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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
FEBRUARY 20, 2018

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 20, 2018.

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

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. Mr. Radliff 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 a thank you note was received from Traci Horton for the memorial plant for her mother.

Mrs. Callahan and the writing committee teachers discussed visiting Pattonville Elementary School where students write every day. Books are read aloud, and students write a narrative based upon the story that was read. Students take turns reading and discussing the book among themselves. The writing development is across K-6 grade levels. Belle Valley does not have a writing curriculum across the grade levels. Teachers and students at Pattonville Elementary School seemed very excited to use the writing program. The proposal includes professional development days throughout the school year with an estimated cost of \$5,000. The writing curriculum would cover grades K – 6 for the classroom package. Mrs. Callahan discussed the estimated cost of just under \$30,000 for the writing curriculum with the professional development included.

Supt. Gale introduced Sheila and Greg Frost with OPAA. Sheila and Greg Frost discussed their family owned food service business with forty years of experience from Chesterfield, MO. Dr. Frost stated the benefits of OPAA include: purchasing power, increased participation, full compliance with federal, state, and local regulations, menu development, inventory control, assistance with USDA audits, staff training, and program/employee management. Additional opportunities are breakfast options, boxed lunches for field trips, and

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catering. The District has completed a feasibility study for OPAA. The District determines employee models, which include keeping all current employees, OPAA employing all employees, or a hybrid of the two as resignations or retirements occur. OPAA would hold a pre-bid conference. OPAA discussed a five year fixed pricing contract for food supplies, and they would bear the risk of food cost increases. The District would retain local control, set meal prices, and maintain equipment and facility. The Director of Nutrition Services would be employed by OPAA. Sheila and Greg presented a power point presentation with the above information.

Mrs. Callahan stated the New York band trip meeting with parents on January 30<sup>th</sup> was well attended. A Harry Potter Night for grade 4-8 on Feb. 8 was well attended too. The Early Childhood, Pre-K and Birth to 3 classrooms held a Valentine's dance activity on Feb. 8. The PARCC testing is scheduled for grades three through eight and is scheduled from April 8 through April 19. On the Teacher Institute day the teachers will receive training on Star 360. Audree King, a grade three student, will be recognized at the Racial Harmony on Feb. 26. The Early Childhood screenings are planned for April 5. The Pride Team will have a McDonald's night at the fairgrounds location on March 6.

Supt. Gale discussed the summer IMSA and SAFB camps. He discussed the OPAA feasibility summary with an estimated savings with the food service program. PARCC testing is going away after this school year. Supt. Gale looked into an alternative student management software system, but it is cost prohibitive at this time. Parent conference report is self-explanatory.

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 18, 2018, enrollment report, the lunch report, the 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 \$88,573.36; O & M Fund \$31,191.88; Transportation Fund \$79,087.53; and Tort Fund \$172.50. Mr. Radliff moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Bernal seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Warner, Mrs. Winfield, Mr. Bernal, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Radliff. Nays none, motion carried.

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Supt. Gale discussed the 2018-2019 school calendar, which was developed by the administrative team and the BVEA to bring everyone's point of view to the table. Mr. Radliff moved to approve the 2018-2019 school calendar as presented. Mr. Bernal seconded the motion. All board members in favor, motion carried.

Supt. Gale discussed the Intergovernmental Agreement between Harmony School District #175 and Belle Valley School District #119 for the Pre K grant, the Birth to 3, and the Pre K expansion grant. Mr. Warner moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Harmony School District #175 and Belle Valley School District #119 for the Pre K grant, the Birth to 3, and the Pre K expansion grant. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Winfield, Mr. Bernal, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, and Mr. Warner. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale discussed the RFP process for a new food management company with the State of Illinois. Mrs. Miller moved to direct the superintendent to submit an RFP to the State of Illinois for a new food service management company. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Bernal, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, and Mrs. Winfield. Nays none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mrs. Winfield moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 8:46 p.m. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1) for the discussion of personnel employment and evaluations. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Mrs. Winfield and Mr. Bernal. Nays none, motion carried.

At 9:08 p.m., Mr. Radliff exited the meeting.

At 9:25 p.m., board members exited executive session.

Mrs. Winfield moved to employ Regan Leidholm as a RtI paraprofessional at the rate of \$16.43 per hour with her benefits prorated to reflect the remaining contractual school days. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Mrs. Winfield, Mr. Bernal, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Mrs. Winfield moved to re-employ Irene Amaya as a noon supervisor for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year at the rate of \$11.19 per hour. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

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

Supt. Gale recommended approving the writing curriculum discussed earlier in the meeting. Mr. Warner moved to approve purchasing the writing curriculum with the professional development days included for an estimated cost up to \$30,000. Mrs. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Winfield, Mr. Bernal, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Warner. Nays none, motion carried.

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

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