

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDGET AND  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

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President Kunz stated the purpose of this meeting was also to hold a public hearing for the 2021-2022 Belle Valley School District budget. President Kunz opened the hearing and called the hearing to order at 7:02 P.M. The roll was called and the following members were present: Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, and Ms. Keiser. Those absent: Mr. Radliff.

Mrs. Holt gave the budget presentation and discussed revenue and expenditures. Mrs. Holt discussed local, state and federal revenue percentages and salaries and benefits comprising 83.8% of the Educational Fund expenditures. Mrs. Holt discussed each fund's projected fund balance as of June 30, 2022. The District's budget has estimated conservative revenue with higher expenditures than expected. President Kunz inquired if anyone had any comments or questions on the budget. There were no comments or questions on the budget. President Kunz stated that the public hearing for the 2021-2022 Belle Valley School District budget was closed. Mr. Whipple moved to adjourn the public hearing. Ms. Keiser seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

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 7:24 P.M. on Tuesday, September 21, 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, Mr. Whipple, and Ms. Keiser. Those absent: Mr. Radliff.

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

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

President Kunz recognized the visitors present for the meeting. Eagle Scout Jacob Miller discussed and answered questions regarding his project of building two purple martin houses for the District's grounds.

The Board of Education acknowledged OPAA's monthly food service report. Supt. Gale shared the thank you letter from Illinois Association of School Boards for the District's continued membership.

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Principal Callahan reported the following items: progress reports have been sent out; still having difficulties with the timing of buses and breakfast; Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade teachers doing a great job training students proper classroom behavior; hurting for substitute teachers; teacher institute utilized to address unfinished learning; and approximately 25-30 people attended the virtual PTO meeting. Asst. Principal Musso reported the following items: behavior problems starting to rise; hurting for substitute teachers; military moves will leave two teaching positions open; and teacher institute utilized for OG training, curriculum training, and mandatory training through ELN.

Supt. Gale reported the concrete project has been completed by Ehret, Inc. He provided a handout comparing the average daily attendance for 2019 through 2021. He discussed homeless due process. He informed the District is now participating in the NOAA Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador initiative. He discussed the Governor's executive order for vaccinations and COVID testing. He reported the costs for renovations at the BASSC facility located at the old Belle Valley North building have skyrocketed. He discussed the daily rate for substitute teachers. He provided an update on the new camera system and will be scheduling an on-site visit at District 201 to look at their camera system. He informed Mayor Gregory would like to have a luncheon meeting to discuss TIF 3 with the area Superintendents.

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 August 17, 2021; (b) freedom of information requests; (c) enrollment report, (d) lunch report; (e) ESP report; (f) tax report; (g) Treasurer report; (h) financial report, and (i) payment of bills. The bills were presented for approval and payment in the following amounts, (see itemized lists attached): Education Fund - \$147,889.17; O & M Fund - \$77,680.72; Debt Service Fund - \$741,253.35; Transportation Fund - \$31,999.87; Tort Fund - \$9,947.55; Fire & Safety Fund - \$0. Ms. Keiser moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, and Ms. Keiser. Nays none, motion carried.

President Kunz recommended approving the 2021-2022 budget. Mrs. Miller moved to approve the 2021-2022 budget as presented. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members

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

President Kunz recommended approving the EIS salary and benefits report for FY2022. Mr. Whipple moved to approve the FY2022 salary and benefits report as presented. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

President Kunz recommended approving the risk management plan for FY2022. Mr. Whipple moved to approve the FY2022 risk management plan as presented. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, Ms. Keiser, Mrs. Kunz, and Dr. Winfield. Nays none, motion carried.

The Board tabled the daily substitute teacher pay rate.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Ms. Keiser moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 8:27 P.M. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1)(2) for the discussion of personnel employment and collective bargaining. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, Ms. Keiser, Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Winn. Nays none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mrs. Miller moved that the Board of Education exit executive session at 8:49 P.M. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Mrs. Miller moved to hire Alexandra Billhartz as a paraprofessional/library aide for the FY2022 school year at the CBA rate of \$19.04 per hour. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Winn. Ms. Keiser abstained. Nays none, motion carried.

Mrs. Miller moved to hire Ashley Norton as a paraprofessional aide for the FY2022 school year at the CBA rate of \$19.04 per hour. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, and Mrs. Miller. Ms. Keiser abstained. Nays none, motion carried.

Mrs. Miller moved to hire Rachel Rauch as a paraprofessional aide for the FY2022 school year at the CBA rate of \$19.04 per hour. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members

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

Mrs. Miller moved to hire Keri Voelkel as a middle school teacher for the FY2022 school year at the CBA BS Step 1 rate of \$40,000 per year. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, Ms. Keiser, Mrs. Kunz, and Dr. Winfield. Nays none, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, Ms. Keiser moved that the meeting adjourn at 8:51 P.M. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

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