# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS MARCH 15, 2022

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, March 15, 2022.

President Kunz called the meeting to order. The roll was called and the following members were present: Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Owens, Mr. Whipple, and Ms. Keiser. Those absent: none.

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. Ms. Keiser seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Owens, Mr. Whipple, and Ms. Keiser. Nays none, motion carried.

President Kunz recognized the visitors present for the meeting. Public comments were as follows: (1) teacher union member Erin Jbour thanked the Board for the sick leave bank policy added to the new contract and that it is being utilized, and (2) Carl McCoy discussed his son's suspension from school.

The Board of Education acknowledged OPAA's monthly food service report and reviewed the BVEA sick leave donation program from the union contract.

Principal Callahan reported the following: the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who participated in the ICTM (Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics) math contest did very well; over \$6,000 was raised for the American Heart Association during the Kids Heart Challenge; winter sports have ended and track season is starting; birth to pre-k had a music night on March 11<sup>th</sup> which was well attended; preparation continues for the upcoming IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness) testing; and the school carnival will be on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Supt. Gale updated the Board on the Ameren gas pipeline boring. He informed the Board of his discussion with the City of Belleville Engineer regarding the stop light at Green Mount Road and Amann Drive. He informed the Board of the following: the "Bomber's Blast" should be out soon; the Promotion Ceremony will be on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.; the Illinois legislators are still working on removal of low bid requirements for food services; and the Knights received CPR/AED training. Supt. Gale presented and the Board discussed the proposal from Intech Innovations for a projection screen on the Auditorium stage.

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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 February 15, 2022, (b) freedom of information requests – Belleville News Democrat; (c) enrollment report, (d) lunch report; (e) ESP report; (f) Treasurer report; (g) financial report, and (h) payment of bills. The bills were presented for approval and payment in the following amounts, (see itemized lists attached): Education Fund - \$93,857.56; O & M Fund - \$149,443.89; Debt Service Fund - \$2,113.21; Transportation Fund - \$60,501.44; Tort Fund - \$11,108.75; Fire & Safety Fund - \$0. Ms. Keiser moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Owens, Mr. Whipple, Ms. Keiser, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Dr. Winfield moved to approve the FY 2023 school calendar as presented. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mrs. Winn moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 7:40 P.M. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1) & (2) for the discussion of personnel employment, performance, evaluations and collective bargaining. Ms. Keiser seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Owens, Mr. Whipple, Ms. Keiser, Mrs. Kunz, 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 10:22 P.M. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Owens, Mr. Whipple, Ms. Keiser, Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Winn. Nays none, motion carried.

Dr. Winfield moved to approve resolution #0315022a dismissing non-certified personnel at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Keiser seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Owens, Mr. Whipple, Ms. Keiser, Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, and Mrs. Miller. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Whipple moved to approve resolution #0315022 dismissing certified personnel at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Keiser seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Whipple, Ms. Keiser, Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, and Mrs. Owens. Nays none, motion carried.

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Dr. Winfield moved to hire Courtney Sweet as a full-time teacher for FY2023 at the collective bargaining agreement BS Step 1 rate of \$40,400 per year. Mrs. Owens seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Ms. Keiser, Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Owens, and Mr. Whipple. Nays none, motion carried.

Ms. Keiser moved to hire Emily Meneese as a full-time teacher for FY2023 at the collective bargaining agreement BS Step 1 rate of \$40,400 per year. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Owens, Mr. Whipple, and Ms. Keiser. Nays none, motion carried.

Dr. Winfield moved to hire Leah Schumack as a full-time teacher for FY2023 at the collective bargaining agreement MS Step 9 rate of \$48,282 per year. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Owens, Mr. Whipple, Ms. Keiser, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Dr. Winfield moved to hire Kristen Harkiek as a full-time teacher for FY2023 at the collective bargaining agreement BS Step 1 rate of \$40,400 per year. Mrs. Owens seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Owens, Mr. Whipple, Ms. Keiser, Mrs. Kunz, and Dr. Winfield. Nays none, motion carried.

Mrs. Miller moved to approve the technology facilitator's contract for FY2022-2026 as presented. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting age on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Owens, Mr. Whipple, Ms. Keiser, Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Winn. Nays none, motion carried.

Ms. Keiser moved to approve the superintendent's contract extension for one year through FY2024 as presented. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Owens, Mr. Whipple, Ms. Keiser, Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, and Mrs. Miller. Nays none, motion carried.

Mrs. Miller moved to approve hiring Staci Kramper as the Belle Valley elementary school principal through FY2025 as presented. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Whipple, Ms. Keiser, Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, and Mrs. Owens. Nays none, motion carried.

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There being no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, Dr. Winfield moved that the meeting adjourn at 10:31 P.M. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Karen L. Kunz, President Board of Education Belle Valley School District No. 119 St. Clair County, Illinois Margaret M. Holt, Secretary Board of Education Belle Valley School District No. 119 St. Clair County, Illinois