

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
JANUARY 19, 2021

The Board of Education of District No. 119, St. Clair County, Illinois, met in the library, Belle Valley School District, 2465 Amann Drive, Belleville, Illinois, in said District at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

President Kunz called the meeting to order. The roll was called and the following members were present: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, and Dr. Winfield. Those absent: Mrs. Collins, Mr. Radliff, and Mr. Warner.

The Board of Education and others in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Kunz recommended adopting the board agenda. Mrs. Miller moved to adopt the board agenda. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

President Kunz recognized the remote visitors and asked if there were any public comments. Becky Stevens and Alicia Augustine, Belle Valley Education Association Co-Presidents, expressed the teachers are very appreciative of the kind and thoughtful acts done by administration.

The Board of Education acknowledged OPAA's monthly food service report. The Superintendent received a thank-you letter for the support of the United Way of Greater St. Louis 2020 campaign.

Principal Callahan reported 62 additional elementary school students (26 first graders, 12 third graders, and 24 fourth graders) were brought back for in-person learning beginning January 11, 2021. Approximately 65% of elementary school students are now in-person learning. There is room for an additional 50 students for in-person learning.

Assistant Principal Musso reported 68 additional middle school students (10 fifth graders, 16 sixth graders, 20 seventh graders, and 22 eighth graders) were brought back for in-person learning beginning January 11, 2021. Approximately 53% of middle school students are now in-person learning. There is no room for additional students for in-person learning, unless the District changes the learning plan.

Supt. Gale reported the District has received the payment from Ameren for the gas pipeline easement. He informed there will only be one (1), instead of two (2), Bombers Blast newsletter done by Kara Freimuth and Mallori Roberts for this school year. He informed the

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District came through the Regional Office of Education compliance visit with flying colors. He informed the solar array construction is complete and energizing the array will be done next week. He reported the District has received a \$26,000 Summer School Grant. The Administration team, Special Education Coordinator, and Curriculum Coordinator are in the process of investigating this grant. He reported Dr. Cindy Doil confirmed the District will be a recipient of a \$19,000 Scott Air Force Quad School Grant for the District's STEM summer program. He gave an update on COVID vaccination for faculty and staff. He presented a request from Dave Grohmann, Head Custodian, for the installation of ice protection on the maintenance garage for \$2,639.36.

Margot Holt, Business Manager, presented the FY2020 Audit Report. There were no changes from the draft presented at the September 15, 2020 board meeting.

President Kunz asked whether board members had any questions for the consent agenda items, which included: (a) minutes of the regular and executive meeting of the Board of Education on December 15, 2020; (b) freedom of information request; (c) enrollment report; (d) lunch report; (e) ESP report; (f) Treasurer report; (g) financial report; (h) tax report, and (i) payment of bills. The bills were presented for approval and payment in the following amounts, (see itemized lists attached): Education Fund-\$290,808.14; O & M Fund-\$29,147.85; Debt Service Fund-\$585.12; Transportation Fund-\$68,851.63; Tort Fund-\$9,254.00; Fire & Safety Fund \$195.00. Dr. Winfield moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Winn. Nays none, motion carried.

President Kunz recommended approving the IASB recommended board policies and updates read during the December 15, 2020 board meeting. Mrs. Miller moved to approve the IASB recommended board policies and updates as presented. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Winn, and Mrs. Miller. Nays none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Dr. Winfield moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 7:30 P.M. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1)(2)(8) for the discussion of personnel employment, collective bargaining, and school building safety and

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security. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, and Dr. Winfield. Nays none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mrs. Miller moved that the Board of Education exit executive session at 7:44 P.M. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Dr. Winfield moved to hire Amanda Conklin as an elementary school paraprofessional for the remainder of FY2021 at CBA rate of \$18.35 per hour. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Winn. Nays none, motion carried.

Mrs. Winn moved to approve the use of three (3) dock days for Maria Kelso. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Winn, and Mrs. Miller. Nays none, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, Mrs. Miller moved that the meeting adjourn at 8:48 P.M. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, and Dr. Winfield. Nays none, motion carried.

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Karen L. Kunz, President  
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Margaret M. Holt, Secretary  
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