

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS
JANUARY 16, 2018

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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, January 16, 2018.

President Kunz called the meeting to order. The roll was called and the following members were present: Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Mrs. Winfield, Mr. Bernal, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz and Mrs. Miller. Those absent: none.

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. Mrs. Winfield 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 the Illinois Secretary of State awarded a \$750 library grant to the District. Thank you note was received from Paula Miller for the flowers, cards and prayers. A thank you card was received from United Way for the school's continued support. Ms. Mary Ferguson was in charge of the campaign this year. Georgia Costello sent a holiday card to the District.

Mr. Kelly discussed restructuring Zach Frank's classroom with support in completion of assignments and homework as part of the elective classes. Students had another PBIS day after the holiday break as a kick off to re-emphasize behavior of students. Students who did well with their behavior attended a dance in the cafeteria. Dr. Leib discussed the Academic Review Team (ART) who reviews whether a student could be retained in their current grade level. The elective class would help students with support for assignments and homework. The elective class would focus on getting things done within the elective period. Dr. Leib discussed the high school holding an evening open house for grade eight students. Mr. Kelly reported that four students attended a spelling bee held at Grant School and one Belle Valley student earned third place.

Supt. Gale reported the Bombers Blast newsletter went out to the community. The current Blackboard Connect mass phone cost is \$2,280. He has found a new vendor that would cost \$1,100 per year plus a one-time charge. Supt. Gale has contacted OPAA! as a food management service. A survey was completed for the current employees and services. An

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intruder training is planned with more hands on training during a school improvement day. The fiscal year 2019 school calendar was presented and will be presented at a future meeting for approval. Supt. Gale reported that Joshua Winkeler, Todd Volkmar, and Joshua Strausbaugh have been working in the greenhouse.

Supt. Gale discussed Evidence Based Funding with a model update. The governor vetoed part of the new funding formula. Belle Valley School District has been receiving general state aid payments, which include hold harmless, general state aid, special education personnel reimbursements and summer school reimbursements. Tier I will receive 90% of the new funding, and no one knows the funding level amount. The adequacy level is spread over fourteen years. Belle Valley will need to discuss how the District will spend the new funding to improve student test scores. The new funding should be known in April, but the District does not know how much the funding will be.

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 December 19, 2017, freedom of information requests, 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 \$88,257.81; O & M Fund \$11,321.84; Transportation Fund \$1,519.20; and Tort Fund \$75. Mr. Radliff moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Mrs. Winfield, Mr. Bernal, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz and Mrs. Miller. Nays none, motion carried.

Mrs. McKay discussed paying utility invoices on time. The new utility company's invoice has not been received in time to be included with board bills. Supt. Gale and Mrs. McKay suggested the Board of Education approve the pre-payment of recurring bills to prevent late fees. Mr. Bernal moved to approve the pre-payment of recurring bills to prevent late fees. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Warner, Mrs. Winfield, Mr. Bernal, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller and Mr. Radliff. Nays none, motion carried.

Mrs. McKay discussed an inter fund loan up to \$150,000 from the working cash fund to the transportation fund. Mr. Radliff moved to approve an inter fund loan up to \$150,000 from the

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working cash fund to the transportation fund as needed. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Winfield, Mr. Bernal, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, and Mr. Warner. Nays none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mrs. Collins moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 8:48 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: Mr. Bernal, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner and Mrs. Winfield. Nays none, motion carried.

At 8:54 p.m., board members exited executive session.

Mrs. Miller moved to employ Vicki Wilson as the K-2 BD teacher. Mr. Bernal seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Mrs. Winfield, and Mr. Bernal. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Warner moved to approve Kayla Maschhoff's leave of absence at the end of May 2018. Mr. Bernal seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Mrs. Winfield, Mr. Bernal, and Mrs. Collins. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale asked if any board members wanted to attend the dinner meeting at BelleCourt Place. No board members expressed an interest in attending the dinner meeting.

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

Karen L. Kunz, President
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