

BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1  
Mt. Sterling, Illinois  
July 21, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, July 21, 2010, at 6:07 p.m. in the Board of Education Office at 503 NW Cross Street, Mt. Sterling, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by President Alan Koch. The minutes were recorded by Tracy Flowers, Board Secretary.

On roll call, the following members answered present: Bullard, Hendricks, Kackley, Kassing, Kerley, Koch, and Meservey.

*Public Comment speakers:* Marvin Meservey was recognized for his dedication and years of service to Brown County School District. Deb Meservey, Board Member, presented a plaque to Marvin in appreciation of his work.

*Raising Expectations in Brown County speakers:* Ben Ellefritz, BCMS Principal, reported on the recent Focus on Results Institute held in Boston on July 15-16. Many sessions were presented by schools involved in Focus on Results work and the information and materials can be adapted and used to meet needs within our district. Eleven Brown County educators attended the institute. The Tracy Family Foundation funded our costs for the institute.

1. Motion by Bullard, seconded by Hendricks, to accept the resignation/retirement of Mr. Merle Kenady, Superintendent, effective June 30, 2011.

Roll call: Bullard, yea; Hendricks, yea; Kackley, yea; Kassing, yea; Kerley, yea; Koch, yea, Meservey, yea.  
Motion carried.

6:19-7:15 Superintendent search proposal from the Illinois Association of School Boards. Tom Leahy made a presentation to the Board regarding the Superintendent Search Service available through the Illinois Association of School Boards. Mr. Leahy explained the scope and sequence of the search process, sample timelines, and recommended procedures.

2. Motion by Meservey, seconded by Bullard, to employ the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) to conduct a superintendent search per the IASB Professional Services Agreement.

Roll call: Hendricks, yea; Kackley, yea; Kassing, yea; Kerley, yea; Koch, yea, Meservey, yea; Bullard, yea.  
Motion carried.

7:15-7:54 *Bus procedures information*

Kathy Grady, Transportation Director, talked with the Board and answered questions regarding bus pick-up and drop-off procedures. Board President Alan Koch appointed Board Members Don Kerley and Deb Meservey to a Transportation Committee to meet with Kathy Grady and Merle Kenady to review bus procedures and make recommendations to the full Board.

3. Minutes of the June 24, 2010 regular meeting were approved.
4. Motion by Kerley, seconded by Koch, to approve payment of monthly bills, payroll and investments.

Roll call: Kackley, yea; Kassing, yea; Kerley, yea; Koch, yea, Meservey, yea; Bullard, yea; Hendricks, yea.  
Motion carried.

5. Motion by Kerley, seconded by Hendricks, to approve the financial report.

Roll call: Kassing, yea; Kerley, yea; Koch, yea, Meservey, yea; Bullard, yea; Hendricks, yea; Kackley, yea.  
Motion carried.

6. Motion by Kackley, seconded by Hendricks, to accept the *firm* milk bid of Prairie Farms Dairy for the 2010-11 school year.

Roll call: Kerley, yea; Koch, yea, Meservey, yea; Bullard, yea; Hendricks, yea; Kackley, yea; Kassing, yea.  
Motion carried.

7. Motion by Koch, seconded by Bullard, to accept the bread bid of Interstate Brands for the 2010-11 school year.

Roll call: Koch, yea, Meservey, yea; Bullard, yea; Hendricks, yea; Kackley, yea; Kassing, yea; Kerley, yea.  
Motion carried.

8. Motion by Kackley, seconded by Koch, to establish the Working Cash Fund.

Roll call: Meservey, yea; Bullard, yea; Hendricks, yea; Kackley, yea; Kassing, yea; Kerley, yea; Koch, yea.  
Motion carried.

9. Motion by Kackley, seconded by Hendricks, to approve the student handbooks and Acceptable Use Policy for 2010-11.

Roll call: Bullard, yea; Hendricks, yea; Kackley, yea; Kassing, yea; Kerley, yea; Koch, yea, Meservey, yea.  
Motion carried.

10. Motion by Bullard, seconded by Kerley, to approve the Course/Curriculum Guide for 2010-11.

Roll call: Hendricks, yea; Kackley, yea; Kassing, yea; Kerley, yea; Koch, yea, Meservey, yea; Bullard, yea.  
Motion carried.

11. Motion by Kerley, seconded by Kassing, to approve the student registration fees for 2010-11.

Roll call: Kackley, yea; Kassing, yea; Kerley, yea; Koch, yea, Meservey, yea; Bullard, yea; Hendricks, yea.  
Motion carried.

12. Motion by Bullard, seconded by Koch, to approve Gerlock and Associates for the district's Voluntary Student Accident Insurance.

