

**BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**Mt. Sterling, Illinois**  
**February 26, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday evening, February 26, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Brown County Middle School library. The meeting was called to order by President, Dawn Hughes. The minutes were recorded by McKenzie Taute.

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

**Attendance:** Lan Eberle, Pollee Craven, Lisa Hannel, Kris Gallaher, Jessica Robertson, McKenzie Taute, Dave Phelps, Chad Moorman, Danielle Moorman, Rick Moorman, Robin Moorman, Wayson Moorman, Dorothy Williams, John Mathis, Caroline Mathis, Brad Henry, Abby Henry, Micah Henry.

**Visitors:**

Dr. Eberle recognized the January Brown County Middle School Student of the Month, Wayson Moorman.

Mrs. Craven recognized the January Brown County High School Student of the Month, Dorothy Williams.

Mrs. Craven recognized the February Brown County High School Student of the Month, Micah Henry.

**Motion by Ingram, seconded by Koch, to approve the Consent Agenda.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Correspondence:** Hughes thanked Brown County State Bank for their monthly Affinity Card donation in the amount of \$462.48. Eberle discussed a possible change in where this monthly revenue would be applied.

**Reports:** Mrs. Craven discussed a new digital format for SAT & PSAT testing.

**Discussion Items:**

**Revenue and Expenditure Update:** Eberle explained that as of 02/21/2024 the district was 64% through the fiscal year, had received 464% of expected revenue and disbursed 68% of expected expenditures.

**Roof Update:** Eberle discussed the ongoing roof project, noting that gutter work is still taking place. Eberle went on to say that after the last snowstorm, melting snow slid from the high school gym roof down onto the lower level causing buckling in the new roof. Eberle mentioned a recent quote from Peter's for guards to prevent this from happening in the future came in around \$150,000. Insurance has been notified of the most recent damage but there is a significant deductible. The district feels that an ice/snow deterrent should have been a part of the original job specs but was omitted.

**Strategic Plan:** Eberle explained that with the help of the Tracy Family Foundation and Getting Smart, the district has begun the process of developing a three-to-five-year strategic plan. Eberle mentioned survey development and data collection work has begun to develop this all-encompassing plan. The district is in the survey development stage and students, staff, parents, and community will be asked to participate. The data collection will cover facilities, academics/programs, teacher retention and recruitment, and culture.

**2023-2024 Amended Calendar:** Eberle explained that all the scheduled emergency days were used for inclement weather, making the last student attendance day May 23, 2024.

**Next Board Meeting – March 18, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.**

**Motion by Ingram, seconded by Reische, to approve the Proposed 2024-2025 School Calendar.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Reische, seconded by Ingram, to enter closed session at 5:47 p.m. for the following subjects: : 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.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Boylen entered the meeting at 5:52 p.m.**

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to return to open session at 6:40 p.m.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Reische, to approve the minutes of closed session.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Koch, seconded by Gregory, to approve the Certified and Educational Support Staff Seniority Lists.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to approve the Resignation of Justin Volk – High School Assistant Boys Basketball Coach – effective end of 2023 – 2024 Season.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to approve the Employment of Veronika Fitzmier – Support Staff Substitute – effective January 26, 2024.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Gregory, seconded by Reische, to approve the Employment of Karin Hull – Certified Substitute – effective February 22, 2024.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to approve the Employment of Keaton Wort – High School Assistant Baseball Coach – effective February 26, 2024.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to approve the Employment of Tiffany Churchill – Reading Teacher – effective beginning of 2024 – 2025 School Year.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Reische, to adjourn at 6:43 p.m.**

**Motion Carried by Acclamation**