

BRIGHTON SCHOOL BOARD

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, February 9th, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Brighton Elementary School Library

Members:

Katie Mientka *
David Yasharian
Cass Lyons
Bradley Beth
Tim O'Bar

Administrators:

Annsunee Swift, Principal
John Castle, Superintendent

April Touchette, NCSU Financial

*Denotes absentees

Call the Meeting to Order

Beth called meeting to order at 5:35

Approve the Minutes of January 12, 2022

O'bar made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Yasharian

Public Comments, Communication with Parents/Staff/Citizens

N/A

Financial Report

Debbie noted that Brighton's Financial Report was in good standing despite issuing substantial substitute pay as well as the expense of boiler maintenance.

A. Approve Financial Report for September 2021 (*Attachment B*)

O'bar made a motion to approve the Financial Report which was seconded by Yasharian

B. Approve the Warrant
Information/Discussion:

The board made a motion to have Kate Mientka sign the warrants on their behalf. O'bar brought a motion seconded by Yasharian.

A. ESSER Funds Considerations

During this portion of the financial report, Mrs. Swift identified ESSER fund considerations from staff members. Sheila Tremblay suggested buying more books for students. Jonah Petre suggested using ESSER funds to buy gym equipment such as a treadmill and weights. A healthy heart and healthy mind can help increase learning.

B. Budget Comparisons (*Attachment C*)

Act 173 has increased per-pupil cost. Mr. Castle noted a potential \$141,000 loss that would need to come out of the school's overall finances. Spending has increased due to the need to spend ESSER funds so that those funds do not disappear.

Principals' Report (*Attachment D*)

Principal Swift discussed the ending of test to stay and enjoyed the relatively quiet week. Principal Swift noted the welcome appearance of Mr. Castle at a recent staff meeting to hear staff concerns. Principal Swift also discussed the removal of the rock wall in the gym as it poses a safety hazard to students. Principal Swift is continuing her resolve to fix the bathroom for middle school students to make them safer and more functional for students. In closing, Winter

Programming is going very well despite a rocky start. Principal Swift was excited to be able to skate with students as well as visit with those who went to Burke Mountain.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Castle opened by noting the growing staff shortages and the challenges that this brings to the work environment and the impact it may have on individuals. Mr. Castle noted the recent meeting with Brighton staff and enjoyed their honesty on the impact of Covid-19. Mr. Castle noted that there may or may not be a change in the masking policy issued by the state at the end of month. In closing, Mr. Castle noted that the change in the weather has also helped boost staff moral.

Unfinished/New Business

N/A

Agenda Items/Date for Next Board Meeting: March 9, 2022

- Board Meeting Considerations

The board chose to meet in person

O'bar made a motion to approve the next meeting of March 9th which was seconded by Yasharian

- Board Reorganization

Executive Session (If Needed)

Adjourn

Beth made a motion to adjourn at 6:18

Respectfully submitted by Jonah Petre