

February 21, 2024

The Brimfield Board of Education held its Regular meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 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 approximately 15 visitors.

Board President Updyke welcomed comments from the community.

Celeste Shuster spoke on behalf of allegations being made against the cheerleading coaches. She provided her brief history with the coaches. She characterizes the relationship as positive. Addie Barton spoke; she believes that yelling at coaches should not be tolerated and believes that justice gets brought toward the parent.

Butterfield motioned and Monk seconded to approve the minutes from:

- January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting & Executive Session

Motion carried

Board President Updyke reported. Appreciates everything staff and Administration is doing and thanked Chad for his assistance in getting projects started.

Superintendent Jones reported. He explained the slight change-the Amendment-to the solar agreement, and the master plan to the sports complex. The "chromebooks" from Bradfield's are actually teacher laptops; the chromebooks on the 4 year rotation plan (up for approval on tonight's Agenda), are student chromebooks. The safety film- also up for approval- allows for additional security and protection. All cameras requested and approved have been installed and are online. We do have some cameras at the athletic complex- monitored separately. We are collecting numbers on summer projects; we are ready for this summer-full of projects! We will be prioritizing the primary hallway at the Grade School.

Mrs. Steele reported on the High School. Updates were provided on the attendance rate; chronic absenteeism fell slightly! The Class of 2025 is all scheduled with most students being placed in the classes they have requested. The Board was briefed on State Testing- it is all digital this year and each grade level tests on different days and the tests are not as lengthy. She mentioned the additional dual-credit courses that will be offered next year and who is teaching them.

Mrs. Albritton reported on the Grade School. Attendance has slightly increased. The adoption of the curriculum shows growth; there have been considerable gains in academic growth. She provided K-4 ELA curriculum updates; the Teachers were praised for their hard work and dedication with these new curricula! There was mention of a student being nominated for a scholar award; the book blast was a success! Mrs. Albritton reminded the Board and community about the 5Essentials Survey, thanked all involved for getting the cameras up and online at the Grade School, mentioned that there are times available for parent-teacher conferences, and provided updates on the Spring concert dates. The 7th grade Boys' Basketball team was congratulated for making it to state; there were updates provided on volleyball and scholastic bowl. We are expecting a large turnout for Track!

Snyder motioned and Kappes seconded to Adopt a Resolution providing for the issue of, not to exceed \$4,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds of Community Unit School District Number 309, Peoria County, Illinois, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of said School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Roll Call: Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Monk - yes, Butterfield - yes, Snyder - yes, Blodgett - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

Monk motioned and Snyder seconded to Approve an amendment to the Brimfield Community Solar Projects Lease, as presented. Bell inquired if the array size would change. Superintendent Jones mentioned what changes were needed. Roll Call: Blodgett - yes, Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Monk - yes, Butterfield - yes, Snyder - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

Blodgett motioned and Butterfield seconded to Approve the hiring of Midwest Engineering Associates for Master Planning at the Athletic Complex, as presented. Roll Call: Snyder - yes, Blodgett - yes, Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Monk - yes, Butterfield - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

Kappes motioned and Monk seconded to Approve the purchase of Teacher laptops through Bradfield's, as presented. Updyke mentioned (and Superintendent Jones clarified) that the "chromebooks" from Bradfields, was erroneous; they are not chromebooks, rather Grade School Teacher laptops. Roll Call: Butterfield - yes, Snyder - yes, Blodgett - yes, Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Monk - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

Bell motioned and Snyder seconded to Approve the Student Chromebook Replacement cycle, as presented. Superintendent Jones mentioned that these chromebooks are for the students and we are not authorizing a purchase at this time, just a timeline. Roll Call: Monk - yes, Butterfield - yes, Snyder - yes, Blodgett - yes, Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

Monk motioned and Snyder seconded to Approve the purchase of BHS window and door safety film from SunGard, as presented. Roll Call: Bell - yes, Monk - yes, Butterfield - yes, Snyder - yes, Blodgett - yes, Kappes - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

Blodgett motioned and Snyder seconded to Approve the FY24 Amended School Calendar, as presented. Superintendent Jones mentioned that we have implemented the emergency "snow days" and remote learning, the latter of which we have one left; right now our school year ends just before Memorial Day. Motion carried

Snyder motioned and Blodgett seconded to Approve the FY25 School Calendar, as presented. Superintendent Jones explained the process; there was plenty of input. Motion carried

There were personnel matters to address/approve.

Blodgett motioned and Monk seconded to Approve Chezney O'Connell - BHS Cafeteria Worker. Roll Call: Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Monk - yes, Butterfield - yes, Snyder - yes, Blodgett - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

Butterfield motioned and Monk seconded to Approve Brooke Norman - BGS Special Education Paraprofessional. Roll Call: Blodgett - yes, Kappes - yes, Bell - yes, Monk - yes, Butterfield - yes, Snyder - yes, Updyke - yes. Motion carried

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

At 7:30 pm, Kappes 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 8:20 pm.

At 8:20 p.m., Snyder motioned and Monk seconded to adjourn the February 21, 2024 Regular board meeting of the Brimfield CUSD #309 Board of Education. Motion carried



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Board President



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Board Secretary