

BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
Mt. Sterling, Illinois
February 22, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, February 22, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Office 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, Secretary.

On roll call, the following members answered present: Blaesing, Blakeley, Fry, Fullerton, Koch, Krupps. McCaskill arrived at 6:04.

Public Comment: Mrs. Craven introduced Janel Dormire as her January student of the month. Mrs. Craven read the nominations she received from the teachers about Janel and presented her with a “gold” dollar keepsake.

Janel also gave an update on the FFA program and all the goings on they have now.

Mrs. Craven introduced Melissa Perry and Melissa introduced her family that attended with her. Mrs. Craven read the nomination she received about Melissa and presented her with a “gold” dollar keepsake.

1. Motion by Fry, seconded by Blaesing, to approve the consent agenda.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fry, yea; Fullerton, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea.
Motion carried.

Correspondence: none

Committee Reports: none

Trinity Davidson, a BCMS 8th grade student was introduced by Ms. Jirjis. Ms. Davidson then introduced her mother who was in attendance with her. Ms. Davidson was recognized by the Board of Education for her accomplishments in winning an essay contest she wrote for the Patriot’s Pen contest. Her paper was selected to move on in the competition to Regionals where she won a plaque, a medal and \$160.00.

Mrs. Phillips introduced Diane Settles and Kris Taylor as district employees in the Birth to Three Program and the Pre-K Program. Ms. Kris provided an overview of her duties including contacting families in Brown County who have children ages birth to age three. She will visit with the parents and the children in the home approximately two times per month where she helps the parents to learn ways in which they can interact with their children to best promote the proper development of their child. This program is a State-funded program through the Illinois State

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Board of Education, and this year marks Brown County's 18th year providing the program to our community. Staff has received notice from ISBE that we will be required to write a new grant for the upcoming fiscal years very soon. This will be a competitive grant process, as they have been in the past as well. However, one additional requirement that will be new in this next submission requires that each grant be able to justify employing either three full-time or six half-time positions the same as what Ms. Kris does. With Brown County being a smaller county, it does not seem likely that the population can justify the employment of that number of positions for this type of work. Therefore, it is recommended that Brown County partners with a neighboring school district to provide the services to more than one community. Schuyler-Industry Schools are very interested in partnering with Brown County to provide these services to their community. By partnering, both districts are able to capitalize on the benefits of this grant for their communities. Brown County district will be the fiscal agent of the grant and contract through an intergovernmental agreement with Schuyler-Industry CUSD #5 to provide services identical in that community that Ms. Kris provides in Brown County. Services will not change for Brown County as they are known at this time, but will be replicated in Schuyler-Industry school district.

2. Motion by Koch, seconded by Fullerton, to support a proposed partnership with Schuyler-Industry School District for the "Birth to Three" competitive grant upon the RFP being released by ISBE.

Roll call: Blakeley, yea; Fry, yea; Fullerton, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea; Blaesing, yea.

Motion carried.

3. Motion by Krupps, seconded by Blaesing, to approve to let the bids for our auditor.

Roll call: Fry, yea; Fullerton, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea.

Motion carried.

4. Motion by Koch, seconded by Fry, to approve Bemis Lawn Services contract for three years at \$14,000 per year

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, abstain; McCaskill, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fry, yea.

Motion carried.

Second Reading of PRESS Plus Issue 93, policies 2:120; 2:125; 2:125-E1; 2:125-E2; 2:200; 2:220; 2:220-E1; 2:220-E2; 2:220-E4; 2:220-E5; 2:220-E6; 2:220-E7; 2:220-E8; 4:60; 4:110; 4:175; 5:10; 5:60; 5:60-E1; 5:60-E2; 5:100; 5:125; 5:185; 5:190; 5:250; 5:260; 5:280; 5:330; 6:15; 6:50; 6:60; 6:145; 6:160; 6:170; 6:310; 6:340; 7:50; 7:60; 7:70; 7:250; 7:260; 7:305; 7:310; 7:315; 8:30; 8:70

5. Motion by Krupps, seconded by Blakeley, to approve PRESS Plus Policy Issue #93, as presented.

Roll call: Koch, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fry, yea; Fullerton, yea.
Motion carried.

6. Motion by Fry, seconded by Fullerton, to approve the Public School Calendar for 2017-2018.

Roll call: Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fry, yea; Fullerton, yea; Koch, yea.
Motion carried.

7. Motion by Blakeley, seconded by Krupps, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding #2 with Support Staff Union

Roll call: McCaskill, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fry, yea; Fullerton, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, yea.
Motion carried.

Administrators Reports and Raising Expectations: Mrs. Phillips told the board about the meetings she had attended the last two days which were sponsored by an Alliance of the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA), Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB), Illinois Association of School Business Officials (IASBO), and the Illinois Principals Association (IPA). The purpose of these meetings were to discuss the current events in school finance as it pertains to current legislation being considered in the Illinois House and Senate. Various sessions were provided to attendees regarding the School Funding Reform work that has been ongoing by these associations and specific legislators plus information on the most current status of the budgeting processing in the Illinois Legislature.

8. Motion by Blakeley, seconded by Koch, to go into closed session for a) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the School District at 6:56 pm.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fry, yea; Fullerton, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea.
Motion carried.

9. Motion by McCaskill, seconded by Blaesing, to go out of closed session at 8:03 pm.

Roll call: Blakeley, yea; Fry, yea; Fullerton, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea; Blaesing, yea.
Motion carried.

10. Motion by McCaskill, seconded by Krupps, to approve the minutes of closed session.

Roll call: Fry, yea; Fullerton, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea.
Motion carried.

11. Motion by Krupps, seconded by Koch, to approve the list below as presented regarding personnel issues.

Roll call: Fullerton, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fry, yea.
Motion carried.

- Accept the resignation/retirement of Patty Nelson, Pre-K teacher, effective the end of the 2016-17 school year.
- Accept the resignation/retirement of Susie Woodward, Fourth Grade teacher, effective the end of the 2016-17 school year.
- Hire Dave Hamilton & Tim Hodge as assistant HS softball coaches to share the stipend
- Approve Abigail Simaytis as a student teacher with Erin Eveland this semester.
- Approve Brennan Sharpe as a block teacher with Jami Schuwerk this semester.

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- Approve Mary Beth Lane as a block teacher with Jeremy Garrett this semester.
- Approve Shane Dierkx as a block teacher with Jenny Zimmerman this semester.
- Accept the resignation of Ericka Jensen as MS lunch supervisor
- Hire Lori Roberts as MS lunch supervisor
- Approve Kitty Mountain as ES Yearbook advisor
- Hire Megan Lawson as Middle School Track Coach

12. Motion by McCaskill, seconded by Blaesing, to adjourn at 8:05 pm.

Motion carried by acclamation.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY