

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
DECEMBER 19, 2017

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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 19, 2017.

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

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

President Kunz recommended adopting the board agenda. Mrs. Collins moved to adopt the board agenda. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

President Kunz called for public comments from the audience. There were no public comments.

Supt. Gale reported on the thank you notes received during the month. The family of Mr. Henry Olliges, retired custodian, sent a thank you note to the Board of Education for the memorial arrangement. Signal Hill School sent a thank you letter for the students and teachers, Mrs. Haas and Ms. Leveling's participation in the Belle Fair Valley Honors Music Festival. The Scott AFB Chief's group Airman's Attic sent a thank you for the donation to the airman from the students and staff. The District thanked Four Season Distributors for the donated spinners and a parent for donated student clothing supplies.

Mrs. Jennifer Haas and Ms. Emily Leveling presented and discussed a New York trip for band and music students during spring 2019. They discussed travel options, points of interest, cost and most of all student safety. Parents were asked if they would be interested in a trip like this and many expressed interest. The Board of Education thanked Ms. Haas and Ms. Leveling for the presentation for a New York trip for the band and music students.

Dr. Leib gave the principal's report. Dr. Leib reported the band performance went very well the previous evening. The students sounded very well and the teachers work very well with the students to improve with practice for concert performances. There was a school assembly and the band and chorus performed. Students raised over \$1,000 for Siteman Cancer Center. Quarterly assessment will be done in January after the break. Class DOJO has been working well and teachers are communicating well with parents regarding student behavior and grades.

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Mr. Kelly, assistant principal, reported that basketball students played their hardest during the tournament last week.

Supt. Gale reported on the observatory update for the electrical, insulation, heating and cooling installation. The interior walls will be coated with a fire retardant paint. The Bomber Blast newsletter will be mailed out to every District resident in the next few weeks. The ESSA federal program improvement will be based upon growth on PARRC testing scores. As long as our District shows growth versus achievement, Belle Valley will have a bright future for our students. Supt. Gale recommended purchasing Star 360 program to the Board of Education. Star 360 is an assessment program for reading and math. The whole school would have four sweeps per school year. The program provides feedback to parents. The Star 360 program cost \$11,000 for the remainder of the school year, which may be paid with Title I funds.

Dr. Leib discussed the current use of Achieve 3000, Accelerated Reader, and Aims Web Plus. She spoke with other schools that use the Star 360 program. Aims Web Plus gives a snapshot of student assessment. Achieve 3000 program gives student information text to improve student reading comprehension and language.

Supt. Gale reported that Star 360 program is an assessment tool based upon standards on PARRC tests. He discussed Star 360 program as a simple, quick easy tool with data back up and places the student in the proper tier. Oral fluency is not tested in grades six through eight in Aims Web Plus.

Supt. Gale discussed the possibility of Belleville Township High School District #201 leaving the Belleville Area Special Services Cooperative. The 201 District would save \$350,000 annually.

Supt. Gale discussed the Pre K grant and the Early Childhood program classrooms. The Pre School for All for three year old students and the Pre K Expansion Grant for special education students and four year old students would be contained in four classrooms. The early childhood students would be included in the Pre K classroom.

Supt. Gale discussed the damage to the counter top in the grade seven science room from the IMSA summer classes. Cynthia Doil, Scott AFB coordinator, contacted IMSA Department

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to pay for the repair of the counter top. IMSA will pay for the damaged counter top with Ms. Doil's help.

Supt. Gale discussed OPAA, a food service management company, who brings the menus and food supplies for cooking from scratch. The company recommends site visits to other schools, keeps our employees, and develops menus to cook from scratch.

Supt. Gale attended a TIF meeting with the City of Belleville. The Tax Increment Financing District has been extended through 2033.

President Kunz asked whether board members had any questions for the consent agenda items, which included: the minutes of the regular, special and executive meeting of the Board of Education on November 21, 2017, enrollment report, the lunch report, the ESP report, the tax 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 \$251,034.23; O & M Fund \$24,574.43; Transportation Fund \$46,228.59; and Tort Fund \$12,510.50. Mr. Warner moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Mrs. Winfield, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Mrs. McKay discussed information concerning the proposed tax levy for 2017 during November's board meeting. A projected increase of 3% in the equalized assessed valuation and the correlating tax rates were discussed. The IMRF, Social Security, and Tort levies were decreased for the 2017 levy. The tentative proposed tax levy was presented in the following amounts: Education Fund \$1,861,846.00; O & M Fund \$327,460.00; Transportation Fund \$112,272.00; Working Cash Fund \$46,780.00; Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund \$145,000.00; Social Security Fund \$190,000.00; Tort Immunity Fund \$210,000.00; Special Education Fund \$18,712.00; Lease Levy \$45,000.00; and the amount needed in the Debt Service Fund \$1,905,533.00. President Kunz asked for a motion to approve the 2017 levy. Mr. Radliff moved to approve the Tax Levy as presented in November. Mrs. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Warner, Mrs. Winfield, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz and Mr. Radliff. Nays none, motion carried.

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President Kunz asked whether board members had any questions for the IASB board policy changes. No comments were made. Mr. Warner moved to approve the IASB recommended board policies as presented during the November board meeting. Mrs. Winfield seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Supt. Gale and Mrs. McKay discussed moving the District's liquid cash to Reliance Bank from Regions Bank and earn over \$40,000 more interest compared to Regions interest rate of return. Mr. Warner moved to approve Reliance Bank as a business banking partner for Belle Valley School District effective immediately. Mrs. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Winfield, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Radliff and Mr. Warner. Nays none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mr. Radliff moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 8:27 p.m. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1) for the discussion of personnel employment and evaluations. Mrs. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, and Mrs. Winfield. Nays none, motion carried.

At 8:45 p.m., board members exited executive session.

Mr. Radliff moved to employ China Rongey as an elementary school paraprofessional for the remainder of the fiscal 2018 school year at the rate of \$16.43 per hour. Mrs. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Mrs. Winfield, and Mrs. Collins. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Radliff moved to employ Andrew Rettke as a middle school paraprofessional for the remainder of the fiscal 2018 school year at the rate of \$16.43 per hour. Mrs. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Mrs. Winfield, Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Mrs. Winfield moved to employ Matt Weiler as the boys' volleyball coach for the fiscal year 2018 school year at the contract rate of \$2,577. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Warner, Mrs. Winfield, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, and Mr. Radliff. Nays none, motion carried.

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Supt. Gale discussed damaged laminate on office work stations with a replacement cost of \$1,400. Board members gave verbal approval to replace the damaged laminate on the office work stations.

Supt. Gale discussed the purchase of Star 360 program. Mr. Warner moved to approve the purchase of Star 360 program for \$11,000 for the remainder of the school year. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Winfield, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Radliff, and Mr. Warner. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale discussed the New York band trip during the spring 2019. Mr. Warner moved to approve the New York band trip during the spring 2019. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, and Mrs. Collins. Nays none, motion carried.

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

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