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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS
JULY 18, 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, July 18, 2023.

President Kunz called the meeting to order. The roll was called and the following members were present: Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Stover, Mr. Whipple, Mr. Cole, and Mr. Kraus. Those absent: none.

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

President Kunz recommended adopting the board agenda. Mrs. Stover moved to adopt the board agenda. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

There were no visitors present for the meeting. There were no public comments.

Supt. Gale discussed the correspondence received from State Representative Jay Hoffman and State Senator Christopher Belt regarding the Property Tax Standard Homestead Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities.

Principal Ms. Kramper discussed the following: Belle Valley summer school completed on June 29; BASSC summer school completed on July 13; teacher and paraprofessional interviews; preparations for beginning of the school year entailing staffing, paraprofessional placement, back to school video, back to school letter to parents, and new teacher orientation; back to school celebration for teachers on July 27; and fundraisers.

Principal Dr. Grant discussed the following: personnel updates; summer programs and camps; back to school preparations for staff, students, community website and social media.

Supt. Gale informed the Board of the following: received forty-seven (47) HEPA air purifiers from IDPH; received a bid from Yarber for concrete repairs of \$34,789; and applied for Scott Air Force Base STEM grant for \$15,000. He discussed the fire system, telephone system, and intercom system operational issues with parts becoming obsolete.

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 June 20, 2023 (b) freedom of information requests – SmartProcure, Josiah Chatterson from Prairie State Wire, and Vince Espi from Prairie State Wire, (c) tax report, (d) lunch report, (e) ESP report - no 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 - \$309,158.52; O & M Fund - \$21,545.48; Debt Service Fund - \$1,477.22; Transportation Fund -

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\$80.00; IMRF/Social Security Fund - \$0; Working Cash Fund - \$0; Tort Fund - \$91,663.46; Fire & Safety Fund - \$0. Mr. Cole moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Stover, Mr. Cole, and Mr. Kraus. Nays none, motion carried.

President Kunz recommended approving the IASB recommended board policies and updates read during the June 20, 2023 board meeting. Mr. Whipple moved to approve the IASB recommended board policies and updates as presented. Mrs. Stover seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

President Kunz recommended approving the FY2024 athletic handbook. Dr. Winfield moved to approve the athletic handbook for FY2024 as presented. Mrs. Stover seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mrs. Miller moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 8:05 P.M. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1) for the discussion of personnel employment. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Stover, Mr. Cole, Mr. Kraus, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mr. Whipple moved that the Board of Education exit executive session at 8:17 P.M. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Mrs. Miller moved to approve resolution #07182023 to hire the necessary staff for the FY2023-2024 school year. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Stover, Mr. Cole, Mr. Kraus, Mrs. Kunz, and Dr. Winfield. 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 8:28 P.M. Mrs. Stover seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Karen L. Kunz, President
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