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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FEBRUARY 15, 2022

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, February 15, 2022.

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

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

Vice-President Winfield recommended adopting the board agenda. Mr. Whipple moved to adopt the board agenda. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, and Ms. Keiser. Nays none, motion carried.

Vice-President Winfield recognized the visitors present for the meeting. There were no public comments.

The Board of Education acknowledged OPAA's monthly food service report and United Way's thank you letter for support of the 2021 campaign.

Dr. Leib reported the following: Mr. Weiler, Elementary School physical education teacher, is leading the fundraiser for the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge; parent-teacher conferences on February 17th; teacher institute on February 18th to include a presenter from St. Louis on trauma; and use of the Edulastic test bank software by the math team and ELA team to prepare students for state testing.

Supt. Gale informed the Board the Illinois Assessment for Readiness (IAR testing) will be administered March 29th - April 7th. The District will be doing summer school which will be funded through a state grant and ESSER III. He provided an update on the 5 Essentials Survey and learning numbers from Mrs. Kelley's presentation given at the previous Board meeting. He informed the Board that the District received a Scott Air Force Base Quad Schools grant of \$15,000 for STEM programs during the summer. He informed the Board the variance for the used car lot did not make it out of the Belleville Zoning Board. He informed the Board the camera system update project is in progress and that a change order for approximately \$3,500 was needed to get switches in a more timely manner. He stated the school calendar for 2022-2023 has been given to the Principals for review. He informed the Board the six (6) new copy machines have been installed and are being used by the staff. He provided the Board with

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results from a mask survey given to District employees. He reminded Board members that text messages regarding District business are subject to FOIA requests. He discussed the Ameren gas easement signed in 2010. Supt. Gale and the Board discussed the District's Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services dated August 4, 2021 and the current Federal and State laws and regulations surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Vice-President Winfield 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 January 18, 2022, (b) freedom of information requests – none; (c) enrollment report, (d) lunch report; (e) ESP report; (f) Treasurer report; (g) financial report, and (h) payment of bills. The bills were presented for approval and payment in the following amounts, (see itemized lists attached): Education Fund - \$109,267.57; O & M Fund - \$26,053.85; Debt Service Fund - \$1,366,433.48; Transportation Fund - \$1,420.00; Tort Fund - \$4,275.00; Fire & Safety Fund - \$0. Ms. Keiser moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, Ms. Keiser, and Dr. Winfield. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale discussed releasing the executive session minutes or keep them permanently confidential. Mrs. Miller moved to keep the executive session minutes for the past six months closed. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, Ms. Keiser, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Winn. Nays none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of Vice-President Winfield, Mrs. Winn moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 7:57 P.M. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1) & (3) for the discussion of personnel employment, performance, and filling a public office. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Whipple, Ms. Keiser, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, and Mrs. Miller. Nays none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of Vice-President Winfield, Ms. Keiser moved that the Board of Education exit executive session at 8:20 P.M. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Ms. Keiser, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Whipple. Nays none, motion carried.

Ms. Keiser moved to hire Mia White as a noon supervisor for the remainder of the FY2022 school year at the CBA rate of \$12.97 per hour. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Whipple moved to hire Emma Carter as an aide for the remainder of the FY2022 school year at the CBA rate of \$19.04 per hour. Ms. Keiser seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, Ms. Keiser, and Dr. Winfield. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Whipple moved to hire Stephanie Williams as a special education teacher for the FY2023 school year at the Masters Step 1 CBA rate of \$41,208 per year. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, Ms. Keiser, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Winn. Nays none, motion carried.

Ms. Keiser moved to hire Jaquan Scott as a full-time custodian at the CBA rate of \$31,823 per year. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Whipple, Ms. Keiser, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, and Mrs. Miller. Nays none, motion carried.

Mrs. Miller moved to appoint Janna Owens to the Board of Education to fill the vacancy left by Jeramy Radliff. The term expires in April 2023. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Ms. Keiser, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Whipple. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Whipple moved to approve Christine Kaiping as a head volleyball coach for FY2022 at the CBA rate of \$2,708 per season. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, and Ms. Keiser. Nays none, motion carried.

Newly appointed Board member Janna Owens took her oath of office.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, Mr. Whipple moved that the meeting adjourn at 8:25 P.M. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Dr. Cynthia Winfield, Vice-President
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