

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS
DECEMBER 17, 2019

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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 17, 2019.

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

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. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Supt. Gale received thank you notes from Lori Zeiter's family and Maria Kelso's family for the memorial arrangements. Supt. Gale discussed the ISBE monitoring letter and the Title I and Title II audit. ISBE noted no program specific findings and no questioned costs on the 2018-2019 Title I and Title II grant audit.

Principal Leib discussed the Star 360 assessment period ended last week with 40% of the students showing improvement. She reported that Mrs. Haare's transition class for grade five students had 50% growth percentile and met above their grade level. Mrs. Haare's grade six students met above their grade level too. The class size has ten to eleven students, which allows more individualized attention to each student. Principal Leib and Principal Callahan reported the fundraiser sold over \$30,000 in sales, and the school earned forty percent profit of sales. The band and chorus concert was rescheduled for Wednesday evening due to the snow day on Monday. The Pride team has an assembly from 8:00 to 9:30 for middle school students and 10:00 to 11:30 for elementary students on Friday. The Santa night evening with the students wearing pajamas was well attended.

Supt. Gale discussed the new teachers will help with the growth of students like Mrs. Haare's transition class. Supt. Gale reported the outdoor lighting is not totally completed yet. He discussed a holiday breakfast for the staff on Thursday, Dec. 19. He reported that he met with Ameren for an update for the Solar Array. Supt. Gale received a letter from OPAA which stated that wages will increase due to the new minimum wage for the State of Illinois. The BASSC cooperative has discussed a new building and more staff for special education students. There

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will be a vote in the near future for the additional building and staff. Supt. Gale reported the custodians cleared the snow in the parking lots and sidewalks very well.

Principal Callahan discussed an incident regarding a parent who was not allowed on school property. Police were on campus in case the parent came to the band concert.

Supt. Gale was told SAFB plans on shutting down the grant funding for the summer programs. Cynthia Doil, SAFB representative, has lobbied for the school districts to receive the grant for one more summer.

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 November 19, 2019; no freedom of information requests, enrollment report, lunch report, ESP report, the treasurer's report, financial report and payment of bills. The bills were presented for approval and payment in the following amounts, (see itemized lists attached): Ed. Fund \$226,459.73; O & M Fund \$18,441.95; Debt Service \$0; Transportation Fund \$101,681.06; Tort Fund \$12,044.00; Fire & Safety \$0. Mr. Radliff moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Collins. Nays none, motion carried.

President Kunz asked if anyone had any questions for the tax levy assessed in calendar year 2019 and collected in FY2020 and FY2021. Mrs. McKay discussed information concerning the proposed 2019 tax levy. A projected increase of 3% in the equalized assessed valuation 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 .0075% increase including the Debt Service Fund. The IMRF and Social Security levies were increased for the 2019 tax levy. Mrs. McKay presented the historical tax rates, tax extensions and equal assessed valuation (EAV) of real estate in the Belle Valley School District at the November meeting. As the EAV goes down, the tax rate increases. The tentative proposed tax levy was presented in the following amounts: Education Fund \$1,891,858.00; O & M Fund \$332,739.00; Transportation Fund \$114,082.00; Working Cash Fund \$47,534.00; Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund \$148,000.00; Social Security Fund \$188,000.00; Tort Immunity Fund \$210,000.00; Special

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Education Fund \$19,014.00; Lease Levy \$47,534.00; Fire Prevention and Safety Fund \$47,534.00; and the estimated amount needed in the Debt Service Fund \$2,005,421.00. Mr. Radliff moved to approve the tax levy assessed in calendar year 2019 and collected in FY2020 and FY2021 as presented by Mrs. McKay. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

President Kunz recommended approving the IASB board policies as presented last month. Dr. Winfield moved to approve the IASB recommended board policies as presented during the November board meeting as listed in the board agenda. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Supt. Gale and Mrs. McKay recommended appointing Margot Holt as the new IMRF authorized agent. The Business Manager normally assumes this role if they are a member of IMRF. Mrs. Miller moved to approve Margot Holt as the IMRF authorized agent. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Miller. Nays none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mr. Radliff moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 7:42 p.m. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1) for the discussion of personnel employment and contracts. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Radliff. Nays none, motion carried.

At 7:52 p.m., board members exited executive session.

Mrs. Miller moved to employ Sondra Haas as a bus monitor for the remainder of the FY2020 at the rate of \$12.04 per hour. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, and Mr. Warner. Nays none, motion carried.

Mrs. Miller moved to approve Supt. Gale's amendment to his contract with a correction noted. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, and Dr. Winfield. Nays none, motion carried.

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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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