

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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President Kunz stated that the purpose of this meeting was also to hold a public hearing for the amended 2018-2019 Belle Valley School District budget. President Kunz opened the hearing and called the hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. The roll was called and the following members were present: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Kunz. Those absent: none. Mrs. McKay gave the amended budget presentation and discussed changes compared to the original budget. President Kunz inquired if anyone had any comments or questions on the amended budget. There were no comments or questions on the amended budget. President Kunz stated that the public hearing for the amended 2018-2019 Belle Valley School District budget was closed. Mrs. Collins moved to adjourn the public hearing. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

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 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2019.

President Kunz called the meeting to order. The roll was called and the following members were present: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Kunz. Those absent: none. 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. Mrs. Collins 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 received a thank you from Barb Phillips and Vanessa Stellern for their retirement gifts. Supt. Gale asked Mrs. Kowalski and Mrs. Lambries to give their presentation for a math coach. The two teachers stated that kindergarten through grade eight students are performing low in math. The Belle Valley scores are below State of Illinois averages. Teachers are key for the expertise in teaching math for successful students in learning. Students in the elementary grades need to learn how to be problem solvers compared to memorizing numbers. Principal Leib discussed several other solutions that were tried previously. Mrs. Lambries and Mrs. Kowalski discussed how a math coach position will align with the common core standards.

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Principal Callahan discussed middle school teachers teaching one subject while elementary teachers teach all subjects. Dr. Winfield asked for math instruction for parents to help their children. Mrs. Lambries discussed Star 360 assessment for math problem solving and custom testing. Mr. Warner asked if they had a plan for how to get started. The administrators will meet with teachers to plan out the year in August.

Ms. Kaiping discussed her transitional classroom. She stated the students grew academically and maturity. Star 360 data showed growth for the small classroom. Students had about the same infractions as if they were in a regular classroom. Students are performing well. Transition students were on the cusp of retention for reading, writing, and math in the prior school year and have made much progress this school year. She discussed expanding the classroom for students in grades five and six with intense training for English and Language Arts. The one classroom setting was a restrictive environment for all subjects. Ms. Kaiping would like to reach more students in English and Math and improve behavior, while keeping the small classroom setting. Students would be in her classroom for only certain periods of the day.

Supt. Gale discussed the following: the Belle Valley School certificate of recognition from the St. Clair County Regional Office of Education; the certified earnings increase back to 6% from the previous 3% limitation; the prevailing wage resolution is no longer necessary; the court date for the injury lawsuit is Feb. 3, 2020 and the claimant is asking for \$100,000; the school calendar for 2019-2020 was now available on the ISBE website; board information for addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses was enclosed; Mr. Radliff noted a phone number change; summer camps have 170 students enrolled; concrete sidewalk and external lights were discussed; solar panel update is progressing with a wetland survey; and the Bomber's Blast newsletter was mailed to all district residents.

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 May 21, 2019; three freedom of information requests, enrollment report, the lunch report, the 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 \$291,598.98; O & M Fund \$24,763.67; Debt Service \$265.00; Transportation Fund \$60,222.80; and Tort Fund \$56,241.00. Mr. Radliff moved to approve the

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consent agenda items. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Miller. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Warner moved to approve the 2019-2020 meeting dates as presented. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

President Kunz asked if anyone had any further questions regarding the amended budget. She recommended approving the amended budget for 2018-2019. The amended budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year which has been posted for more than thirty days, establishes: Educational Fund direct expenditures of \$9,207,245, and disbursements on behalf payments of \$3,850,000; O&M Fund direct expenditures of \$485,000; Debt Service Fund direct expenditures of \$23,026,795; Transportation Fund direct expenditures of \$582,000; IMRF Fund direct expenditures of \$379,900; Tort Fund direct expenditures of \$243,150; and Fire Prevention and Safety Fund direct expenditures of \$88,000. The amended budget contains an estimate of amounts available in each fund, separately, and of expenditures from each fund. Mr. Warner moved to approve the 2018-2019 amended budget. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Radliff. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale discussed the 2019-2020 Student / Parent Handbook. Principal Callahan discussed several changes. Mr. Warner moved to approve the final version of the fiscal year 2020 Student / Parent Handbook as presented. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mrs. Collins moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 8:27 p.m. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1) (9) for the discussion of personnel employment and student discipline. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, and Mr. Warner. Nays none, motion carried.

At 9:28 p.m., board members exited executive session.

Mr. Warner moved to employ Samantha Johnson as a first grade teacher for the fiscal year 2020 at B.S. step one. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call:

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Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, and Dr. Winfield.
Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Warner moved to employ Allison McDaniel as a fifth grade teacher for the fiscal year 2020 at B.S. step one. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Winn. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Warner moved to approve a 3.5% increase in the salaries for the administrators, (excluding Assistant Principal, Mr. Musso), business manager (excluding Margot Holt), tech director, superintendent's secretary, and other non-union positions for the fiscal year 2020 as presented. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, and Mrs. Collins. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Radliff moved to approve a change in the certification status of the special education coordinator from teacher to administrator and approve the contract as presented. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Warner moved to approve the Math Coach position on a year to year basis. The salary will be the same as a teacher's salary according to the CBA. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Miller. Nays none, motion carried.

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

Karen L. Kunz, President
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