

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FEBRUARY 19, 2019

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 19, 2019.

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

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

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

Supt. Gale received thank you cards from Keasling family, Traci Horton's family and Lori Zeiter's family. Anne Noble and Thomas Crabtree from Stifel sent a thank you letter to the District.

Supt. Gale asked Amber Bowen to discuss the software programs used in the cafeteria. Mrs. Bowen uses Café Enterprise to charge the student for breakfast, lunch and snacks, the Identi Metrics scans the student's finger to identify each student, and the free and reduced lunch program through ISBE identifies each student who then is inputted into the Information Now student management software. The proposed Teacher Ease program would contain the software for all of the above student management information, except the Identi Metrics. The Teacher Ease program would encompass credit card payments too. Supt. Gale stated there are three major software programs for student management, which are Information Now, Teacher Ease, and Skyward.

Mrs. Krystina Kelley, Curriculum Coordinator, discussed making math a priority by adding math to RtI services. Mrs. Kelley discussed science curriculum and training for teachers kindergarten through five in Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) methods and philosophy. Mrs. Kelley and the teachers have been evaluating data from Star 360 testing and benchmark data, three times a year, pull mastery data, and look at biggest concerns with math and reading goals. Mrs. Kelley and the teachers are gathering the data and evaluating it. Teachers are self-reflecting and asking for support on how to instruct a new area of subject

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matter. They are working smarter and not harder on curriculum. Dr. Winfield asked about parental involvement.

Mrs. McKay and Supt. Gale discussed the necessity of changing the payroll and financial software for the next school year. Power School is not supporting the current software after June 30, 2020. Mrs. McKay and Supt. Gale attended a SDS software presentation held at the BASSC office a few weeks ago. Many of the area schools are changing over to the SDS software for payroll and financial accounting. The other software programs were more costly than the SDS software. The new software program will be internet based and able to be accessed anywhere.

Dr. Leib discussed IAR testing instead of the PARCC testing. There will be a few less tests administered. Pearson testing will be held in April. Dr. Leib stated the varsity basketball team competed and lost in round one of the State tournament. The Scholar Bowl match was held at Wolf Branch and Belle Valley was ranked fourth out of nine. The chess team has competed in several games. The parent/teacher conferences were held and some students were identified for possible retention. More letters were sent home to parents for attendance with 95% a goal for the District. Principal Callahan stated that a grade three student performed the Heimlich maneuver on a grade two student, who was choking at home.

Supt. Gale met with the three other schools for the summer programs, which may include flying drones this summer. The entire campus lighting will be replaced with LED light bulbs for free from an Ameren grant, which should take two days for replacements. Supt. Gale stated Belle Valley is on the list for the solar panels with the State of Illinois. Supt. Gale stated the injury lawsuit was filed to be dismissed based upon the one year of statute of limitations. The judge gave the attorney thirty days for an extension. Supt. Gale stated the school calendar is still not available on the ISBE website. Supt. Gale stated Becky Keiser received an award from OPAA for the increased breakfasts and lunches served to students.

Mr. Kelly stated his health is improving and appreciates the administrative support. Mr. Kelly stated that his wife will be transferred this summer. Board members wished him the best in future endeavors.

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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 January 15, 2019; two freedom of information requests, enrollment report, lunch report, ESP report, the treasurer's report, financial report, tax report, and payment of bills. The bills were presented for approval and payment in the following amounts, (see itemized lists attached): Ed. Fund \$97,538.81; O & M Fund \$45,298.83; Transportation Fund \$88,403.98; and Tort Fund \$150.00. Mr. Radliff moved to approve the consent agenda items. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mr. Bernal, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Radliff, and Mr. Warner. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale discussed releasing the executive session minutes or keep them permanently confidential. Mr. Radliff moved to keep the executive session minutes for the past six months closed. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Supt. Gale stated the SDS software is the most reasonably priced for payroll and accounting needs with an initial cost of \$18,000 per year with \$9,000 in subsequent years. Mr. Bernal moved to approve SDS as the new payroll and accounting software provider. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Bernal, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, and Dr. Winfield. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale recommended Teacher Ease student management software as an affordable replacement package. Mr. Radliff moved to approve Common Goal / Teacher Ease as the new student management software provider. Mr. Bernal seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, and Mr. Bernal. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Bernal moved to approve the job description for the ESP program aides as presented. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Supt. Gale discussed board policy 5:185 for Family Medical Leave Act and the accrued compensatory leave. Board members discussed the policy and agreed to leave it as is.

Mr. Radliff left the board meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Dr. Winfield moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 9:02 p.m. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1) for the discussion of personnel employment and evaluations. Mr. Bernal seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mr. Bernal, and Mrs. Collins. Nays none, motion carried.

Dr. Winfield and Principal Callahan left executive session meeting at 9:45 p.m.

At 9:53 p.m., board members exited executive session.

Mrs. Collins moved to employ the non-certified staff as presented: Beau Bramblett – ESP, Christen Parker – teacher aide, Karen Gass – noon supervisor, Shelly Carter – noon supervisor. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mr. Bernal, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

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

Karen L. Kunz, President
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