

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
DECEMBER 15, 2020

The Board of Education of District No. 119, St. Clair County, Illinois, met in the library, Belle Valley School District, 2465 Amann Drive, Belleville, Illinois, in said District at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 15, 2020.

President Kunz called the meeting to order. The roll was called and the following members were present: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, and Dr. Winfield. Those absent: none.

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

President Kunz recommended adopting the board agenda. Mrs. Miller moved to adopt the board agenda. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

President Kunz recognized the remote visitors and asked if there were any public comments. Becky Stevens and Alicia Augustine, Belle Valley Education Association Co-Presidents, expressed their views on the quality of education and continuity of instruction while operating under the current in-person and remote teaching learning plans. Kara Freimuth, Co-Pride Coordinator, thanked the District's administration for allowing the teachers and support staff to organize a holiday parade. Shannon Owings, Payroll Specialist, introduced herself to the Board.

The Board of Education acknowledged OPAA's monthly food service report and holiday wishes. Kourte Boose, Special Education Coordinator, presented the annual status of special education programs report. Marge Belt, Middle School Social Worker, informed the Board of food donations by Kids for Christ and Zion Lutheran, and the Angel Tree sponsored by Belle Valley School District employees which benefited forty (40) students.

Principal Callahan discussed the learning plan to bring more elementary students into the building for in-person learning beginning January 11, 2021. The goal is to keep the student count to fifteen (15) per classroom. This will result in remote teachers becoming in-person teachers. The students will continue to eat breakfast and lunch in their respective classrooms.

Principal Lieb discussed the learning plan to bring more middle school elementary students into the building for in-person learning beginning January 11, 2021. Some teachers are

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doing blocks of remote and in-person teaching. Other teachers are doing synchronized teaching which is remote and in-person teaching at the same time.

Supt. Gale thanked and invited the Board members to the holiday breakfast for all District employees on Friday, December 18, 2020 from 7:30 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. He gave an update on the solar array project. Two (2) large transformers have been brought in and all solar panels should be installed by the end of the week. The system will be tied into the school over the winter break. Supt. Gale presented the Illinois Report Card for the 2019-2020 school year.

Margot Holt, Business Manager, presented the proposals analysis for the copiers used by the school office and District office. The forty-eight (48) month lease for \$316.31 per month with Watts Copy Systems, Inc. was selected by the Superintendent and Business Manager.

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 November 17, 2020; (b) freedom of information request – nothing to report; (c) enrollment report; (d) lunch report; (e) ESP report; (f) Treasurer report; (g) financial report; (h) tax report, and (i) payment of bills. The bills were presented for approval and payment in the following amounts, (see itemized lists attached): Education Fund-\$77,682.37; O & M Fund-\$41,878.22; Debt Service Fund-\$585.12; Transportation Fund-\$43,853.17; Tort Fund-\$10,050.00; Fire & Safety Fund \$0. Mr. Radliff moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Collins. Nays none, motion carried.

President Kunz asked if anyone had any questions for the tax levy assessed in calendar year 2020 and collected in FY2021 and FY2022. Supt. Gale discussed information concerning the proposed 2020 tax levy. A projected increase of 3.2% in the equalized assessed valuation which includes new property and the correlating tax rates were discussed. The tax levy must be approved by the Board of Education and a certificate must be filed with the county clerk prior to the last Tuesday in December. The overall recommendation for the levy presented resulted in a 2.61% increase including the Debt Service Fund. The IMRF and Social Security levies were decreased approximately \$58,000 each and the Tort levy was increased approximately \$115,000 for the 2020 tax levy. The proposed tax levy was presented in the following amounts: Education Fund \$1,880,000; O & M Fund \$330,760; Transportation Fund \$113,403; Working Cash Fund

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\$47,251; Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund \$90,000; Social Security Fund \$130,000; Fire Prevention and Safety Fund \$47,251; Tort Immunity Fund \$325,000; Special Education Levy \$18,900; Lease Levy \$47,251; and Debt Service Fund \$2,059,771.24. Mrs. Winn moved to approve the tax levy assessed in calendar year 2020 and collected in FY2021 and FY2022 as presented by Supt. Gale. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Winn. Nays none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mr. Radliff moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 8:13 P.M. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1)(2)(8) for the discussion of personnel, employment, performance, negotiations, and school building safety and security. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Winn, 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 9:41 P.M. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Radliff. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale discussed the first reading of IASB board policy changes, those policies were read into the minutes.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, Mrs. Collins moved that the meeting adjourn at 9:45 P.M. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Radliff. Nays none, motion carried.

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Margaret M. Holt, Secretary  
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