

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MAY 21, 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, May 21, 2019.

President Kunz called the meeting to order. The roll was called and the following members were present: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, and Dr. Winfield. Those absent: Mr. Radliff 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. Warner seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Supt. Gale discussed a thank you card from the Girard Family for a memorial arrangement and thank you letter from Washington University – Siteman Cancer for the donation. Supt. Gale received the official election results from the St. Clair County Clerk's Office.

Principal Callahan discussed fourth grade student ambassadors interviewed by the eighth grade knight students. Mrs. Sires-Iffert's ambassador students helped kindergarten students practice site word problems.

Mrs. Jbour, Ms. Boose, and Mrs. Howard presented goals for a Special Education Director position. They discussed how more special education students could be phased into regular education. Dr. Winfield asked, "What will be the role of this position?" The Special Education Director would oversee and coordinate efforts to help maximize special education efforts. The director would provide better and more efficient programming for special education students. The teachers distributed a printed a description of the goals, supporting data, and comparative positions at other local schools. It was noted that Belle Valley has the highest special education population in the Belleville area.

Supt. Gale discussed the bus transportation costs comparison for the last two fiscal years. The costs are very comparable and have remained stable. Dr. Leib reported that Ms. Kaiping's transition class had three students move out of the area and seven students remained in the classroom for the school year. There were two grade levels. Student growth was more than a

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year in math, but students did not show as much growth in reading. Seventy five percent of the students improved their attendance. The discipline write ups continued. The disruptions were contained within the small class setting. Ms. Kaiping noted that she could service more students in reading and math in other grade levels. The students would be included for core subject areas. The students have more problems in math and language art classes. The students are more engaged in science classrooms. Ms. Kaiping has managed the small classroom very well.

Dr. Leib discussed the eighth grade field trip to Six Flags. She discussed three students were on the retention list and now have two students on the retention list. A Belle Valley girl track student took first place at a track meet. A Knights camp out is planned for this coming Friday. The Photography Club took pictures on a field trip. Sample pictures were distributed. On Earth Day, students walked to Eckerts on the bike path at the rear of the school property. The students received an apple at Eckerts. The Carnival had jump houses in the parking lot and students had an enjoyable day. The Promotion Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 23rd. Mr. Kelly reported that Ms. Ridder had an artist come to school for pictures near the ponds.

Supt. Gale discussed the STEM summer camps with four schools. The superintendents added a new drones camp. Supt. Gale noted that a BASSC committee is discussing a possibly building expansion for BASSC. The health insurance increased by 2.75% for our school. The track repair was decreased from \$3,400 to \$1,200. The retention list includes two students for middle school and seven students for elementary school. The Pre K playground is complete. The solar array time line is a direct generation solar plant to tie in with the school directly. The solar area will be one of the seventh largest in the State of Illinois schools. The solar array should be installed this summer. The high school calendar information was discussed. The Kids for Christ will be providing a summer school food program. Dr. Lou Obernuefemann gave a \$200 donation for the Knights Program for the cabinets received.

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 16, 2019; 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 \$133,847.92; O & M

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Fund \$46,278.24; Debt Service Fund \$388.67; Transportation Fund \$54,468.80; and Tort Fund \$6,484.96. Mrs. McKay reported that two transportation payments were received from the State of Illinois. Mr. Warner moved to approve the consent agenda items. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, and Dr. Winfield. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Kelly discussed Student Handbook changes of legal residency, physical exams, immunizations, snack and birthday treats, and grades three through eight are not to wear leggings, jeggings, or yoga pants. He discussed authorized use of wearing smartwatches, which will be discussed again in June.

Mrs. Miller moved to approve the Student Handbook changes. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Dr. Winfield moved to approve the Special Education Coordinator position job description. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Board members discussed the Math coach job description. Board members discussed the continuity and consistency of math from each grade level and progress to the next grade level. The administrators discussed ways to teach math to improve annual test scores. Teachers are working on math standards and practice math problems to strengthen their skills. Ms. Alibaikzadeh explained how she instructs her math classrooms and breaks her classroom in sections. The high achieving students are given more challenging work and then take assessments of the learning of subgroups. Mr. Kelly discussed how a math coach will be in the classroom to be a math instructor in kindergarten through grade eight. The math coach will streamline best practices of core information for seamless transition for each grade level. The math coach will analyze data in order to modify curriculum and forms of assessment. Mrs. Miller moved to approve the math coach job description. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mr. Warner moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 8:32 p.m. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1)(3) for the discussion of personnel employment and selection to fill public office. Dr. Winfield seconded the

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motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

At 10:39 p.m., board members exited executive session.

Mr. Warner moved to approve to employ Jenee Brown as a speech pathologist at the MS step 2 CBA salary for the fiscal year 2020. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Kunz and Mrs. Miller. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Warner moved to approve to employ Neacie Thompson as the ESP director at the rate of \$17.69 for the fiscal year 2020. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Warner. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Warner moved to approve to employ Emily Chappel as an elementary special education BD teacher at the BS step three CBA salary for fiscal year 2020. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, and Dr. Winfield. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Warner moved to approve to employ Brandon Musso as the District Assistant Principal with a one year contract as presented for fiscal year 2020. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Warner moved to approve to employ Torecia Jackson as a full time custodian at the CBA amount of \$23,000 for fiscal year 2020. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Miller. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Warner moved to approve to employ Kourtne Boose as the Special Education Coordinator with her salary as the current CBA amount adjusted for a 200 day work year for fiscal year 2020. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Warner. Nays none, motion carried.

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Mrs. Miller moved to appoint Laketa Winn as a board member to fill the vacant seat for a two year term. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: 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, Mrs. Miller moved that the meeting adjourn. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Karen L. Kunz, President
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Joan E. McKay, Secretary
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