

**BRUSSELS COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #42
 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
 MARCH 18, 2025 7:00PM
 Elementary Building
 School Cafeteria
 Brussels, Illinois 62013**

I. ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Mrs. Brodbeck at 7:01 PM.

A. Board Members Present

Mrs. Brodbeck, President	<u>Y</u>	Ms. Rose	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Gilbreth, Vice President	<u>Y</u>	Mr. D. Schleeper	<u>Y</u>
Mrs. Affholder, Secretary	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Kinder	<u>A</u>
Mr. K. Schleeper	<u>A</u>		

B. Administration Present

Dr. Bitner, Superintendent	<u>Y</u>
Mrs. Long, High School Principal	<u>Y</u>

C. Others Present

Nancy Kulp, Treasurer	<u>Y</u>
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II. TREASURER'S REPORT (Nancy Kulp).

A. Loans/Transfers:

NO LOANS/TRANSFERS AT THIS TIME

Move to approve the Transfers as recommended by the Treasurer.

Motion <u>NA</u>	Second <u>NA</u>	Vote <u>NA</u>
Mrs. Brodbeck, President	_____	Ms. Rose
Mr. Gilbreth, Vice President	_____	Mr. D. Schleeper
Mrs. Affholder, Secretary	_____	Mr. Kinder
Mr. K. Schleeper	_____	

B. Fund Balance Report.

Move to approve Fund Balance Report as presented by the Treasurer.

Motion <u>MG</u>	Second <u>AA</u>	Vote <u>5-0</u>
Mrs. Brodbeck, President	<u>Y</u>	Ms. Rose
Mr. Gilbreth, Vice President	<u>Y</u>	Mr. D. Schleeper
Mrs. Affholder, Secretary	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Kinder
Mr. K. Schleeper	<u>A</u>	

C. Approval of Current Orders for payment \$ 41,491.73

Move to approve Current Orders for payment of \$ 41,491.73

Motion <u>DS</u>	Second <u>MG</u>	Vote <u>5-0</u>
Mrs. Brodbeck, President	<u>Y</u>	Ms. Rose
Mr. Gilbreth, Vice President	<u>Y</u>	Mr. D. Schleeper
Mrs. Affholder, Secretary	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Kinder
Mr. K. Schleeper	<u>A</u>	

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

As Presented _____

As Amended Y

The following items were added:

VII.I Bathroom Renovations

The following items were removed:

Move to approve Agenda as presented (or, amended).

Motion JR Second AA

Vote 5-0

IV. SPECIAL RECOGNITION.

1. Student of the Month: Leila Schulte
2. Junior Raider: PJ Brodbeck
3. Elementary Students of the Month – John Williams 5/6, Peyton Presley 3/4, Kingston Hutson 1/2, Lillie Myers K
4. DAR Award – Olivia Brodbeck (Chapter and District Winner)
5. IPA Student Recognition – Margaret Tepen & Victor Baalman BGS, Maddie Nolte and Ryan Hagan, BHS
6. Caydence Sievers Signing Day
7. IHSA All-State Volleyball Honorable Mention Team: Abby Johnes
8. Scholastic Bowl Season

V. VISITORS TO ADDRESS BOARD OF EDUCATION.

VI. ACTION ITEMS BY CONSENT.

A. Approval of Board of Education Minutes.

1. Board of Education Monthly Meeting of February 18, 2025

B. Personnel Decisions.

C. Request for Approval

D. Attendance Data for February

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Brussels Grade School	88.5%	96.2%
Brussels High School (7-12)	91.8%	92.2%
District Attendance	90.2%	94.2%

VII. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. FOIA (Dr. Bitner)

Four FOIA requests were received from ACB, LLC

B. Calhoun-Green County CEO Program (Dr. Bitner/Mrs. Long)

Funded by the Rural Electric Cooperative, shows students how to start businesses from the ground up. 6 credit hours if the class is taken, there is zero cost.

C. Fire Alarm System (Dr. Bitner)

The new system has been installed and is up and running.

D. Cake Decorating Family Night/High School Event (Dr. Bitner)

Dr. Bitner's daughter is hosting one event for the community and one at the high school. The stronger connections grant will help to fund these events.

E. Illinois Assessment of Readiness/ACT (Dr. Bitner/Mrs. Long)

Starts next week, all students 3-8 will be participating in IAR testing. ACT starts the following week.

F. 5 Essential Survey open until 3/28 (Dr. Bitner)

Required by the state to offer this survey to students, family and staff to see how the district is doing.

G. Calhoun Sports Co-op Agreement Renewal (Dr. Bitner)

Met earlier in the month to discuss possible changes to the football contract based on the number of Brussels Students that are participating.

H. MISSVIC Increase (Dr. Bitner)

22-28% increase across the board, not just for MISSVIC

I. Bathroom Renovations

Done through a 50,000 maintenance grant (ADA). The use of an architect is required. He projected the total cost to be 290,000 maximum. Whatever the final cost ends up being, the district would owe 10%

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

A. Accelerated Placement Plan - Public Act 101-0654 requires all Districts to adopt an accelerated placement plan to allow for the automatic enrollment of high school students in the most rigorous course if they meet or exceed on the state assessment in ELA, Math or Science. It also allows for early entrance kindergarten and first grade, single subject and whole grade acceleration.

