

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION 1
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NOVEMBER 15, 2022

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, November 15, 2022.

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

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

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

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

Kourtne Boose, Special Education Coordinator gave a presentation on the status of special education programs. Evon Jackson-Taylor, Middle School Special Education (Life-Skills) Teacher, gave a presentation on Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) assessments. Krystina Kelley, Curriculum Coordinator, gave a presentation on the Illinois Report Card.

Principal Ms. Kramper discussed the following: Delta Dental assembly; parent-teacher conferences on November 7th; Veteran's Day assembly; Kids for Christ program starting in November; Kindness Bootcamp; and finishing first round of formal evaluations.

Assistant Principal Mr. Musso discussed the following: reporting vs. snitching presentations to students by Erin Jbour, Behavior Interventionist, and Tessa Springer, Middle School Counselor; and currently 32 students and 26 parents going on the band's New York City trip.

Supt. Gale provided an informational handout of school district tax rate comparisons. He informed the Board of the following: Novel Energy had cleaned up the property prior to the City's inspection; the playground hardware is covered by warranty, so the District should only have to pay for labor; the District received a one-year extension from the State for our food service contract with OPAA; the Bomber Blast Newsletter will be issued soon; the track project is complete; Paul Lunsford will be coming in December for the Health/Life Safety inspection; and Egyptian Trust has lost about 50% of its lives.

Supt. Gale and Mrs. Holt discussed information concerning the proposed 2022 tax levy. A projected increase of 12.5% in the equalized assessed valuation and the correlating tax rates were discussed. The preliminary levy presented resulted in a 11.21% increase including the Debt

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Service Fund. The tentative proposed tax levy was presented in the following amounts: Education Fund \$2,252,569; O & M Fund \$396,180; Transportation Fund \$135,833; Working Cash Fund \$56,597; Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund \$120,000; Social Security Fund \$190,000; Fire Prevention and Safety Fund \$56,597; Tort Immunity Fund \$178,000; Special Education Levy \$20,125; Lease Levy \$50,310; and Debt Service Fund \$2,079,621.24. The Board discussed the need for a Truth in Taxation Hearing.

Ms. Keiser left the meeting at 8:15 P.M. due to illness.

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 October 25, 2022, (b) freedom of information requests – none, (c) enrollment report, (d) lunch report, (e) ESP report, (f) tax report, (g) Treasurer report; (h) financial report, and (i) 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 - \$129,869.93; O & M Fund - \$146,786.88; Debt Service Fund - \$1,477.23; Transportation Fund - \$64,504.12; Tort Fund - \$10,905.00; Fire & Safety Fund - \$0. Dr. Winfield moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Owens, and Mr. Whipple. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale recommended approving an inter-fund loan from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund up to \$200,000 as needed. Mrs. Holt explained the State of Illinois historically does not release the transportation reimbursement payments in a timely manner. Mr. Whipple moved to approve the inter-fund loan up to \$200,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund as needed. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Owens, Mr. Whipple, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale recommended approving the change in authorized signers for the FCB Bank checking accounts and credit card. Mrs. Miller moved to approve Staci Kramper as an authorized signer for the FCB “Imprest Fund” account, “Activities Account” account, and credit card. Mrs. Owens seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Owens, Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Kunz, and Dr. Winfield. Nays none, motion carried.

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Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mrs. Miller moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 8:28 P.M. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1) (2) for the discussion of personnel, employment, and collective negotiating. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Owens, Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Miller. Nays none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Dr. Winfield moved that the Board of Education exit executive session at 8:56 P.M. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Dr. Winfield moved to approve hiring Resolution #11152022 as presented. Mrs. Owens seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Miller, and Mrs. Owens. Nays none, motion carried.

Dr. Winfield moved to approve the IERMP insurance rates through December 2023 and to include an HRA account with Elite Legacy as presented. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Owens, and Mr. Whipple. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale discussed the first reading of IASB board policy changes from Issue 110 dated October 2022, those policies were read into the minutes.

Supt. Gale and board members discussed the filling of the open board seat.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, Dr. Winfield moved that the meeting adjourn at 9:05 P.M. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Karen L. Kunz, President
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