

September 15, 2021

The Brimfield Board of Education held its regular meeting on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 7 p.m. in the High School Library. Board President Updyke called the meeting to order with the following members present: Meyer, Bell, Snyder, and Graham.

Bell moved and Snyder seconded to open the Budget Hearing. Motion Carried

Superintendent Shinall touched on a few details. He mentioned we do know what local funds we will be receiving; not so much with federal and state.

Meyer moved and Bell seconded to close the Budget Hearing. Motion Carried

Snyder moved and Bell seconded to approve the Budget for FY22. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Bell – yes, Updyke – yes.

Motion Carried

The board recognized visitors: Dave Hicke, Cathryn Hill, and Peter Huang.

Bell moved and Snyder seconded to approve the August 11, 2021 Regular meeting and August 18, 2021 Special Meeting & Executive Session minutes. Motion Carried

Board President Updyke reported. He is glad the kids are back in school and believes it has started well. He applauded the Administration and staff for getting the school year going. Thank you!

Superintendent Shinall reported on his board report. The Board was briefed on the application for the School Maintenance Grant. He mentioned that we are in compliance with IDEA. He publicly thanked Lonna Sumner, Julie Albritton, and Billy Robison. We will be able to test for COVID-19 on campus and it is completely optional as in-person instruction is the goal.

Mr. Robison reported on his High School Report. He shared an update on professional development and mentioned how Dr. Pam Rosa will be assisting throughout the year. He briefed the board on NWEA status. He publicly recognized Amy Herron as being the staff member of the month. He explained the 'trust the process' slogan for this year and reminded us all how important it is to BE ELITE.

Mrs. Albritton reported on her Grade School Report. The Board was briefed on enrollment numbers. We have had 2 positive cases of COVID-19 and those quarantines are ending tomorrow (9/16/21). Phase 1 of the 1:1 initiative has been completed. We should be receiving some federal funding to help offset the cost of Phase 2 of the 1:1 initiative. 2nd generation iPads have been replaced. She briefed the Board on Golf, Softball, Baseball, and Cross Country; all are doing great! She briefed on Girls Basketball as well. The outdoor classroom has been a great addition! She introduced the Facility dog and briefed on the sidewalk addition. She detailed some upcoming events. The school newspaper will be rolling out next week!

There was new business to discuss/approve.

The American Rescue Plan – ESSER III. Superintendent Shinall mentioned that this grant must cover costs associated with (but not limited to) summer school, learning loss, after-school program(s), as well as general budget items. More detail can be found on the District's website, where the plan has been posted, per ISBE requirement. Meyer questioned the allotment; Shinall mentioned just over \$444k.

Bell moved and Snyder seconded to Approve the extension of the Treasurer's Bond. Superintendent Shinall explained the need for the \$500,000 increase in coverage and that it was our Auditor's recommendation. He also thanked Kyle and Michele for the audit going well. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Bell – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Meyer moved and Snyder seconded to Approve the application for the School Maintenance Grant. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Bell – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Snyder moved and Bell seconded to Approve Ashley Cornelison as the BGS Assistant Softball Coach. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Bell – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Meyer moved and Graham seconded to Approve Elizabeth McFarden as a BGS Paraprofessional. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Bell – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

Meyer moved and Bell seconded to Approve Brandy Simmons - BHS Cafeteria. Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Bell – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

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

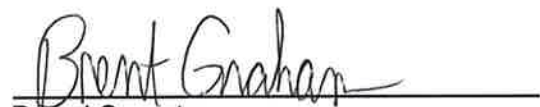
Updyke welcomed comments from the community members.

Dave Hicke inquired why the process for seating a new Board Member has changed. Updyke explained the Board did not feel it was appropriate to interview and seat a new member when any Board Member is absent; there will be a Special Board Meeting next Thursday (9/23/2021).

At 7:23pm, Graham moved and Bell seconded to leave open session and enter Executive Session to discuss *the selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in the Open Meetings Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3)* Roll Call: Meyer – yes, Snyder – yes, Graham – yes, Bell – yes, Updyke – yes. Motion carried

At 8:07 p.m. the Board returned to Open Session. Bell then moved and Graham seconded to adjourn the September 15, 2021 regular board meeting of the Brimfield CUSD #309 Board of Education. Motion carried


Board President


Board Secretary