

**BROWNSBURG TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JOINT SPECIAL MEETING WITH BOARD OF SCHOOL  
TRUSTEES FOR THE BROWNSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
CORPORATION**

**Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 7:00 p.m.**

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01. **CALL TO ORDER** - Town Council President Travis Tschaenn called the Joint Special meeting of the Brownsburg Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 in Eaton Hall, 61 N. Green Street.

School Board President Eric Hylton called the meeting to order for the Brownsburg Community School Corporation.

02. **ROLL CALL:**

**02.01 Brownsburg Community School Corporation** - Members present were Eric Hylton, Dr. Matthew Freije, Jessica Heffernan, Phil Utterback and Tiffany Dearman. Administrators present were Dr. Jim Snapp, BCSC Superintendent.

**02.02. Brownsburg Town Council** – Members of the council present were Travis Tschaenn, Dennis Dawes, Brian Jessen, Matt Simpson and Jeff Gracey. Also present were Ann Hathaway, Clerk-Treasurer; Jeff Eder, Town Manager; and Tricia Leminger, Town Attorney. Introductions were made of each member and staff present.

03. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

04. **UPDATES** – Town Manager Jeff Eder provided updates on road projects.

- A light and intersection improvements will go in at CR 400 N and Ronald Reagan Parkway.
- In 2022, CR 700 N will be rebuilt between Green St. and CR 900 E.
- In 2023, South Green St. will be widened from Main St. to Hyde Park.

Mr. Eder also stated that he appreciates the partnership with the School Corporation. He congratulated them on their success and noted that the schools are the #1 selling point for Brownsburg.

Dr. Snapp provided a summary of the enrollment growth of BCSC. He added that out of 289 school districts BCSC ranked in the top 5 in growth. He added that this was the 8<sup>th</sup> year in a row that the school tax rate has declined due to the growth in assessed value (AV). Current and future projects for BCSC are:

- The new transportation facility is scheduled to open in November of 2020.
- Crossroads Elementary School will become Brownsburg's 8<sup>th</sup> elementary school.
- Expansion of West Middle School.

05. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

- How many elementary schools can the High School sustain? Dr. Snapp responded that an 11,750 – 14,000 square foot build out is planned for early to mid-2030. He added that in 2008 it was decided that there would only be one high school.

- What concerns BCSC? Dr. Snapp responded that the lower the rent and higher number of bedrooms yield more children but does not yield a tax rate that supports the children. He would like to see measured steady growth instead of explosive growth.
- Dennis Dawes commented about industry and its effects on the tax rate. He also discussed that industry is bringing in lower paying jobs, and there is not adequate housing to accommodate these lower paying jobs.
- Eric Hylton noted that communication regarding growth is a top priority. Brian Jessen added that it helps to receive communication from the County regarding growth outside the corporate limits. Jon Vogt, COO of BCSC and Todd Barker, Director of Development Services meet quarterly.
- Dr. Snapp asked the question "What excites you the most?"
  - Travis Tschaenn – Maintain momentum, balance between needs and wants, 2%-3% tax growth, parks and amenities.
  - Dennis Dawes – Things that improve quality of life; schools, parks and ancillary organizations such as Little League Baseball and Little League Softball.
  - Brian Jessen – Concentration on infrastructure maintenance and improvements.
- Jeff Eder gave an update on the occupancy of downtown commercial development. He noted that Envoy has a new leasing strategy.
- Matt Freije commended the Parks on their projects and new developments. It was noted that Dog Park is scheduled to open on 5/16.
- Dr. Snapp added that the BASE program has been a fantastic partnership between the schools and parks department.

06. **Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn was made by Travis Tschaenn at 8:00 p.m.

Brownsburg Town Council

By:   
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 Travis Tschaenn, President

ATTEST:

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 Ann Hathaway, Clerk-Treasurer