

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

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

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

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

There were no visitor or public comments.

Mrs. Kelley, curriculum coordinator, and Mr. Strausbaugh, eighth grade science teacher, discussed the science curriculum recommended for the next school year. The McGraw Hill science textbooks combined with online services have been updated with the new standards. The science team recommended purchasing one set of books for each science classroom and leaving those sets in the classroom for grades six through eight. For kindergarten through grade five, the team recommended an online science curriculum aligned with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), which would have a six year subscription. The team discussed IMSA Fusion Kits for grade five and mystery science for kindergarten through grade four. The McGraw Hill textbooks for grade six through eight have an estimated cost of \$15,000 with a total cost of \$26,017 for all grades. Dr. Winfield asked that the science books and materials be presented at a future board meeting.

Ms. Keiser, OPAA food service director, discussed a cook off between the Belle Valley kitchen staff and other schools. The OPAA food services have been received very well and the breakfast servings have increased this school year. More adult breakfast and lunches have purchased as well. Ms. Keiser asked if anyone had any questions. None were asked.

Mrs. Buschur and Mrs. Maschhoff, speech teachers, requested a full time speech teacher be employed for the next school year due to the increased case load of speech services for

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students. The needs of the students are very demanding and the students are not receiving the speech services they need, and the speech teachers need additional help.

Mr. Kelly, Assistant Principal, reviewed the data and growth in Star 360. The administrators have met with parents in truancy meetings due to excessive absences of some students. The Knights are heading up a food drive for needy families in the Belleville area. The Knight students presented the food idea drive to each classroom. The eighth grade students will attend a Steam activity day at SAFB for a full day. The volleyball season has ended, and the track season and musical are starting. Mr. Kelly will be moving to California this summer and board members wished him the best.

Supt. Gale discussed the SDS software change for accounting and payroll. The student management software will be changing to Teacher Ease. Supt. Gale discussed purchasing seventy new computers from Dak Tech provided by Title I funds. Supt. Gale discussed the replacement of 3,500 T-8 lights throughout the school by Ameren with no charge to the school. The school calendar will continue to require five hours per day for each school day and two parent-teacher conference days will continue too. Supt. Gale completed and submitted the Civil Rights Data Collection. Supt. Gale enclosed the April election information for board members. Supt. Gale discussed repair work needed on the track due to cracking.

Principal Leib discussed a reasonable size track storage shed for mats, track hurdle, and track supplies.

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 February 19, 2019; three 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 \$52,606.08; O & M Fund \$13,565.15; Debt Service Fund \$868,172.50; Transportation Fund \$47,940.49; and Tort Fund \$17,768.00. Dr. Winfield moved to approve the consent agenda items. 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.

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Supt. Gale discussed an incident at a sporting event with an irate parent. Dr. Leib asked the parent to leave the game due to the altercation. Mr. Warner moved to approve removing Lisa Brennan-Fleming from attending all future 2018-2019 sporting events in the interest of safety for everyone. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mrs. Miller moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 8:04 p.m. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1) for the discussion of personnel employment and evaluations. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Collins. Nays none, motion carried.

At 9:40 p.m., board members exited executive session.

Mrs. Miller moved to approve resolution 031919 to dismiss personnel at the end of the 2019 school year as presented: Mr. Zach Frank – teacher. Mrs. Collins 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 approve the employment of a third full time speech teacher. 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.

Mr. Warner moved to approve the science curriculum for the 2019-2020 school year. 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.

The first reading of the board policy changes were presented.

Supt. Gale discussed May 23, 2019 for the promotion date for the grade eight students.

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

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