

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MAY 15, 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, May 15, 2018.

President Kunz called the meeting to order. The roll was called and the following members were present: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Mr. Bernal, and Mrs. Kunz. Those absent: Mr. Radliff, Dr. Winfield, and 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. Bernal 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 introduced Mr. Raskin for his report. Mr. Raskin discussed the proposal for laser grading and Turface installation for the baseball and softball fields at Belle Valley. Each field would be laser graded, followed by incorporating Turface into the upper layer of the infield, and then finished off with an even top dressing of Turface. Munie was the original contractor for the fields. Mr. Raskin discussed an application of Health Life Safety Funding for the fields. He reported that IWAS website will need to be updated for the new school location for Health Life Safety amendments. Munie's proposal for the laser grading and Turface application was \$16,620 to redo the fields. Mr. Raskin discussed the bus and parking for dropping off students.

Supt. Gale asked Mr. Joshua Strausbaugh for his report. Mr. Strausbaugh discussed the science curriculum with Houghton Mifflin. The science curriculum has a mixture of textbook materials and online instruction. Ms. Dayne Davis stated the science materials align with the standards. The two teachers would like to test the online materials for one quarter in the fall of 2018. Dr. Leib stated the science curriculum covers grades four through eight, and the vocabulary in the new series had been lowered down.

Mrs. Emmy Koonce discussed the RtI program for the elementary students. She discussed employing a full time certified teacher for the RtI position. In the past two years, she has worked as an RtI teacher aide and has been pulled to sub for many days. The students are

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not receiving consistent services due to subbing many days. The duties and responsibilities of the RtI position for a certified teacher position are to deliver consistent services on a daily basis.

Mrs. Julie Ehret discussed a transition class for low performing students in grade six. During this past school year in grade six, there have been 58 incidences for bad behavior. The negative marks for behavior include incomplete homework, avoiding participation, and tardies between classes. Current disruptions include shouting, throwing items, talking out of turn, and yelling across the room. Mrs. Ehret discussed removing these students to a transition classroom to keep the students up with the regular level classroom. Supt. Gale stated the new classroom would hold ten to fifteen students and get them back on track to their grade level. Under Plan A, students would arrive at 9:00 a.m. and leave at 2:00 p.m. Under Plan B, students would arrive and depart at the regular school times. The cost to employ an additional teacher with benefits would be \$50,000 plus transportation of \$110 per day. Dr. Leib discussed starting the classroom with ten students who may be more successful in this type of classroom. When students ride a different bus, the social structure is removed from the bus, breakfast, recess and after school bus transportation.

Mr. Dave Grohmann showed board members the two playgrounds and the needed repairs for the surface. The Pre K program budget has some funding for additional playground equipment with an awning and surface material. Mrs. Miller asked for other surface options. Mr. Grohmann discussed the baseball fields with eighteen tons of Turface material and laser grading for the fields. When the baseball fields are graded, the outside edge builds up lips, which need to be addressed.

Mr. Michael Kelly discussed adding an art classroom. Dr. Leib discussed adding an art teacher for the students. Two reports from the State of Illinois stated that art programs decrease drop out rates and encourage at risk students to stay in school. The PBL classroom teacher aide has a high turnover rate. Dr. Leib discussed employing an art teacher for two grade levels, cooking class, technology, and movie making.

Mrs. Cindy Callahan discussed the music production, Alice in Wonderland, Jr. The students and directors did an outstanding performance. They had the largest attendance on the first night performance. Mrs. Callahan stated that field day was held today with no sunburns and

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great weather. The students, teachers, and staff were exhausted after field day. The PBIS ice cream party is planned for Monday. Mrs. Callahan discussed moving eleven classrooms for the next school year. Mrs. Callahan went to Branson last week with the band students. The summer writing workshop is scheduled for May 24.

Supt. Gale discussed the food service management process. He stated that graduation is scheduled for May 18th. Supt. Gale discussed the IASB annual dues invoice for \$4,996.

Mrs. McKay discussed the amended tentative budget for the 2017-2018 school year with the various increases and decreases for each fund. The amended budget will be presented with a hearing at next month's board meeting on June 19, 2018.

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 April 17, 2018; special and executive meeting of the Board of Education on May 8, 2018, 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 \$107,756.96; O & M Fund \$27,626.38; Transportation Fund \$46,864.30; and Tort Fund \$3,040.00. Mrs. Miller moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Bernal seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Warner, Mr. Bernal, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Miller. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Warner moved to approve the purchase of new Pre K playground equipment with the Pre K grant of \$25,000 combined with local funds of \$11,000 less credit for surface materials of \$4,605. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Bernal, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Warner. Nays none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mr. Warner moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 9:20 p.m. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1). Mr. Bernal seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, and Mr. Bernal. Nays none, motion carried.

At 9:42 p.m., board members exited executive session.

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Mr. Warner moved to approve to pay Mr. Steve Raskin up to \$5,400 for Health Life Safety architect services. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Mr. Bernal, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Warner moved to approve a full time RtI certified teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Bernal seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Warner, Mr. Bernal, 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. Warner moved that the meeting adjourn. Mr. Bernal seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Karen L. Kunz, President
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