

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MAY 18, 2021

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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 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

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, and Mr. Whipple. Those absent: Mr. Radliff.

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. Whipple seconded the motion. All members in favor, 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, Congressman Mike Bost's letter, and notification of Joe Knepper's passing, a former long-time custodian. Doug Sawyer, Technology Facilitator, presented a report on building cameras. He also discussed the Student On-Line Protection Act (SOPA). Margot Holt, Business Manager, discussed the proposed budget amendments for the fiscal year 2021.

Assistant Principal Musso discussed the upcoming remote materials return scheduled for May 20th, 24th, 25th, and 26th. He also discussed proposed handbook changes and/or revisions.

Principal Callahan gave an "above and beyond" shout out for Chris Lentsch's, Custodian, kind act for a student. She reported students enjoyed the field day activities despite the cooler weather. She reported letters were sent to parents/guardians of students who need to attend summer school in order to advance to the next grade level. She discussed the need for TCP classrooms for students. She requested adding two (2) XHF days to the school calendar for unfinished learning teacher development, instead of meeting every Wednesday.

Principal Leib discussed the summer school program which will be for four (4) weeks and four (4) days per week. She discussed the unfinished learning plan and student retention. She discussed the Promotion Ceremony which will be held the morning of May 25th with a

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practice session at 9:00 A.M. and the ceremony starting at 10:00 A.M. She requested Board Members arrive at 9:30 A.M.

Supt. Gale provided the proposed changes to the 2021-2022 school calendar. He discussed initial funding estimates for the ESSER II funding provided by the Federal government. He provided the notification from Egyptian Trust stating there would be no increase in health plan premiums for 2021/2022. He discussed the proposal of joining a new health insurance co-op from Captive in partnership with Keystone. He reported the District would not be able to retain Blue Cross Blue Shield with this proposal. He provided the April 6, 2021 election results from the St. Clair County Clerk.

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 April 20, 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-\$98,527.53; O & M Fund-\$22,695.79; Debt Service Fund-\$1,058.60; Transportation Fund-\$55,930.90; Tort Fund-\$6,941.00; Fire & Safety Fund \$0. Dr. Winfield moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

President Kunz recommended tabling the approval of the student/parent handbook for FY2022.

President Kunz recommended approving the changes to the revised FY2022 calendar. Mrs. Miller moved to approve the changes to the FY2022 calendar as presented. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Dr. Winfield moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 9:00 P.M. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1) & (2) for the discussion of personnel employment, employees and negotiations. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Whipple. Nays none, motion carried.

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Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Dr. Winfield moved that the Board of Education exit executive session at 9:25 P.M. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Dr. Winfield moved to hire Jennifer Pryer as a special education teacher for FY2022 at the current CBA MS step 9 rate of \$46,008 per year. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Mrs. Winn moved to hire Lindsey Rakers as a 2nd grade general education teacher for FY2022 at the current CBA BS step 1 rate of \$38,432 per year. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Kunz, and Dr. Winfield. Nays none, motion carried.

Mrs. Winn moved to hire Taylor Gerstenecker as a general education teacher for FY2022 at the current CBA BS step 1 rate of \$38,432 per year. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Winn. Nays none, motion carried.

Dr. Winfield moved to hire Peter Romero as a 4th grade general education teacher for FY2022 at the current CBA BS step 1 rate of \$38,432 per year. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, and Mrs. Miller. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Whipple moved to hire Camryn Heuerman as a 4th grade general education teacher for FY2022 at the current CBA BS step 1 rate of \$38,432 per year. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Whipple. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Whipple moved to hire Jennifer Leach as a kindergarten teacher for FY2022 at the current CBA BS step 6 rate of \$42,564 per year. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Dr. Winfield moved to hire Jordyn Rubin as a TCP 1st grade general education teacher for FY2022 at the current CBA BS step 2 rate of \$39,093 per year. Mr. Whipple seconded the

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

Mrs. Winn moved to hire Tirzah Dawson as a general education teacher for FY2022 at the current CBA BS step 1 rate of \$38,432 per year. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Winn. Nays none, motion carried.

Mrs. Miller moved to appoint Rebecca L. Keiser to fill out the remainder of a 2-year term on the board of education. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, and Mrs. Miller. Nays none, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, Dr. Winfield moved that the meeting adjourn at 9:33 P.M. Ms. Keiser seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Karen L. Kunz, President
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