

BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
Mt. Sterling, Illinois
October 26, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, October 26, 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 Philip 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: Mrs. Phillips Introduced Brian and Jennifer Ingram who were present to announce to the BOE that the grant she had written to the DOT Foods Charitable Fund was awarded for \$155,741 to update and upgrade the BCHS Auditorium. The grant monies will cover the cost of replacing the curtains, upgrade the sound and lighting systems, professionally paint the upstage and backstage areas to black and make some modifications to the sound booth/projection room. The Board of Education was appreciative of the work that Jennifer and Brian have put forth in writing the grant and assisting in pursuing this funding for upgrading the auditorium.

Mrs. Phillips also introduced Lori Roberts as she was hired at the beginning of the year as an emergency long-term substitute teacher for the position of special education teacher that will eventually be filled by a recent hire who is currently student teaching.

1. Motion by McCaskill, 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 was read from the family of Dianna Garrett.
Committee Reports: none

Art Club trip presentation: Mrs. Erin Eveland requested permission to allow BCHS Art Club students to participate in an educational trip to New York City, NY at the end of the 16-17 school year. She will be co-sponsoring a trip for Art Club members who qualify to participate along with Rushville-Industry High School Art Teacher, Jason Ackman and RIHS Drama Coach, Tonya Woods. Approximately 15 BCHS Students will have the opportunity to attend along with RIHS Students plus chaperones from each school. The cost per student will be around \$1100 per person. The Art Club will be having fundraisers for opportunities for monies to be earned to help off-set the costs of the trip which will be paid by each student. Money earned is per student who participates with the fund raisers.

2. Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Fry, to approval of the Art Club trip in May 2017 presented by Mrs. Erin Eveland, Art teacher & advisor.

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

Mr. Isaac Miller, Architect from the Architechnics Firm presented information on a recent electrical study provided to the district regarding the electrical needs at the BCHS building. This study was strictly specific to looking at the electrical infrastructure strengths and weaknesses as is currently. The report showed the following concerns:

1. The auditorium is in need of upgrades in order to be able to advance the lighting and sound. A new panelboard will need to be installed and, consequently, reconnection of existing branch circuits. This project is estimated to cost \$25,000 or less.
2. The Fire Panel System should be updated to an addressable Fire Panel Station. Also Pull Stations, Smoke Detectors, Heat Detectors, CO Detectors, Exterior and Interior Horn Strobes, Duct Detectors, and miscellaneous related wiring should be installed. The general estimate for this work to be completed as needed will be around \$75,000.
3. Additional outlets are needed in every classroom and office throughout the High School. In order to increase the number of electrical outlets to what is needed in this day of computers and many items that must be “charged,” it is estimated it will cost approximately \$101,614. However, this work cannot be even started until more amps of power are brought to the building through the work of the next item #4.
4. The current use of electrical amps that are made available to the building is 1200. There are times during the heat of summer when the school is reaching the capacity of drawing down all 1200 amps to the building and sometimes even more. In order to have access to more amps in the building, an additional 1600 Amp NEMA-3R Switchboard and related panelboards and feeders must be installed. The general estimate for this type of work is \$117,300.

Discussion took place about how the use of the 1% Sales Tax revenue will soon begin to arrive on a monthly basis with the first payment projected to be around \$22,000. This payment will come very close to paying for all of the work needed on the electrical infrastructure in the BCHS Auditorium as mentioned in #1 above. Approximately three or four months of that same type of payment will also be able to pay for the upgrade needed to the Fire Panel System.

3. Motion by Koch, seconded by Fullerton, to approve a resolution to begin the upgrade work to the electrical in the high school auditorium for less than \$25,000.

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

4. Motion by Fry, seconded by Blaesing, to approve a resolution to solicit bids for the upgraded fire panel and alarm system at high school.

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

Review the Trane Measurement and Verification Reconciliation Report for Year 1: Isaac Miller was also available to review the report sent to the District from TRANE showing the amount of savings in electrical expenses due to the upgrade that was made in the BCHS and BC Elementary buildings with the new HVAC system in 2013. The overall energy savings was verified to be \$38,807 during the first full year of installation.

5. Motion by Blakeley, seconded by McCaskill, to set tax levy hearing (Truth in Taxation Hearing) for Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 5:45 pm.

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

6. Motion by McCaskill, seconded by Blaesing, to approve the PRESS Plus Issue 92 Policies 2:70; 2:70-E; 2:120-E2; 2:240-E1; 2:240-E2; 6:100; 8:90; 8:110. 5 year Review of 1:10; 1:20; 1:30; 2:10; 2:130; 3:10; 3:30; 4:80; 5:150; 6:255; 6:260; 7:280; 7:285 which includes the requirement that all parent organizations and booster clubs to have 501©(3) status who wish to operate on school grounds or utilize the likeness of the Brown County School District Hornets mascot or name.

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

The ISBE Salary Compensation Report - *tabled*

Administrative Reports of Strategic and Academic Goals:

Kris Gallaher reported to the board that he has made some, but little progress in obtaining better service responses from the camera company who the district purchased the camera system. He is still pursuing better and timely service from this vendor.

7. Motion by Koch, seconded by McCaskill, to go into closed session to discuss items a) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the School District at 7:26 pm.
Roll call: McCaskill, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fry, yea; Fullerton, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, yea.
Motion carried.
8. Motion by McCaskill, seconded by Koch, to return to open session at 7:50 pm.

Roll call: Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea; Fry, yea; Fullerton, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea.
Motion carried.
9. Motion by Koch, seconded by McCaskill, to approve the minutes of closed session.

Roll call: Blakeley, yea; Fry, yea; Fullerton, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea; Blaesing, yea.
Motion carried.
10. Motion by Blaesing, seconded by Fullerton, to approve the list below as presented regarding personnel issues.
Roll call: Fry, yea; Fullerton, yea; Koch, yea; Krupps, yea; McCaskill, yea; Blaesing, yea; Blakeley, yea.
Motion carried.
 - Approve Sarah Therriault as co-sponsor of the Freshman Class
 - Transfer Crystal Norton to elementary school day custodian
 - Transfer Addie Thomas to middle school day/night custodian
 - Transfer Angie Keokham to high school/middle school paraprofessional
 - Approve Ashley Beck's maternity leave from October 31, 2016 through December 31, 2016
11. Motion by McCaskill, seconded by Blaesing, to adjourn at 7:52 pm.

Motion carried by acclamation.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY