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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FEBRUARY 21, 2023

The Board of Education of District No. 119, St. Clair County, Illinois, met in the conference room, Belle Valley School District, 2465 Amann Drive, Belleville, Illinois, in said District at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

President Kunz called the meeting to order. The roll was called and the following members were present: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Stover, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Owens, Mr. Whipple, and Ms. Keiser. Those absent: Dr. Winfield.

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

President Kunz recommended adopting the board agenda. Ms. Keiser moved to adopt the board agenda. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Stover, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Owens, Mr. Whipple, and Ms. Keiser. Nays none, motion carried.

President Kunz recognized the visitors present for the meeting. Lindsey Gallaher, elementary school music teacher, introduced herself and reported on the conference she attended. There were no public comments.

The Board of Education acknowledged OPAA's monthly food service report and the thank-you note from Julie Schrand for the memorial flowers.

Principal Ms. Kramper discussed the following: Black History month daily activities and assembly; KINDNESS Bingo for students and teachers; two winners for "Bus of the Month Challenge" for elementary students; Parent/Teacher conferences held on February 16th; Academic retention meetings; finished up the second round of formal teacher evaluations and started summatives; and planning for a Dr. Seuss Reading Night on March 1st. Assistant Principal Mr. Musso discussed the following: results of a middle school teacher survey; and twin scavenger hunt activity done during teacher institute on February 17th.

Supt. Gale provided handouts for the following: letter from State Superintendent of Education informing the District that it did not receive a 2023 Property Tax Relief Grant; response rates for the 2023 Illinois 5Essentials student, teacher, and parent surveys; Belle Valley certified staff and seniority list; and 2023-2024 proposed public school calendars for Belleville Township HSD 201 and Belle Valley SD 119. Supt. Gale informed the Board of the following: Illinois Assessment for Readiness (IAR) testing will be conducted March 6th to April 28th; the \$28,000 summer school grant has been completed; the Scott AFB Quad Schools STEM programs (CyberPatriot and StellarXplorer) will again be offered this summer; the District has renewed its certificate of deposit at Germantown Trust & Savings Bank at a 4.06 annual

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percentage yield and will renew its certificate of deposit at Scott Credit Union at a 4.11 annual percentage yield; and the Belle Valley band and chorus trivia night is scheduled for March 4th.

President Kunz asked whether board members had any questions for the consent agenda items, which included: (a) minutes of the regular and executive meetings of the Board of Education on January 17, 2023 (b) freedom of information requests – Illinois Retired Teachers Association and Local Labs, (c) enrollment report, (d) lunch report, (e) ESP report, (f) Treasurer report, (g) tax report (none), (h) financial report; and (i) payment of bills, and any upcoming bills that would incur a late fee. The bills were presented for approval and payment in the following amounts, (see itemized lists attached): Education Fund - \$102,317.07; O & M Fund - \$38,736.46; Debt Service Fund - \$1,401,358.47; Transportation Fund - \$46,519.72; Tort Fund - \$4,913.00; Fire & Safety Fund - \$0. Ms. Keiser moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. Owens seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Stover, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Owens, Mr. Whipple, Ms. Keiser, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

President Kunz recommended that the executive session minutes for the past 6 months remain closed. Mrs. Miller moved to keep executive session minutes for the past 6 months closed. Mrs. Stover seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Owens, Mr. Whipple, Ms. Keiser, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Stover. Nays none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mr. Whipple moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 7:25 P.M. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1) (11) for the discussion of personnel, employment, and litigation. Mrs. Owens seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Owens, Mr. Whipple, Ms. Keiser, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Stover, and Mrs. Miller. Nays none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Ms. Keiser moved that the Board of Education exit executive session at 7:33 P.M. Mrs. Owens seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Whipple, Ms. Keiser, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Stover, Mrs. Miller, and Mrs. Owens. Nays none, motion carried.

Ms. Keiser moved to hire Elie Burrow as a full-time custodian at the CBA rate of \$32,460 per year. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Ms. Keiser, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Stover, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Owens, and Mr. Whipple. Nays none, motion carried.

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There being no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, Ms. Keiser moved that the meeting adjourn at 7:34 P.M. Mrs. Stover seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

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