

BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1  
Mt. Sterling, Illinois  
February 25, 2015

The public hearing regarding School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds was held on Wednesday evening, February 25, 2015 at 5:50 pm in the Elementary School/Music Room at 503 NW Cross Street, Mt. Sterling, Illinois.

1. The public hearing regarding School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds is open.
2. The following comments were made: None
3. The public hearing regarding School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds closed at 5:59 pm.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, February 25, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary School/Music Room at 503 NW Cross Street, Mt. Sterling, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by President Philip Krupps. The minutes were recorded by Tracy Flowers, Board Secretary.

On roll call, the following members answered present: Blakeley, Kackley, Koch, Krupps, and Miller. McCaskill present via phone due to out of town business. Meservey resigned.

The president declared that the first item of business would be the election of a Secretary of the Board.

Member Krupps placed in nomination the name of Member Miller.  
No further names being placed in nomination, nominations were closed.

1. Motion by Krupps, seconded by Blakeley, to nominate Miller as Secretary of the Brown County Board of Education.

Roll call: Blakeley, yea; Kackley, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea; Miller, yea.  
Motion carried.

The president declared that candidate elected.  
Whereupon, the President declared Member Miller to be the new Secretary of the Board.

6:02-6:05 *Public Comment* : President Krupps welcomed Megan Winston and her parents, Marty and Bonnie Winston to the BOE meeting. He noted that in January, Megan learned that she had received three offers for full tuition and expense scholarships in the ROTC program at three universities. It is common for ROTC programs to offer three-year scholarships, but few students received a full four year offer. On February 11<sup>th</sup>, Megan received a telephone call from U.S. Rep. Aaron Schock. He congratulated her on receiving an appointment to the Merchant Marine Academy. Nearly 2000 individuals submit applications for the Merchant Marine Academy. Approximately 900 were chosen for interviews and Megan is one of approximately 200 to receive an appointment. Megan and her family (Marty and Bonnie Winston) will be traveling to New York in April to begin the process of becoming a Midshipman.

It was also noted by President Krupps that BCHS Student, Rob Tynan, was selected for inclusion in the IMEA All-State choir. This was held in Peoria at the end of January. Rob was selected after auditions and was the only Brown County student to participate. Rob is the son of Lance and Kristi Tynan.

The BC BOE and staff formally congratulated and praised the hard work of these two students as they represent Brown County with stellar accomplishments.

2. Motion by Miller, seconded by Koch, to approve the consent agenda.

Roll call: Kackley, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea; Miller, yea; Blakeley, yea.  
Motion carried.

*Correspondence*: none

*Committee*: none

*Discussion to move forward with the Memorandum of Understanding regarding tuition payback for principal prep endorsement programs, teacher leader endorsement programs, or special education endorsement programs*: Mrs. Phillips discussed with the board that their action on this would give her permission to move forward with working with legal counsel to develop a complete MOU that would be signed by BOE President Krupps and the representatives of the BCEA plus there would be one or two additional documents that would be drawn up by the attorneys which would include the terms and conditions and legal agreement that the employee would sign as well as possible some type of legal promissory note that if the employee was no longer an employee of the district, he or she would be obligated to pay back the loan and the appropriate terms.

3. Motion by Kackley, seconded by Blakeley, to approve to move forward with the Tuition Payback Program for principal prep endorsement programs, teacher leader endorsement programs, or special education endorsement programs.

Roll call: Koch, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea; Miller, yea; Blakeley, yea; Kackley, yea.  
Motion carried.

President Krupps mentioned Meservey's resignation and how the district has been in touch with the ROE which explain the fact that the BOE is not required to appoint a replacement within 88 days of the election to fill her seat. Therefore, the board agreed with President Krupps to choose not to fill the seat as allowed by statute. President Krupps recognized Meservey for all her hard work and noted that we will formally recognize her service to the Brown County School District at a later board meeting when other current members are being recognized after the upcoming election.

4. Motion by Koch, seconded by Krupps, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding #1 Regarding a Specific Employee.

Roll call: Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea; Miller, yea; Blakeley, yea; Kackley, yea; Koch, yea.  
Motion carried.

