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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
JULY 21, 2020

The Board of Education of District No. 119, St. Clair County, Illinois, met via video conference, Belle Valley School District, 2465 Amann Drive, Belleville, Illinois, in said District at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2020.

President Kunz called the meeting to order. The roll was called and the following members were present: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Kunz. Those absent: Mr. Radliff, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Winn. The Board of Education and others in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Winfield joined the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

President Kunz recommended adopting the board agenda. Mr. Warner moved to adopt the board agenda. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The roll was called and the following members voting aye on roll call were: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

President Kunz called for public comments from the audience. Mrs. Stevens discussed a poll of teachers and shared concerns of health risks for the teachers and students upon return of students in the classroom. Mrs. Augustine had questions on the schedule that was sent out to the elementary teachers. Supt. Gale discussed the five hour class schedule for the elementary and middle school students.

Supt. Gale received a correspondence from OPAA welcoming everyone back to school. Supt. Gale received thank you cards from Mr. Forness and Mrs. Gulley for the memorials sent on behalf of the loss of their fathers.

President Kunz presented Mrs. Horton and Ms. Ferguson retirement gifts from the Board of Education and thanked them for the years of teaching service for Belle Valley School.

Supt. Gale received a thank you letter from St. Clair County Board for Evon Jackson-Taylor's participation in the Daily Briefing Series for 105 consecutive days to keep St. Clair County informed with the latest information as it relates to the St. Clair Counties battle with the COVID-19.

Mrs. McKay discussed the budget for revenue and expense for the fiscal year 2021. The budget is similar to the past fiscal year. The real estate taxes for the 2020-2021 will have a full

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year of taxes received. The Elementary Emergency Grant will provide funding for chrome books, adapters, chargers, Ipads and personal protective supplies staff and students. The chrome books and Ipads will be given to students for remote learning. There is a planned deficit in several funds, but all the funds have projected positive fund balances. President Kunz asked for questions or comments, none were made.

Supt. Gale discussed the communication of four different learning plans for students: with full in person with daily attendance; a hybrid learning week with half of the students day one and half of the students on day two, remote learning on day three and half students on day four and five; blended learning with face to face and some type of remote learning; and remote learning for all. A parent survey was done on July 15, 2020. The results were: parents wanted remote learning 23.8%, traditional in person learning 40.9% and hybrid learning 23.8%. The blended learning plan with students coming to school and other students have remote learning was the plan chosen. If the governor moves this area to phase three, the school would go back to remote learning for all students. In phase four, a blended learning plan would be in effect and in phase five all students would return to school. Principal Leib discussed the administrative team and volunteer teachers met several times to discuss a plan to return to school. A large group of teachers with lots of discussions met over two days. The least restrictive learning plan is face to face learning. The teachers met and gave ideas and plan for instruction time of five hours each day of the week. The time frame for the schedule was the same as an assembly day with a shortened day. Principal Callahan discussed the schedule with five hours of instructional hours. Physical education will be scheduled twice a week. All teachers will have a plan period, lunch and remote learning. Principal Leib discussed teachers needing professional development for better remote learning. She stated teachers need time to teach remote learning. Mrs. Collins discussed the increases of cases in the State of Illinois zones and the tiers from the governor. Mrs. Stevens stated some teachers are excited to come back and others are concerned for their own safety. She stated students will be wearing masks all day. Mrs. Augustine discussed four hours of instructional time plus one hour of remote learning, which was discussed during the summer teacher meetings. Mrs. Kelley discussed the various ideas with the other schedules. Mr. Warner discussed the blended day. Mrs. Collins discussed regular homeroom teachers teaching remote learning or a specific remote teacher for the students who stay at home. Supt. Gale stated

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the students would log in and have a virtual time with the remote teacher. Mrs. Robinson discussed students attending all five days. Mrs. Wuebbels asked if students would get recess and if teachers will get a plan time. Principal Callahan said yes the students will have a recess time and teachers will have a plan time at the end of the day. Mr. Warner asked about band for students and the response was yes, but not for fourth grade students. Supt. Gale asked for any additional comments. Mrs. Brombolich stated the conversation through a mask has a muffled sound. She has looked into an amplification system to project her voice through a mask. Dr. Winfield discussed a concern of everyone wearing a mask. Mrs. Collins discussed whatever plan the district chooses that the staff clean surfaces and hire additional staff for cleaning. If COVID-19 case occurs, how would the building be closed and communication to parents if school would need an immediate shut down? The Illinois Dept. of Public Health and Barb Holt has a meeting scheduled on Wednesday to discuss various issues and plans. Supt. Gale discussed purchasing see through masks that may be used, but moisture would build up. A video could be used with a camera for remote learning. Mrs. Cole asked, what is the process or procedure if a teacher or student comes down with the COVID-19? Supt. Gale stated a packet will be sent out on Wednesday with the matrix of plans and procedures. Mrs. Collins discussed the CDC information form that has been updated. Mrs. Wuebbels stated her son is diabetic and the nurse will need additional help and other space. Supt. Gale stated infected persons would need to be quarantined for fourteen days. Mrs. Wilburn had a question in the online chat. Mrs. Robinson asked about the use of sick days if a teacher gets COVID. Supt. Gale stated the government has issued guidelines for sick days and FMLA for the COVID absences.

