

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NOVEMBER 16, 2021

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 16, 2021.

President Kunz called the meeting to order. The roll was called and the following members were present: Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mr. Radliff, and Mr. Whipple. Those absent: Mrs. Miller and Ms. Keiser.

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

President Kunz recommended adopting the board agenda. Mr. Radliff 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.

The Board of Education acknowledged the following: thank you from Mayor Patty Gregory for approving extending the life of TIF District #3; thank you from Maria Kelso for her retirement gift; and OPAA's monthly food service report. Kourtne Boose, Special Education Coordinator gave a presentation on the status of special education programs. Some members of the PBIS team (Carey Chandler, Erin Jbour, and Mallori Roberts) discussed student behavior and proposed the Board consider adding a Behavior Intervention Specialist position.

Principal Leib reported there was a good turnout for the parent-teacher conferences. Principal Callahan reported there was a state visit of the Pre-K program and parent-teacher conferences went well. Asst. Principal Musso informed the Board of a motivational key note life coach coming on November 11th to speak for the day to Pre-K through 8th grade students.

Supt. Gale provided the Board with a copy of the District's 2020-2021 Report Card and Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) certificate. He informed the Board the paid COVID leave bill has passed the Illinois house and senate, but has not been signed by the Governor. He informed the art department project is moving forward with the purchase of a kiln (approximately \$4,000) and necessary electrical work by Jarvis (approximately \$4,500). He informed there are problems with some outdoors lights so will also utilize Jarvis to look at the lights. He informed the painting of the outside concession stand and dugouts has begun.

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Supt. Gale and Mrs. Holt discussed information concerning the proposed 2021 tax levy. A projected increase of 6% in the equalized assessed valuation and the correlating tax rates were discussed. The overall recommendation for the levy presented resulted in a 3.36% increase including the Debt Service Fund. The tentative proposed tax levy was presented in the following amounts: Education Fund \$2,029,000; O & M Fund \$359,000; Transportation Fund \$125,000; Working Cash Fund \$52,000; Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund \$105,000; Social Security Fund \$180,000; Fire Prevention and Safety Fund \$80,000; Tort Immunity Fund \$176,500; Special Education Levy \$23,000; Lease Levy \$52,000; and Debt Service Fund \$2,079,621.24.

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 19, 2021, (b) freedom of information requests – 1 from Smart Procure; (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 - \$175,172.40; O & M Fund - \$73,990.79; Debt Service Fund - \$1,058.60; Transportation Fund - \$61,605.50; Tort Fund - \$5,068.75; Fire & Safety Fund - \$0. Mr. Radliff moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mr. Radliff, 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. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Whipple, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale recommended approving an increase in the daily substitute teacher pay rate. He explained it is important for our District to offer competitive pay rates when substitutes are so hard to find. We currently offer \$90 per day and \$100 per day to a retired Belle Valley teacher. Mr. Radliff moved to approve the daily substitute teacher pay to \$125 per day and \$135 per day for a Belle Valley retired teacher. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members voting aye on

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roll call: Mrs. Winn, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Kunz, and Dr. Winfield. Nays none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mr. Radliff moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 8:22 P.M. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1) for the discussion of personnel and employment. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Radliff, Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Winn. Nays none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mr. Radliff moved that the Board of Education exit executive session at 8:50 P.M. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Dr. Winfield moved to hire Julieanna Chapman as an elementary special education teacher for the remainder of the FY2022 school year at the prorated MS Step 1 CBA rate of \$40,800 per year. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, and Mr. Radliff. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Radliff moved to hire Brian Blanson as an elementary LC paraprofessional for the remainder of the FY2022 school year at the CBA rate of \$20.20 per hour. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mr. Radliff, and Mr. Whipple. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Radliff moved to hire Marla Fisher for the FY2022 school year as a PBIS team member at the CBA rate of \$536 per year. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Whipple, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Radliff moved to hire Patrick Gaul as the 6th grade boys' basketball coach for the FY2022 school year at the CBA rate of \$2,095 per season. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Winn, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Kunz, and Dr. Winfield. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Radliff moved to hire Karen Hooker as an elementary paraprofessional/individual care aide for the remainder of 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. Radliff, Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Winn. Nays none, motion carried.

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Mr. Radliff moved to hire Amanda Youngman as the Drama Sound Technician for the FY2022 school year at the CBA rate of \$615. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, and Mr. Radliff. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale discussed the first reading of IASB board policy changes from Issue 108 dated November 2021, those policies were read into the minutes.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, Dr. Winfield moved that the meeting adjourn at 8:59 P.M. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Karen L. Kunz, President
Board of Education
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Margaret M. Holt, Secretary
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