

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
DECEMBER 20, 2022

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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, December 20, 2022.

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

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

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

President Kunz recognized the visitors present for the meeting. Sandra Martin, middle school technology teacher, tendered her retirement letter effective for the end of school year 2023. Mrs. Martin thanked the Board and Administration for the eleven years she has taught at Belle Valley.

Mrs. Holt, Business Manager, presented the audited Annual Financial Report for the 2021-2022 school year.

Principal Dr. Leib showed artwork done by students using the kiln.

Supt. Gale informed the Board of the following: hosted a 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball tournament on December 5<sup>th</sup>; had a holiday breakfast for all staff on December 19<sup>th</sup>; will be having professional development day on January 3<sup>rd</sup>; Ameren has installed a four-inch pipeline across the property; City of Belleville is working on a TIF to connect the Belle Valley industrial park with Route 15; contract with Willow Tree Therapy for speech testing; Dills Florist is retiring; Paul Lunsford was at the District for the ten-year Health/Life Safety inspection; and concrete problem on the outside wall of the multi-purpose room.

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 November 15, 2022, (b) freedom of information requests – Prairie State Wire, (c) enrollment report, (d) lunch report, (e) ESP report, (f) Treasurer report, (g) tax 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 - \$405,875.27; O & M Fund - \$51,488.86; Debt Service Fund - \$1,477.22; Transportation Fund - \$111,706.20; Tort Fund - \$6,292.50; Fire & Safety Fund - \$0. Ms. Keiser moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion.

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

President Kunz asked if anyone had any questions for the tax levy to be assessed in calendar year 2022, collected by St. Clair County and distributed to the District in FY2024. 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. In compliance with Section 17-1.3 of the School Code, the cash reserve balances net of liabilities at June 30, 2022 were disclosed as follows: Education Fund \$8,369,187; O & M Fund \$114,846; Debt Service Fund \$287,555; Transportation Fund \$885; Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund \$439,088; Social Security Fund \$348,509; Working Cash Fund \$1,010,956; Tort Immunity Fund \$855,972; and Fire Prevention and Safety Fund \$354,506. The levy presented resulted in a 4.75% increase including the Debt Service Fund. The tax levy was presented in the following amounts: Education Fund \$2,190,211; O & M Fund \$385,000; Transportation Fund \$132,000; Working Cash Fund \$55,000; Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund \$109,900; Social Security Fund \$181,000; Fire Prevention and Safety Fund \$55,000; Tort Immunity Fund \$87,000; Special Education Levy \$22,000; Lease Levy \$46,000; and Debt Service Fund \$2,170,871. Ms. Keiser moved to approve the tax levy assessed in calendar year 2022 and distributed to the District in FY2024 as presented. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Owens, Mr. Whipple, Ms. Keiser, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

President Kunz recommended approving the IASB recommended board policies and updates read during the November 15, 2022 board meeting. Dr. Winfield moved to approve the IASB recommended board policies and updates as presented. Mrs. Owens seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Dr. Winfield moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 7:52 P.M. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1) (3) for the discussion of personnel, employment, and selection of a person to fill a public office. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Owens, Mr. Whipple, Ms. Keiser, Mrs. Kunz, and Dr. Winfield. Nays none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Ms. Keiser moved that the Board of Education exit executive session at 8:43 P.M. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

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Mr. Whipple moved to appoint Kathryn Stover to the board of education to replace Laketa Winn. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Whipple, Ms. Keiser, Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Owens. Nays none, motion carried.

Dr. Winfield moved to approve hiring Resolution #12202022 as presented. Ms. Keiser seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Ms. Keiser, Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Stover, Mrs. Owens, and Mr. Whipple. Nays none, motion carried.

Ms. Keiser moved to approve the performance-based contract for Dr. Khari Grant as presented. Mrs. Owens seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Stover, Mrs. Owens, Mr. Whipple, and Ms. Keiser. 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 8:48 P.M. Mrs. Owens 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  
Board of Education  
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