

BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

Mt. Sterling, Illinois

May 25, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, May 25, 2016, 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 Phillips Krupps. The minutes were recorded by Tracy Flowers, Board Secretary.

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

Public Comment speakers: Ms. Sally Ruble, Brown County 6th Grade Teacher was present to introduce two of her students whose recent classroom work regarding writing an argumentative paper were chosen to be shared with the BOE. Mr. Tate Fullerton shared an excellent argument why a person may not wish to eat from a buffet style eating restaurant or facility. Ms. Kennedy Gallaher read her exceptional essay on continuing the Women's Rights movement world wide.

Ms. Lisa Veatch, Brown County High School teacher shared her thoughts and concerns about her time as a teacher in BC School District. She encouraged the school board and administration to continue to make improvements in the school facilities and overall education of the district as she is leaving the district to move out of the area.

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

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

Correspondence: A thank you note from BCAC was read.

Committee Reports: Mr. Koch and Mr. McCaskill represented the Building Committee in reporting the work to date regarding the installation of security cameras throughout the school buildings and grounds. The committee noted the excellent and thorough work of Mr. Kris Gallaher and Mr. Doug Allen as they have provided a thorough bidding process with highly respectable companies submitting bids. The Building Committee wanted to be sure to communicate openly and clearly that these are security cameras that will not be installed in private areas of the schools such as bathrooms, locker rooms, offices or classrooms. The purpose is to maintain a secure and safe learning environment for all. Eight bids were received ranging from \$202,869.53 to \$304,106.00 in cost. The lowest bid, from Netch, was also the bid that best

matched the request and needs of the district. Therefore, Netch is the winning bid. This price will include full installation of over 120 cameras in all three school buildings. Installation will be completed by the start of the 2016-17 school year. Payments will be made over five years from the TORT Fund each year at approximately \$42,000-\$45,000 per year. This is a system that the district will own—there are no yearly fees or subscriptions to pay in addition to the installation costs.

The building fund also reviewed the plans for the upcoming Softball/Baseball Concession Stand/Restroom Building. The current plans call for an 840 square feet, 20 x 42 ft. building with metal sides/shingled roof on a concrete slab. It will have three private restrooms, a ticket booth, concession area and storage with a garage-type door. It will be located just northeast of the current Memorial area allowing more attention to the Memorial as well as providing good access and a direct line of sight to the ball fields. Material costs have been estimated at approximately \$60,000 by Darin Prost, School Architect. Currently approximately \$18,000 has been committed to this project by DOT Charitables and the local organizations. More donations will definitely be needed in order to financial support the building project so that it can move forward at the beginning of the 2016-17 school year. The Building Committee discussed the possibility of providing sponsorship opportunities for various businesses and organizations in Brown County to raise funds and plan to move forward with designing a system for this idea.

Board Member Koch left at 6:46 pm to attend the SMS 8th Grade Promotion.

BCHS students have an opportunity for the 2016-17 school year to enroll in classes through the Career and Technical Center located at Quincy Public HS. This opportunity was previous available to students but required them to attend every day, costing them time in their school day and causing busing to be required every day to/from Quincy. This new opportunity allows the student to only go to the Quincy Career Center six days per semester so the loss of time at school is less. The bulk of the course is taught through a live-online class that will meet every day from 2:30 to 3:20. Students who enroll must understand that their school day will run a little bit longer than their peers who will dismiss at 3, but they will have the opportunity to enroll in the classes that BCHS cannot offer. Currently there are 11 students who have registered for classes which include Auto Mechanics, Diesel Mechanics, and Graphic Design. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to have access to coursework that they wouldn't get in any other way.

2. Motion by Blakeley, seconded by Blaesing to approve that Brown County High School students be allowed to enroll in the QAVTC program.

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

Motion carried.

Brown County School District was recently approached by Meredosia-Chambersburg School District to gage interest in initiating a track cooperative between the two districts. Discussion among the board members was such that there is not current interest in moving forward in this endeavor.

3. Motion by Krupps, seconded by Fry, to set a special Board of Education meeting for Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

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

Motion carried.

4. Motion by Krupps, seconded by Blaesing, to set our regular June Board of Education meeting to Monday, June 27, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

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

Motion carried.

5. Motion by Krupps, seconded by Blaesing, to set a budget hearing to amend the 2015-16 budget for Monday, June 27, 2016 at 5:45 pm.

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

Motion carried.

6. Motion by McCaskill, seconded by Fullerton, to employ Arnold, Behrens, Nesbit, Gray, PC auditors for the 2015-16 fiscal year review.

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

Motion carried.

7. Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Krupps, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding regarding registered nurse stipend.

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

Motion carried.

8. Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Krupps, to authorize the superintendent to prepare a tentative budget for the 2016-17 school year.

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

Motion carried.

9. Motion by Fry, seconded by Blaesing, to approve the Acceptable Usage Policy for Network and Internet Access- Staff and Students.

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

Motion carried.

10. Motion by Blakeley, seconded by Fullerton, to approve the final public school calendar for FY16.

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

Motion carried.

11. Motion by Blakeley, seconded by Fry, to approve the security camera installation project and leasing through Tort fund, option 2.

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

Motion carried.

12. Motion by Krupps, seconded by Blakeley, to approve the Risk Management Plan for 2015-16.

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

Motion carried.

Administrative Reports and Raising Expectations speakers: Superintendent Phillips discussed that she had attended a meeting that day in Springfield regarding the lack of a State of Illinois budget and how that fact may have an effect on schools for the 2016-17 School year. She noted that there are a handful of schools throughout the state that financially will not be able to maintain their payroll without the help of State funds. Brown County School District is fortunate not to be in that same situation because of conservative financial practices in the past as well as pre-planning for such a time as this.

13. Motion by Krupps, seconded by Fry, to go into closed session for a) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the School District; b) collective negotiating matters between the School District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; g) student disciplinary cases at 7:13 pm.

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

14. Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Fry, to go out of closed session at 7:26 pm.

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

15. Motion by Blaesing, seconded by McCaskill, to approve the minutes of closed session.

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

16. Motion by Fry, seconded by Blaesing, to approve the list below as presented regarding personnel issues.

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

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The following are the personnel items that were approved:
RESIGNATIONS:

Connor Propp as High School Math Teacher, effective the end of the 2015-16 school year.

Ann Logan as Junior High/High School Principal (grades 7-12), effective June 30, 2016.

HIRE:

Casey Perry as Administrative Assistant in the Board Office, effective May 3, 2016.

Karen Jirjis as Middle School Principal, beginning July 1, 2016.

Michelle (Shelly) Eager as Elementary School Principal, beginning July 1, 2016.

Amanda Terry as district vocal music teacher, beginning the 2016-17 school year.

17. Motion by Fry, seconded by Fullerton, to adjourn at 7:28 pm.

Motion carried by acclamation.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY