

## BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 Mt. Sterling, Illinois

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday evening, July 15, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Brown County Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by President, Dawn Hughes. The minutes were recorded by McKenzie Taute.

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

**Attendance:** Lan Eberle, Pollee Craven, Alex Ebbing, Lisa Hannel, Kris Gallaher, Dave Phelps, Jessica Robertson, McKenzie Taute.

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

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

**Motion Carried**

**Discussion Items:**

**Building project update:** Eberle reported the following construction progress updates:

- Concrete, abatement, plumbing, and electrical work continue
- Demo in the east corridor is wrapping up
- Foundation work on the new addition should be complete by next week

**Next Board Meeting – August 19, 2024, at 5:30 PM**

Hughes noted that the only fee increase was the middle school yearbook fee.

**Motion by Gregory, seconded by Koch, to approve the Student, Food Service, and Athletic Fees for the 2024-2025 School Year.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Reische, to approve the District Consolidated Plan.**

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

**Motion Carried**

Eberle mentioned that there has been interest in creating a bass fishing team. Athletic Director, Dave Phelps, along with the board, discussed the possible challenges being finding boats and sponsors for each boat. Eberle explained that while the bass fishing team was discussed during contract negotiations, there would need to be a Memo of Understanding with the certified union to determine the stipend amount.

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to approve the Creation of a Bass Fishing Team (pending MOU with certified union).**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Koch, seconded by Ingram, to approve the Following Handbooks for the 2024-2025 School Year:**

- **Brown County Elementary School**
- **Brown County Middle School**
- **Brown County School High School/District** – Mrs. Craven discussed the use of the Illinois Principal Associations Model Student handbook for mandated and strongly suggested language updates. Craven also mentioned that the handbook committee consisting of a board member, administration, staff, parents, and students reviewed changes at a recent meeting. Eberle mentioned that the handbook could possibly need to be reviewed again at an upcoming meeting as new legislation is expected to be released in August.
- **Staff**
- **Substitute**
- **Coaches**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Reische, to approve the following forms for Fiscal Year 2025:**

- **Acceptable Usage Policy for Network and Internet Access (Staff and Student)**
- **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program Participation Authorization and Responsible Use Agreement (Staff and Student)**
- **Staff Device Damage Policy**
- **Student-Assigned Laptop/Tablet Program Expectations**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to approve the Destruction of Closed Session Meeting Recordings over 18 Months Old.**

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

**Motion Carried**

Administration spoke about vacancies in each building including several custodial openings, a district music teacher, and a middle school special education teacher.

**Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Boylen, to approve Superintendent to hire BCSD Staff as needed until the August 19, 2024, meeting.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to enter closed session at 5:52 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.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Koch, to exit closed session at 6:24 p.m.**

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

**Motion Carried**

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

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

**Motion Carried**

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

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Eichelberger, to approve the Resignation of Jennifer Van Giesen – Class of 2025 Sponsor – effective June 28, 2024.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Boylen, to approve the Resignation of Jayden Gooding – Middle School Paraprofessional – effective July 8, 2024.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Koch, to approve the Employment of Britnee Liehr – Paraprofessional – effective beginning of 2024 – 2025 School Year.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Boylen, to approve the Employment of Jordan Brown – Paraprofessional – effective beginning of 2024 – 2025 School Year.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Boylen, seconded by Eichelberger, to approve the Employment of W. Darin Craven – Long Term Substitute Middle School Special Education Teacher – effective beginning of 2024- 2025 School Year.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Boylen, to approve the Employment of Christi Goudschaal – High School Cross Country Coach – effective July 15, 2024.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Boylen, to approve the Employment of Deb Kemper – Part-Time Cook – effective beginning of 2024 – 2025 School Year.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Eichelberger, seconded by Boylen, to adjourn at 6:29 p.m.**

**Motion Carried by Acclamation**