

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MARCH 16, 2021

The Board of Education of District No. 119, St. Clair County, Illinois, met in the cafeteria, Belle Valley School District, 2465 Amann Drive, Belleville, Illinois, in said District at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

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

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

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

President Kunz recognized the visitors and asked if there were any public comments. There were no public comments.

The Board of Education acknowledged OPAA's monthly food service report. The Board of Education received a thank-you note from Kimberly Behringer for the memorial gift for the loss of her mother-in-law. Supt. Gale received a thank-you note from Maria Albers for the invitation for the Covid vaccine clinic. Dr. Leib, Middle School Principal, and Krystina Kelley, Curriculum Coordinator, presented a proposal for a Profession Development Academy.

Principal Callahan reported on the upcoming PreK screening dates and procedures. The District currently receives grant funding for one all-day PreK program and two half-day (one in the A.M and one in the P.M.) programs.

Principal Leib reported on the upcoming IAR (Illinois Assessment for Readiness) testing which encompasses both in-person and remote students. She reported professional learning communities (PLC) meetings are being finalized. She and Assistant Principal Musso have been communicating with parents of students who are not currently passing due to poor academic performance and/or severe attendance issues. She discussed the Promotion Ceremony. The District will offer summer school and has received a \$26,000 grant to assist with this program.

Assistant Principal Musso reported Covid building procedures are working smoothly. He also reported on sports and extra-curricular activities.

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Supt. Gale provided an informational handout updating the 2021 Illinois 5Essentials Survey. He provided an information handout for the February 2021 issue of the Bombers' Blast. He provided an information handout for the 2018-2021 special education child counts from I-STAR. He informed the District will be making financial institution changes. He reported natural gas prices have increased, therefore he is investigating a fixed-rate contract instead of continuing the current month-to-month pricing. He informed there is discussion at the state level for the consolidation of districts.

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 February 16, 2021; (b) freedom of information requests - none; (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-\$84,421.35; O & M Fund-\$47,054.37; Debt Service Fund-\$1,670.91; Transportation Fund-\$45,322.73; Tort Fund-\$13,289.50; Fire & Safety Fund \$0. Mr. Radliff moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

President Kunz recommended approving the FY2022 school calendar and amend the FY2021 calendar. Mr. Radliff moved to approve the FY2022 school calendar as presented and to amend the FY2021 calendar to include changing the March 12 TI day to March 15. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Winn. Nays none, motion carried.

President Kunz recommended approving the Novel Energy purchase power agreement payment schedule through January 2022. Mrs. Miller moved to approve the Novel Energy purchase power agreement payment schedule as presented. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Winn, and Mrs. Miller. Nays none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mr. Radliff moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 7:58 P.M. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1)(2)(8)(17) & (34) for the discussion of personnel employment, performance, evaluations, legal counsel, collective

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bargaining, health care recruitment, school building safety and security, and TIF. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Radliff. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Radliff left the meeting at 9:05 P.M.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Dr. Winfield moved that the Board of Education exit executive session at 9:51 P.M. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Warner. Nays none, motion carried.

Dr. Winfield moved to hire Jennifer Flanagan as a full-time special education teacher for FY2022 at the collective bargaining agreement MS step 1 rate (current rate is \$39,748 per year). Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, and Dr. Winfield. Nays none, motion carried.

Dr. Winfield moved that the District pay the monthly health insurance and basic life insurance premiums equivalent to single coverage of Plan B for Jennifer Boatright beginning with March 2021 to the end of her employment period of May 2021. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

The Board set the Promotion Ceremony date as May 25, 2021.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, Mr. Warner moved that the meeting adjourn at 9:55 P.M. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Winn. Nays none, motion carried.

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