Principal Leib discussed science curriculum for grade four and five students with grade level science vocabulary and use of mystery science. The quote is \$12,335.93 for a three year license. The science material is a consumable workbook. The students will have informational text in the workbooks for 115 students. The teachers will use videos of various components of mystery science for demonstration. The SAVVAS company bought out Pearson for science textbooks. Principal Leib recommended the science curriculum for grade four and five students.

Principal Callahan discussed the number of kindergarten students. The online registration has ninety students and she requested a sixth kindergarten teacher.

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Supt. Gale discussed purchasing a mister to decontaminate the classrooms and new water fountains for water bottles.

Supt. Gale discussed the solar array project with the land annexed into the City of Belleville. Green Mount Lane is a private road and the solar company would need access to the land from our current property. Supt. Gale stated the asphalt parking lots have been sealed and need to be restriped.

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 June 23, 2020; freedom of information requests - one, 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 \$130,936.74; O & M Fund \$31,633.82; Debt Service \$0; Transportation Fund \$0; and Tort Fund \$110.00. Mr. Warner moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Miller. Nays: none, motion carried.

Mrs. Collins moved to approve the return to school plan for the fiscal year as presented with the blended option. Mr. Warner asked administration to create a hybrid plan in case the blended plan did not meet safety requirements. He suggested allowing students from the same family with different last names attend on the same day with his amendment to the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Warner. Nays: none, motion carried.

President Kunz commended the teachers and administrators for the hard work that has gone into this return to learn plan for the coming school year.

Supt. Gale discussed the Ameren natural gas pipeline easement on the east side of the district property for running an underground pipeline. Mrs. Miller moved to approve the Ameren natural gas pipeline easement as presented. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, and Dr. Winfield. Nays: none, motion carried.

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Supt. Gale discussed a business partnership with the Kriha Boucek law firm. The main group of attorneys that worked at Tueth Keeney left the firm and went to the Boucek law firm. There is no upfront or reoccurring retainer costs for adding the Boucek firm. The hourly rates are the same as before. Mr. Warner moved to approve the Kriha Boucek law firm as a business partner for legal matters. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Collins. Nays: none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale discussed the amended school calendar with November 3 closed for the election and the teachers institute day changed to October 9. Mr. Warner moved to approve the amended fiscal year 2021 calendar as presented. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale discussed the title company did not like the board verbiage when the Purchase Power Agreement was approved because it did not give anyone express authority to execute the agreement and execute necessary easements on the property. Mr. Warner moved to approve Supt. Gale as a designated District Agent as presented. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Miller. Nays: none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale discussed re-approving the Purchase Power Agreement with express authority given by the Board of Education to the Superintendent to execute the agreement and approve any easement necessary for construction and maintenance of the solar array. Mrs. Miller moved to approve the Purchase Power Agreement initially approved on November 18, 2018 and assign Superintendent Gale the express authority to enter the Purchase Power Agreement and approve any easement necessary for construction and maintenance of the solar array. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Warner. Nays: none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale and Mrs. McKay discussed increasing the Extended School Program fees for the fiscal year 2021. There have been no ESP rate increases for some time and the revenues have been declining. Board members took no action and tabled the ESP rate increase.

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Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mr. Warner moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 9:03 p.m. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1) for the discussion of employment. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, and Dr. Winfield. Nays: none, motion carried.

At 9:22 p.m., board members exited executive session. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Collins. Nays: none, motion carried.

Mr. Warner moved to employ Miriah White as a noon supervisor for fiscal year 2021 at CBA amount of \$12.50 per hour. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

Mr. Warner moved to employ Jennifer Hitt as a speech teacher for the fiscal year 2021 at MS step four, \$42,111. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Miller. Nays: none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale discussed the first reading of board policies from the Illinois Association of School Boards.

Supt. Gale recommended approving the science curriculum as presented earlier in the meeting. Mr. Warner moved to approve the science curriculum for grade four and five students not to exceed \$13,000. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Warner. Nays: none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale asked for any other motions from the board. Mr. Warner moved to approve the employment of a sixth kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, and Dr. Winfield. 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. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Collins. Nays: none, motion carried.

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