Motion to accept the Accelerated Placement Plan as presented.

Motion ___ MG ___ Second ___ DS ___ Vote 5-0 ___

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Brodbeck, President Y Ms. Rose Y
Mr. Gilbreth, Vice President Y Mr. D. Schleeper Y
Mrs. Affholder, Secretary Y Mr. Kinder A
Mr. K. Schleeper A

B. Lawn Service

Motion to renew the lawn service contract from Nolte Lawncare in the amount of \$295 per mowing.

Motion JR Second MG Vote 5-0

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Brodbeck, President Y Ms. Rose Y
Mr. Gilbreth, Vice President Y Mr. D. Schleeper Y
Mrs. Affholder, Secretary Y Mr. Kinder A
Mr. K. Schleeper A

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. After Prom – Request from parent committee to rent bus services for after prom.

Motion to approve the rental agreement of busing services with the After Prom Committee.

Motion MG Second DS Vote 5-0

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Brodbeck, President Y Ms. Rose Y
Mr. Gilbreth, Vice President Y Mr. D. Schleeper Y
Mrs. Affholder, Secretary Y Mr. Kinder A
Mr. K. Schleeper A

B. 25-26 Calendar –

Motion to accept the 25-26 school calendar as presented.

Motion DS Second MG Vote 5-0

Mrs. Brodbeck, President Y Ms. Rose Y
Mr. Gilbreth, Vice President Y Mr. D. Schleeper Y
Mrs. Affholder, Secretary Y Mr. Kinder A
Mr. K. Schleeper A

C. Summer Tutoring: Motion to approve the summer tutoring schedule from June 23-July 25, 2025 and to post for two teachers and a social worker (Part-time).

Motion AA Second JR Vote 4-1

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Brodbeck, President Y Ms. Rose Y
Mr. Gilbreth, Vice President N Mr. D. Schleeper Y
Mrs. Affholder, Secretary Y Mr. Kinder A

Mr. K. Schleeper A

D. IHSA Membership: Annual membership application is pending approval for the 25-26 school year.

Motion to approve the annual membership in IHSA.

Motion MG Second DS Vote 5-0

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Brodbeck, President	<u> Y </u>	Ms. Rose	<u> Y </u>
Mr. Gilbreth, Vice President	<u> Y </u>	Mr. D. Schleeper	<u> Y </u>
Mrs. Affholder, Secretary	<u> Y </u>	Mr. Kinder	<u> A </u>
Mr. K. Schleeper	<u> A </u>		

E. Honor Courses –Weighted Grade Policy 6:280 – First Reading

As part of the Accelerated Placement Plan, we are proposing to offer an honors level course in ELA, Math and Science to meet the “next most rigorous” standard in the law. It is recommended that those classes be weighted at 1.25% of a regular ELA, Math and Science coursework.

F. Brussels Middle School – Request approval to move from a traditional jr. high school model to a middle school model by moving 6th grade to the high school building for the 25-26 school.

Motion to approve the move to Brussels Middle School for the 25-26 school year.

Motion MG Second DS Vote 5-0

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Brodbeck, President	<u> Y </u>	Ms. Rose	<u> Y </u>
Mr. Gilbreth, Vice President	<u> Y </u>	Mr. D. Schleeper	<u> Y </u>
Mrs. Affholder, Secretary	<u> Y </u>	Mr. Kinder	<u> A </u>
Mr. K. Schleeper	<u> A </u>		

X. ADJOURNMENT FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Move into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel; legal issues; hiring, firing, promotion of employees and student discipline/records.

Pending and Imminent Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (11)

The Appointment, Employment, or Dismissal of Employees – 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1)

Student Discipline and Other Matters Concerning Individual Students – 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (9, 10)

Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning

salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (2).

Motion AA Second MG Vote 5-0 Time 8:34
Mrs. Brodbeck, President Y Ms. Rose Y
Mr. Gilbreth, Vice President Y Mr. D. Schleeper Y
Mrs. Affholder, Secretary Y Mr. Kinder A
Mr. K. Schleeper A

XI. RECONVENE/ RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. ACTION ITEMS RELATED TO ISSUES DISCUSSED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Time 9:36

Motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the non renewal of substitute teachers Patricia Long, Grace Stephens, Melissa Smay and Austin Stepanek.

Motion AA Second JR Vote 5-0
Mrs. Brodbeck, President Y Ms. Rose Y
Mr. Gilbreth, Vice President Y Mr. D. Schleeper Y
Mrs. Affholder, Secretary Y Mr. Kinder A
Mr. K. Schleeper A


Motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the non certified support personnel reduction in force of Austin Stepanek.

Motion JR Second MG Vote 5-0
Mrs. Brodbeck, President Y Ms. Rose Y
Mr. Gilbreth, Vice President Y Mr. D. Schleeper Y
Mrs. Affholder, Secretary Y Mr. Kinder A
Mr. K. Schleeper A

XII. ADJOURN MEETING.

Move to adjourn.

Motion AA Second JR Vote 5-0 Time 9:37



President



Secretary