Roll Call: Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Johnson – yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Johnson moved and Meyer seconded to Approve the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the bid for the BGS roof project with Western Specialty Contractors for \$709,240. Superintendent Shinall explained that this was the cheapest bid and explained that a majority of the work will occur this summer; the expectation is to have the project completed by next summer (2023) as no work will be taking place during the school year. Roll Call: Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Johnson – yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Johnson moved and Kappes seconded to Appoint the Superintendent to develop the FY23 budget. Superintendent Shinall mentioned that this a formality. Roll Call: Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Johnson – yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Meyer moved and Johnson seconded to approve the District's expenditure of funds for FY23. Superintendent Shinall mentioned that approval is needed to pay bills before the budget is approved. Roll Call: Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Johnson – yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Meyer moved and Snyder seconded to Approve the membership in the Association for Illinois Rural and Small Schools. Superintendent Shinall briefly explained the necessity. The cost is \$400/year. Roll Call: Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Johnson – yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Meyer moved and Johnson seconded to Approve the Brimfield High School Bass Fishing Team. Updyke mentioned that this is an IHSA sport and believes sponsors will run it. Jarrod Schlipf confirmed that sponsors will manage the bass fishing team and explained further. Jarrod mentioned that Interest is increasing. Jarrod Schlipf and Jeff Peterson mentioned that there will be a "fish-off" in the fall to vie for a spot on the team that will compete in the spring. Roll Call: Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Johnson – yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Johnson moved and Graham seconded to Approve the Brimfield Grade School 8th Grade Class trip to the St. Louis Zoo. Roll Call: Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Johnson – yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Johnson moved and Snyder seconded to Approve Brimfield High School's membership in the Illinois High School Association. Roll Call: Kappes - yes, Johnson – yes, Bell - yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Bell moved and Meyer seconded to Approve Brimfield Grade School's membership in the Illinois Elementary School Association. Roll Call: Kappes - yes, Johnson – yes, Bell - yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Johnson moved and Bell seconded to Approve Jacob Gunter - BHS 2nd Shift Custodian. Roll Call: Kappes - yes, Johnson – yes, Bell - yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Meyer moved and Bell seconded to Approve Ashlee Webb - BGS Head Cook. Roll Call: Kappes - yes, Johnson – yes, Bell - yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Meyer moved and Kappes seconded to Approve the 2022-2023 School Year Grade School Extra-curricular Assignments (as presented), tabling 7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball. The Board would prefer the 7th and 8th grade Girls Basketball teams have separate coaches or that there be an assistant. Roll Call: Kappes - yes, Johnson – yes, Bell - yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Johnson moved and Snyder seconded to Approve the 2022-2023 School Year High School Extra-Curricular Assignments (as presented). Updyke mentioned that the list has been updated to reflect the vacant High School Girls Basketball position(s). High School Principal Robison mentioned that, although not on this list, an individual was just hired to fulfill a volleyball coaching vacancy and he believes that she will be a rock star! Roll Call: Kappes - yes, Johnson – yes, Bell - yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Meyer moved and Bell seconded to Approve the 2022-2023 School Year Support Personnel Assignments (as presented). Roll Call: Kappes - yes, Johnson – yes, Bell - yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Meyer moved and Johnson seconded to Approve the Counselor position at the Grade School. Superintendent Shinall thanked Amy Winkelmann and Alicia Sparks for their presentation last month; it truly is a need for this District. Shinall explained how there have been failed attempts to contact an outside source to fill this need; this need was anticipated last fall. Shinall mentioned that we expect to fund this need with ESSER III (Federal Grant) and it will be a full-time position. Grade School Principal Albritton alluded to the need and mentioned the counselor will cover pre-k thru 8th grades. Meyer suggested ESSER III funds be used on other needed items and to find another grant that will fund this. Roll Call: Kappes - yes, Johnson – yes, Bell - abstain, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

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

At 8:00 pm, Johnson moved and Bell seconded to enter closed 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);*

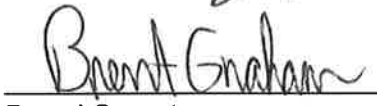
The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5); and Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed 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: Johnson – yes, Kappes - yes, Meyer - yes, Snyder – yes, Bell - yes, Graham – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

At 8:58 p.m., Meyer moved and Johnson seconded to adjourn the April 20, 2022 regular board meeting of the Brimfield CUSD #309 Board of Education. Motion carried



Board President



Board Secretary