5. Motion by Koch, seconded by Miller, to move that the Board, after a hearing held on February 25, 2015, hereby determines there is a substantial, immediate or otherwise unavoidable threat to the health, safety or welfare of pupils due to the disrepair of the parking lots at Brown County Elementary School.

Roll call: McCaskill, yea; Miller, yea; Blakeley, yea; Kackley, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, yea.  
Motion carried.

*Discussion regarding possible action on a donation request from the Promenade Committee:* Mrs. Phillips explained to the BOE that this was a past practice that the BOE provided for a donation towards prizes and decorations to assist in increasing the attendance and participation at the Promenade. She clarified that this is not a donation for After-Program, but Promenade.

6. Motion by Koch, seconded by Krupps, to approve a donation of \$250 to go to the Promenade Committee.

Roll call: Miller, yea; Blakeley, yea; Kackley, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea.  
Motion carried.

*Administrators Reports and Raising Expectations:* All administrator reports were provided to the board members in written format.

7. Motion by Kackley, seconded by Miller, to go into closed session to discuss a) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the School District at 6:14 pm.

Roll call: Blakeley, yea; Kackley, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea; Miller, yea.  
Motion carried.

8. Motion by Miller, seconded by Koch, to go out of closed session at 6:37 pm.

Roll call: Kackley, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea; Miller, yea; Blakeley, yea.  
Motion carried.

9. Motion by Krupps, seconded by Kackley, to approve the minutes of closed session.

Roll call: Koch, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea; Miller, yea; Blakeley, yea; Kackley, yea.  
Motion carried.

10. Motion by Koch, seconded by Blakeley, to transfer Jim Chaney to the Meredosia bus route (subject to student attendance).

Roll call: Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea; Miller, yea; Blakeley, yea; Kackley, yea; Koch, yea.  
Motion carried.

11. Motion by Blakeley, seconded by Miller, to transfer Shanna Rigg to the Beardstown bus route (subject to student attendance).

Roll call: McCaskill, yea; Miller, yea; Blakeley, yea; Kackley, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, yea.  
Motion carried.

12. Motion by Koch, seconded by Krupps, to hire Paul Reid as Bus # 28 route bus driver.

Roll call: Miller, yea; Blakeley, yea; Kackley, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea.  
Motion carried.

13. Motion by Koch, seconded by Miller, to transfer Stacy Scheer to Transportation Secretary and Athletic Secretary, effective January 5, 2015.

Roll call: Blakeley, yea; Kackley, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea; Miller, yea.  
Motion carried.

14. Motion by Krupps, seconded by Kackley, to hire Donna Bemis for Middle School Track Coach.

Roll call: Kackley, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea; Miller, yea; Blakeley, yea.  
Motion carried.

15. Motion by Blakeley, seconded by Kackley, to hire Ray Driskell as assistant golf coach.

Roll call: Koch, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea; Miller, yea; Blakeley, yea; Kackley, yea.  
Motion carried.

16. Motion by Miller, seconded by Koch, to approve Dave Hamilton as volunteer High School Softball Coach.

Roll call: Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea; Miller, yea; Blakeley, yea; Kackley, yea; Koch, yea.  
Motion carried.

17. Motion by Blakeley, seconded by Miller, to hire Jennifer Ingram as Drama Club Sponsor.

Roll call: McCaskill, yea; Miller, yea; Blakeley, yea; Kackley, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, yea.  
Motion carried.

18. Motion by Koch, seconded by Krupps, to approve to extend a medical leave of absence for LoAnn Orr through the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

Roll call: Miller, yea; Blakeley, yea; Kackley, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea.  
Motion carried.

19. Motion by Miller, seconded by Koch, to approve to extend a medical leave of absence for Kelly Blackwell through the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

Roll call: Blakeley, yea; Kackley, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea; Miller, yea.  
Motion carried.

20. Motion by Krupps, seconded by Koch, to approve employment contract for Ray Driskell, Assistant Principal 5 - 12, beginning July 1, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2017.

Roll call: Kackley, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea; Miller, yea; Blakeley, yea.  
Motion carried.

21. Motion by Krupps, seconded by Kackley, to adjourn at 6:42 pm.

Motion carried by acclamation.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY