

## MINUTES OF THE BROWNINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD

October 19, 2017

A Brownington Central School Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2017, by Debbie Brunelle at the Brownington Central School. Those present were Principal, Larry Fleigelman Board Members Debbie Brunelle, Jeremy Haney, and David Martinez, Interim Director of Instruction, Michael Moriarty and Maire Folan from GMFTS.

*Additions or Deletions to the agenda:* None

*Privilege of the Floor:* Maire Folan from Green Mountain Farm to School was present to talk about the programming at BCS. GMFTS is asking for BCS to budget \$3600 to help fund the program in FY19. Cost would be \$6000 however GMFTS anticipates being able to cover about \$2400 through fundraising and grants. It was stated this is not a mandatory payment however it would be helpful to keep the program running at the current level. The board thanked Maire and all of GMFTS for all of their work at BCS.

Consent Agenda: Dave made a motion to approve the consent agenda which consisted of minutes from September 28, 2017, bills, financial reports, and approve computers for recycling. Jeremy seconded.

**Motion Carried.**

*Administrative Reports:* Larry informed the board that BCS was presented with a VTPBIS Merit Award for FY17. The ribbon will be hung at the school.

Larry went over survey results from the survey handed out at the open house and the recent phone survey. Overall results were very pleasant.

There was a washer and dryer donated to the school. Larry is looking into getting someone in to install.

Larry discussed the new outlook for the school "Brownington Bridge to the Future" which is centered around social/emotional learning and student engagement.

There was a lighting strike back in August at the school. Damage was done to the fire alarm system, HVAC system, and phone lines. All are repaired/in the process of being repaired. Insurance will cover all less the deductible.

Enrollment has gone down throughout the month. Discipline numbers were discussed.

Larry updated the board on his AEP goals for the year which include an administrative handbook to be created by district administrators, and implementation of the "Bridge to the Future" initiative.

*Business of the Board:* Policy G14: Class Size was reviewed by the board. No action taken.

Debbie discussed the potential Superintendent Search process and the board unanimously decided that it was a waste of money when we have an interim Superintendent that is doing a remarkable job. Debbie will voice the board opinion at the next EC meeting.

Dave made a motion to hire Ann Creaser two days per week to assist Cheryl in the kitchen at a rate determined by the negotiated agreement. Seconded by Jeremy. **Motion carried.**

Jeremy made a motion to pay a long term substitute (under emergency licensure) \$112.00 per day for the days he/she will be filling in for the teacher who will be out. Any training days prior will be at the current substitute rate. Seconded by Dave. **Motion carried.**

The OCSU budget was reviewed. No action taken.

The board needs clarification on the centralization of tech purchasing.

Medicaid funds were discussed. Currently BCS uses these funds for many things throughout the year including winter activities, home school coordinator, school based clinician, planners, t-shirts, etc. It would greatly effect BCS if those funds were kept at the SU level. Debbie will voice this concern again at the EC meeting as she had done when the idea was originally proposed.

FY19 Staffing was discussed. With the small class leaving Larry gave possible configurations for FY19. Ideally, this would entail adding a core teacher to the staff which would also require a classroom. BCS will also need to hire a 0.4 FTE Library Media Specialist for FY19 in order to comply with EQS. According to the SU budget, it appears OCSU would hire this position and BCS would be assessed.

There were two bids submitted for plowing services. Larry Burdick submitted a bid of \$60 per trip. Mike Cloutier submitted a bid for \$55 per trip for plowing and an additional \$65 for sanding. Jeremy made a motion to contract with Mike Cloutier for plowing only at a rate of \$55 per trip. Dave seconded. Debbie abstained. **Motion carried.**

*Committee Reports:* Most of the EC updates were discussed throughout the meeting as they pertained to topics already on the agenda.

Act 46: Still have not had a quorum so no meetings.

Negotiations: Debbie updated the board on the outcome of negotiations.

The next regularly scheduled Brownington Board of Director's Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 16, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at Lake Region Union High School. There will be a budget work session at LR on November 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. A regular BCS budget meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2017, if needed.

A **motion** was made by Debbie to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Jeremy. **Motion Carried.**

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

Debbie Brunelle