

BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
Mt. Sterling, Illinois
December 18, 2023

The Public Hearing to review the 2023 Tax Levy was held on Monday evening, December 18, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. in the Brown County Middle School library. The meeting was called to order by Dawn Hughes. The minutes were recorded by McKenzie Taute.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Reische, absent; Gregory, yea.

Attendance: Lan Eberle, Pollee Craven, Alex Ebbing, Kris Gallaher, Jessica Robertson, McKenzie Taute, Stoney Haines, Caydence Taylor, Kayla Haines, Nichole Miller.

Public Hearing Minutes

Superintendent, Lan Eberle, discussed the 2023 Tax Levy and how he reached the proposed tax rate. Eberle explained that he used an average of the last four years to come up with the proposed rate based on estimated equalized assessed value. He noted that the tax rate presented was a .122 increase from the prior year, but .156 below the four-year average.

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to adjourn at 5:19 p.m.
Motion Carried by Acclamation

Regular Board Meeting

The regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Dawn Hughes. The minutes were recorded by McKenzie Taute.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Reische, absent; Gregory, yea.

Attendance: Lan Eberle, Pollee Craven, Alex Ebbing, Kris Gallaher, Jessica Robertson, McKenzie Taute, Stoney Haines, Caydence Taylor, Kayla Haines, Nichole Miller, Caleb Taylor, Kris Taylor, Ethan Sefton, Christi Sefton, Halle Sefton, Nolan Sefton, Jammie Anderson, Michael Anderson, Micah Anderson.

Visitors:

Mr. Ebbing recognized Brown County Middle School Student of the Month, Caydence Taylor.

Mrs. Craven recognized Brown County High School Student of the Month for November, Halle Sefton.

Mrs. Craven recognized Brown County High School Student of the Month, Michah Anderson.

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Gregory, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Reports: Mrs. Craven discussed academic and attendance data from the Illinois Report Card.

Correspondence:

Hughes thanked Brown County State Bank for their monthly Affinity Card donation in the amount of \$515.05.

Discussion Items:

Revenue & Expenditure Update: Eberle explained that as of 12/14/2023 the district was 45% through the fiscal year, had received 86% of expected revenue and disbursed 60% of expected expenditures.

Roof Update: Eberle discussed continued work on the gutters, downspouts, and fascia at the middle/high school campus.

Renovation Project Timeline: Eberle discussed the proposed renovation project timeline and provided the following information:

Fall 2024 – Completion of new addition, cafeterias, concessions

Fall 2024 – Begin renovation of locker rooms & laundry

Summer 2024 – Begin renovation of FACS and new restrooms

Spring/Summer 2025 – Begin renovation of NW classrooms and offices

Fall 2025 – Begin renovation of NE classrooms

Bond Update: Eberle discussed upcoming bond closings. Eberle explained that once the revenue from the bond sales is received, the district plans to immediately invest in US Treasury Bonds to capitalize on interest, which will create additional funding for the project.

Next Board Meeting – January 22, 2024

Motion by Koch, seconded by Gregory, to approve the 2023 Tax Levy.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Ingram, seconded by Koch, to approve the Second Reading of Press Issue 113 including the following Policy Section Changes:

- 2:20 Powers and Duties of the Board of Education; Indemnification
- 2:120 Board Member Development
- 2:200 Types of Board of Education Meetings
- 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedure
- 4:10 Fiscal and Business Management
- 4:30 Revenue and Investments
- 4:60 Purchases and Contracts
- 4:130 Free and Reduced-Price Food Services
- 4:160 Environmental Quality of Building and Grounds
- 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria
- 5:190 Teacher Qualifications
- 5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
- 5:210 Resignations and Retirement
- 5:220 Substitute Teachers

- 5:250 Leaves of Absence
- 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
- 6:15 School Accountability
- 6:30 Organization of Instruction
- 6:50 School Wellness
- 6:660 Curriculum Content
- 6:230 Library Media Program
- 7:60 Residence
- 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
- 7:160 Student Appearance
- 7:190 Student Behavior
- 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students
- 7:285 Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program
- 7:290 Suicide and Depressions Awareness and Prevention
- 8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Gregory, seconded by Boylen, to enter closed session at 5:50 p.m. for the following subject 1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with [the Open Meetings Act]. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), amended by P.A. 101-459.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Ingram, to return to open session at 6:04 p.m.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Gregory, seconded by Ingram, to approve the Resignation of Benjamin Yingling – Long Term Substitute High School Biology Teacher – effective November 30, 2023.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Gregory, to approve the Resignation of Rabecca Schmidt – Paraprofessional – effective November 30, 2023.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to approve the Transfer of Trenton Harrelson – Junior High Boys Track Coach to High School Assistant Track Coach (split stipend)- effective December 18, 2023.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Gregory, seconded by Koch, to approve the Employment of Dave Phelps – High School Assistant Track Coach (split stipend) – effective December 18, 2023.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to approve the Employment of Christian Kennedy – Second Director/Drama Club Sponsor – effective December 18, 2023.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Gregory, to approve the Employment of Christian Kennedy – Junior High Boys Track Coach – effective December 18, 2023.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to approve the Employment of Mudcharee Julotok – Long Term Substitute High School Biology Teacher – effective January 5, 2024.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Honorable Dismissal of Educational Support Personnel.

Roll call: Hughes, yea; Boylen, yea; Koch, yea; Eichelberger, yea; Ingram, yea; Gregory, yea.

Motion Carried

Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to adjourn at 6:08 p.m.

Motion Carried by Acclamation