

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
MARCH 19, 2024

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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 7:20 P.M. on Tuesday, March 16, 2024.

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

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. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Stover, Mr. Cole, and Mr. Kraus. Nays none, motion carried.

President Kunz recognized the visitors present for the meeting. There were no public comments.

The Board of Education acknowledged OPAA's monthly food service report. Mrs. Kelley, Curriculum Coordinator, presented a new English Language Arts curriculum for grades 6-8.

Principal Ms. Kramper discussed the following: Black History assembly, Racial Harmony ceremony, PBIS fundraising events and rewards party, Dr. Suess day, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report cards sent out, teacher's institute on March 15, and data meetings.

Principal Dr. Grant discussed the following: 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter data meetings, ISA/IAR preparation, Neon Nights dance party, Black History month events, and PBIS rewards party.

Assistant Principal Mr. Musso discussed the following: Student/Parent Handbook changes for FY2025, middle school discipline comparison chart update; Bagels and Basketball - students and parents wellness activity.

Supt. Gale discussed the following building and grounds items: Paul Lunsford came to perform the 10-year health-life-safety survey and the ROE came to perform a compliance visit. Mr. Lunsford will provide a report in the future and the District passed the ROE visit. He discussed the upcoming CPR/AED training for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Knights. He informed the Board that the County did not want to place the 1% County Sales Tax on the ballot. He discussed and requested the Board's input regarding student mental health needs. The Board directed Supt. Gale to pursue arrangements with an outside contractor for such services.

President Kunz asked whether board members had any questions for the consent agenda items, which included: (a) minutes of the regular, executive, and special meetings of the Board

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of Education on February 20, 2024, (b) freedom of information requests (1) Belleville attorney Garrett Hoerner, (c) enrollment report, (d) lunch report, (e) ESP report, (f) Treasurer report, (g) financial report, and (h) 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 - \$310,399.81; O & M Fund - \$36,659.84; Debt Service Fund - \$758.62; Transportation Fund - \$61,766.62; IMRF/Social Security Fund - \$0; Working Cash Fund - \$0; Tort Fund - \$16,221.35; Fire & Safety Fund - \$0. Mr. Whipple moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Stover, Mr. Cole, Mr. Kraus, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

President Kunz recommended approving the FY2025 school calendar. Mrs. Miller moved to approve the FY2025 school calendar as presented. Mrs. Stover seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

The Board tabled the 10-year health-life safety survey.

President Kunz recommended approving the FY2025 Student/Parent Handbook. Mrs. Miller moved to approve the FY2025 Student/Parent Handbook as presented. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

President Kunz recommended approving the new English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum in grades 6-8. Mrs. Stover moved to approve the new ELA curriculum in grades 6-8 as presented. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Stover, Mr. Cole, Mr. Kraus, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Miller. Nays none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mrs. Stover moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 8:06 P.M. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1) for the discussion of personnel employment, performance and evaluations. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Stover, Mr. Cole, Mr. Kraus, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Whipple. Nays none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mr. Cole moved that the Board of Education exit executive session at 9:16 P.M. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Cole, Mr. Kraus, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, and Mrs. Stover. Nays none, motion carried.

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Mrs. Stover moved to approve Resolution #03192024 to hire necessary staff. Mr. Kraus seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Kraus, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Stover, and Mr. Cole. Nays none, motion carried.

The Board tabled the hiring a new Superintendent.

The Board tabled the hiring a new middle school Principal.

The Board tabled the resolution for the release of selected personnel.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, Mr. Cole moved that the meeting adjourn at 9:20 P.M. Mrs. Stover seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

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Karen L. Kunz, President  
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