Roll call: Kassing, yea; Kerley, yea; Koch, yea, Meservey, yea; Bullard, yea; Hendricks, yea; Kackley, yea.  
Motion carried.

13. Motion by Meservey, seconded by Hendricks, to set a budget hearing to adopt the 2010-11 budget for September 16, 2010 at 5:45 pm.

Roll call: Kerley, yea; Koch, yea, Meservey, yea; Bullard, yea; Hendricks, yea; Kackley, yea; Kassing, yea.  
Motion carried.

14. Motion by Koch, seconded by Kackley, to approve to keep closed session minutes through June 2010 closed due to confidentiality as per Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act.

Roll call: Koch, yea, Meservey, yea; Bullard, yea; Hendricks, yea; Kackley, yea; Kassing, yea; Kerley, yea.  
Motion carried.

15. Motion by Kassing, seconded by Koch, to approve the “Right of Entry and Testing Agreement” with T-Mobile Central LLC.

Roll call: Meservey, yea; Bullard, yea; Hendricks, yea; Kackley, yea; Kassing, yea; Kerley, yea; Koch, yea.

Motion carried.

16. Motion by Bullard, seconded by Kackley, to re-instate the Pre-K program for the 2010-11 school year.

Roll call: Bullard, yea; Hendricks, yea; Kackley, yea; Kassing, yea; Kerley, yea; Koch, yea, Meservey, nay.

Motion carried.

8:57-9:09 *Administrative Reports:* Kris Gallaher discussed the recent Smart Board Training held last week. He also talked about work going on throughout the district regarding technology upgrades.

Van Wilson shared preliminary test score results with the Board. These will become not become official until released by the Illinois State Board of Education later in the year.

Merle Kenady reported the Writing Test component of the ISAT Program has been eliminated for next year for the elementary grades. We are still gathering information about the best way to proceed with repairs/replacement of the boiler at BCES. The BCHS parking lot has been oiled and chipped by the Brown County Highway Department. Refinancing of the outstanding bonds was discussed with no action taken at this time.

17. Motion by Kerley, seconded by Kackley, to go into closed session to discuss and possibly take action regarding collective bargaining, employment, retention, dismissal and transfer of personnel and possible litigation at 9:09 pm.

Roll call: Hendricks, yea; Kackley, yea; Kassing, yea; Kerley, yea; Koch, yea, Meservey, yea; Bullard, yea.

Motion carried.

18. Motion by Kerley, seconded by Meservey, to go out of closed session at 10:29 pm.

Roll call: Kackley, yea; Kassing, yea; Kerley, yea; Koch, yea, Meservey, yea; Bullard, yea; Hendricks, yea.

Motion carried.

19. Motion by Koch, seconded by Kassing, to approve the minutes of closed session.

Roll call: Kassing, yea; Kerley, yea; Koch, yea, Meservey, yea; Bullard, yea; Hendricks, yea; Kackley, yea.  
Motion carried.

20. Motion by Kerley, seconded by Kackley, to re-hire Pre-K teacher's aides Kris Taylor and Mary Wiese for the 2010-11 school year.

Roll call: Kerley, yea; Koch, yea, Meservey, yea; Bullard, yea; Hendricks, yea; Kackley, yea; Kassing, yea.  
Motion carried.

21. Motion by Hendricks, seconded by Kassing, to re-hire Pre-K Parent Educator/Coordinator Diane Settles for the 2010-11 school year.

Roll call: Koch, yea, Meservey, yea; Bullard, yea; Hendricks, yea; Kackley, yea; Kassing, yea; Kerley, yea.  
Motion carried.

22. Motion by Bullard, seconded by Kerley, to re-hire Pre-K teacher Kourtney Kassing for the 2010-11 school year.

Roll call: Meservey, yea; Bullard, yea; Hendricks, yea; Kackley, yea; Kassing, yea; Kerley, yea; Koch, yea.  
Motion carried.

23. Motion by Bullard, seconded by Meservey, to approve the maternity leave request of Kourtney Kassing, for approximately six to eight weeks, beginning approximately the first part of September, 2010.

Roll call: Bullard, yea; Hendricks, yea; Kackley, yea; Kassing, yea; Kerley, yea; Koch, yea, Meservey, yea.  
Motion carried.

24. Motion by Hendricks, seconded by Kackley, to hire Ray Driskell as Athletic Director and Dean of Students for grades 5-12, with a compensation package of \$55,000.

Roll call: Hendricks, yea; Kackley, yea; Kassing, yea; Kerley, yea; Koch, yea, Meservey, yea; Bullard, yea.  
Motion carried.

25. Motion by Hendricks, seconded by Meservey, to adjourn at 10:32 pm.

Motion carried by acclamation.

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