

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS
APRIL 21, 2020

President Kunz stated that the purpose of this meeting was also to hold a public hearing for the comments and discussion concerning E-Learning Days. President Kunz opened the hearing and called the hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. The roll was called and the following members were present via video conference: Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, and Mr. Warner. Those absent: none. Supt. Gale discussed the E-Learning Days and District Plan. Supt. Gale discussed the possibility of using E-Learning days instead of snow days in the future. Mr. Warner discussed the security and privacy for students and teachers with electronic information, and a secure platform for instructions between teachers and students. President Kunz inquired if anyone had any comments or questions on the E-Learning Days and the District Plan for those days. There were no comments or questions on the E-Learning Days. President Kunz stated that the public hearing for the E-Learning Days was closed. Mr. Radliff moved to adjourn the public hearing. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

The Board of Education of District No. 119, St. Clair County, Illinois, met via video conference, Belle Valley School District, 2465 Amann Drive, Belleville, Illinois, in said District at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2020.

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

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. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

President Kunz asked for public comments. Ms. Brombolich, eighth grade teacher, discussed ideas for something special for the eighth grade students as a milestone was reached. The eighth grade teacher's ideas included five dollar yard signs congratulating the eighth grade students, drive through graduation, and congratulation banners throughout town to recognize the eighth grade students. The teachers would like to order t-shirts for the eighth grade students too. The teachers estimated the costs for the signs, banners and t-shirts would be \$1,000 to \$1,500.

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Principal Callahan and Principal Leib discussed staffing needs for fiscal year 2021. Dr. Leib needs five – sixth grade teachers due to the large fifth grade class moving to sixth grade. Mr. Gleadle would move to eighth grade for the next school year. Principal Callahan does not know how many kindergarten students will be coming next year. Krystina Kelley did not add any further comments to staffing needs.

Principal Callahan discussed coming each day during the school closure and delivering packets to students whose parents cannot come to the school. Principal Leib discussed faculty and staff meetings to discuss graduation and completed communication logs. Teachers and Principals are checking on the well-being of students. The Principals are having unit meetings and class meetings with teachers. Parents have come in to pick up packets and chromebooks. Mr. Musso is reviewing the student handbook for updates and changes. He has compared Belle Valley's handbook to other school district's handbooks.

Supt. Gale stated the eighth grade promotion date is scheduled for May 26, 2020 and the last day of school is May 28, 2020.

Supt. Gale discussed a second bid for the electrical hookup for the track shed. Jarvis Electric was the lower bid. Supt. Gale discussed a bid from Jarvis for the remaining external building lights for forty - four wall packs. The new wall packs are LED with no ballasts and should last many years.

Supt. Gale discussed a new gas line on the easement between Belle Valley School and Eckerts. The engineer should give the District more information at a later date.

Mr. Radliff left the meeting for a few minutes at 7:33 p.m. due to a fire truck near his home.

Supt. Gale stated face to face instruction is best, but teachers have been using e-learning and packets to the best of their ability.

President Kunz asked whether board members had any questions for the consent agenda items, which included: the minutes of the regular and executive meeting of the Board of Education on March 17, 2020; freedom of information request - none, enrollment report, lunch report, ESP report, the treasurer's report, financial report, and payment of bills. The bills were

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presented for approval and payment in the following amounts, (see itemized lists attached): Ed. Fund \$181,280.67; O & M Fund \$31,891.06; Debt Service \$0; Transportation Fund \$1,171.04; Tort Fund \$1,696.00. Mrs. McKay discussed the low balance and additional inter-fund loan to the Transportation Fund from the Working Cash Fund. Supt. Gale discussed raising the Extended Program Fees for the next school year due to the increasing expenses of the program. Mr. Warner moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, and Dr. Winfield. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale discussed and recommended increasing the school breakfast and lunch program fees for fiscal year 2021 through fiscal year 2025 by ten cents per year not to exceed the federal government reimbursement rate for any given year. Mrs. Collins moved to approve to increase the school breakfast and lunch program fees for fiscal year 2021 through fiscal year 2025 by ten cents per year not to exceed the federal government reimbursement rate for any given year. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Winn. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale discussed the adequate public transportation resolution which states the hazardous areas associated with transporting students less than 1.5 miles still exist. Mr. Warner moved to approve the adequate public transportation resolution. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Supt. Gale discussed approving the E-Learning plan as presented for fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023 with all communications will fulfill State privacy laws and security for faculty and students. Mr. Warner moved to approve the E-Learning Plan for fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023 with noted corrections as stated above. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mrs. Miller moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 7:52 p.m. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1) (2) for the discussion of personnel employment, evaluations, and negotiations. Mr. Radliff seconded the

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motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, and Mrs. Collins. Nays none, motion carried.

At 8:15 p.m., board members exited executive session.

Mr. Radliff moved to employ Sheila Whorley as a noon supervisor at \$12.04 per hour. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Radliff moved to employ Madrigal Brown as a fourth grade teacher for fiscal year 2021 school year at MS, step nine. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion and moved the previous roll call. Members voting aye on previous roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Mrs. Winn moved to employ Kaitlin Enright as a second grade teacher for the fiscal year 2021 school year at BS, step four. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion and moved the previous roll call. Members voting aye on previous roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Radliff moved to employ Lori Leveling as a Pre K teacher for the fiscal year 2021 school year at BS, step four. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion and moved the previous roll call. Members voting aye on previous roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Dr. Winfield moved to employ Doreen McGillem as a Pre K teacher aide for the fiscal year 2021 school year at \$18.35 per hour. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion and moved the previous roll call. Members voting aye on previous roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Radliff moved to employ Emily Fuhler as a third grade special education teacher for the fiscal year 2021 school year at BS plus sixteen hours, step four. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion and moved the previous roll call. Members voting aye on previous roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

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Mr. Radliff moved to employ Marla Schulte as a middle school teacher for the fiscal year 2021 school year at MS, step one. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion and moved the previous roll call. Members voting aye on previous roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Dr. Winfield moved to employ Jett Crosley as a Pre K teacher for the fiscal year 2021 school year at BS, step one. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion and moved the previous roll call. Members voting aye on previous roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Radliff moved to employ Mary Foreman as a speech teacher for the fiscal year 2021 school year at MS, step one. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion and moved the previous roll call. Members voting aye on previous roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Radliff moved to employ Jamie Volkmar as an elementary special education teacher for the fiscal year 2021 school year at BS, step seven. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion and moved the previous roll call. Members voting aye on previous roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale discussed changing the June board meeting date to June 23, 2020. All board members were in agreement for the date change for the June board meeting.

Supt. Gale discussed the first reading and internal updates for board policies.

Mr. Warner moved to approve up to \$2,000 to celebrate the eighth grade student graduation. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Miller. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Warner moved to approve \$6,300 for the electric service for the track building from Jarvis Electric. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Radliff. Nays none, motion carried.

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Mr. Warner moved to approve \$7,750 for the Jarvis Electric bid for the LED electric wall packs on the exterior of the building. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, and Mr. Warner. Nays none, motion

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

Karen L. Kunz, President
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Joan E. McKay, Secretary
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