

The Brimfield Board of Education held its Regular meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the High School Library. Board President Updyke called the meeting to order with the following members present: Bell, Johnson, Meyer, Snyder, and Graham.

The Board welcomed approximately 14 visitors.

Updyke welcomed comments from the community members.

- There were a few community members that voiced their displeasure with the change to graduation gowns.
- There was a request to decorate the graduation ceremony similar to the way senior night was.
- There was a request for transparency.
- Updyke mentioned that the gown change happened quickly due to the Jostens order timing. Updyke accepted full responsibility; he explained some concerns with red and white graduation gowns. Mrs. Burdette Steele appreciates all the feedback. Updyke mentioned that the plan is to stick with black gowns moving forward; there were a few community members not pleased with this choice. A heated discussion ensued. Meyer suggested contacting Jostens to inquire about reversing the decision; Meyer also suggested releasing a poll concerning gown color choice. Administration will reach out to Jostens to see if the opportunity exists to reverse gown color choice.
- There was a question regarding the District's current COVID policies; the individual mentioned that there may be additional statewide mandates. Updyke and Meyer mentioned that decisions cannot be based on hypotheticals; these concerns can be addressed later, if something is brought to the Board for a vote.
- Someone had asked if the District will contact Jostens, and families. Updyke mentioned that, yes, and we can send an all-call. Meyer inquired if there will be a straw poll; Mrs. Burdette Steele mentioned that she will work on it. Mrs. Albritton believes the community should be polled; the community members present seemed to like that idea.

Johnson motioned and Meyer seconded to approve the minutes from:

- September 19, 2022 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting
- September 21, 2022 Regular Meeting

Motion carried

Board President Updyke reported. Updyke thanked the Teachers, staff, and Administration for everything they do and is glad to know things are going well so far!

Superintendent Shinall reported on his board report. The Board was briefed on it being Principals' Appreciation month; he publicly recognized Mrs. Albritton, Mrs. Burdette Steele, and Mrs. Loser and commended them for their hard work and efforts in getting through this first quarter!

Mrs. Burdette Steele reported on her High School Report. She briefed the Board on the NORMED Assessment. The Board was provided an update on Counseling and detailed the professional development that took place at the end of September. She shared some fun events taking place as well as school expectations.

Mrs. Albritton reported on her Grade School Report. She shared enrollment information. The Board was updated on Raptor usage, SIP Day topics, upcoming Parent/Teacher conference dates, upcoming Holiday parties, upcoming Veterans Day ceremony and celebration, upcoming Dr. Dean Campbell demonstration, and thanked the BGS PTO for their contribution(s). Mrs. Albritton shared several important dates. Mrs. Albritton detailed the Golf team's fantastic season and highlighted the individuals who played in the state tournament. She congratulated and detailed the accomplishments of the Softball, Baseball, and Cross Country teams; "the talent is real!". Lastly, the Board was briefed on winter sports and the state of the sound system. She is very proud of what is going on and thanked Mrs. Loser for all her assistance.

There was old business to discuss/approve.

Meyer motioned and Snyder seconded to Approve the Lease with Heinz Transportation, contingent on the property taxes. There was a very brief discussion. Roll Call: Meyer - yes, Johnson - yes, Bell - yes, Graham - yes, Snyder - yes, Updyke - yes.

Motion carried

There was new business to discuss/approve.

Johnson motioned and Meyer seconded to Approve the BHS FFA Overnight trip to Indianapolis 10/26/2022 - 10/28/2022.

Motion carried

Johnson motioned and Snyder seconded to Approve the Addendum to the Superintendent's contract. With one nay and 5 years...

Motion carried

There were personnel items to discuss/approve.

Johnson motioned and Snyder seconded to approve Julie Schmidgall - Bus Driver. Roll Call: Snyder - yes, Meyer - yes, Johnson - yes, Bell - yes, Graham - yes, Updyke - yes.

Motion carried

Johnson motioned and Bell seconded to approve David Lesones - Bus Driver. Roll Call: Graham - yes, Snyder - yes, Meyer - yes, Johnson - yes, Bell - yes, Updyke - yes.

Motion carried

Bell motioned and Snyder seconded to approve the Consent Calendar items. Roll Call: Graham - yes, Snyder - yes, Meyer - yes, Johnson - yes, Bell - yes, Updyke - yes.

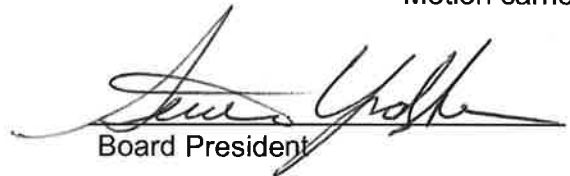
Motion carried

Meyer motioned and Snyder seconded to enter Executive Session to discuss Student disciplinary cases 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9). Roll Call: Bell - yes, Graham - yes, Snyder - yes, Meyer - yes, Johnson - yes, Updyke - yes.

Motion carried

At 9:05 p.m., the Board returned to open session. Meyer motioned and Snyder seconded to adjourn the October 19, 2022 regular board meeting of the Brimfield CUSD #309 Board of Education.

Motion carried

  
Board President

  
Board Secretary