

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

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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, November 19, 2019.

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

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

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

Supt. Gale discussed the Health-Life Safety inspection results, the IASB active member certificate, the ISBE disproportionality letter, and the OPAA monthly newsletter.

Kourtne Boose, Special Education Coordinator, discussed the number of students in each special education classroom. She discussed major behavior problems in an elementary special education classroom. In grades three through eight, the regular education classrooms are co-taught classes with a regular education teacher assisted with a resource teacher time. Total special education students including speech students are 252. In November 2019, there are four more special education students than the district ended at 2018-2019 school year. There are 14 students in the referral process for special education services. There are forty students receiving OT & PT therapy services. Programming considerations for the future include: behavior and/or autism resources, OHI resources within resource, co-taught kindergarten and grade one classrooms. Transition classes for grades two and three and grades four and five could be an option in the future. Ms. Boose discussed a junior kindergarten with ten to twelve students with a program aide. Her greatest concern is one self-contained special education classroom that is currently maxed out.

Mr. Brandon Musso, Assistant Principal, discussed recent events, which included the first band concert, two band students were selected to perform at the IMEA festival, and the haunted hallways sponsored by the PTO was well attended. ACES (all children exercising simultaneously) was performed with the elementary PE teachers. Family Fitness Night had thirteen vendors set up tables, eighty one students plus parents and siblings attended the event.

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Many teachers volunteered for the Family Fitness Night. Mrs. Stevens secured two IPAD's with the Donor's Choice program. Mrs. Barker was nominated and received the Emerson Golden Apple Award. On Oct. 22, 2019, the students ate apples all at once and Apple Crunch pictures were taken. Mrs. Keiser, OPAA food service director, formed a student advisory committee for student requests for the breakfast and lunch program. The basketball season is in full swing. All teams are putting forth great effort. The Veteran's Assembly was very well attended and well planned out. In Teacher Ease, there were seventy seven referrals for disruptive behavior for hands on and repeat offenders. The discipline problems in the classroom take away from learning. Students have shown a lot less self-discipline, especially in grade six.

Supt. Gale discussed the fiscal year 2019 school report card. The Belle Valley summative designation shows that the district is a Commendable School. The English Language Art SGP score was 52% and math also had a 52% SGP score. Student chronic absenteeism was 14%, and teacher retention was 91%. Supt. Gale discussed the IAR designations of did not meet, partially met, approached, met and exceeded. The District has a 70% poverty level. Supt. Gale discussed the Belle Valley report card compared to Whiteside School and Belleville District 118 report cards. Belle Valley's SGP scores are better or equal to those local school districts.

Supt. Gale discussed updates on the water heater, solar panels, external lights, Title I audit, School Nutrition Program Administrative Review, After School Food Program Grant, and Property Tax relief grant.

Mrs. McKay discussed information concerning the proposed 2019 tax levy. A projected increase of 3% in the equalized assessed valuation and the correlating tax rates were discussed. The overall recommendation for the levy presented resulted in a .0075% increase including the Debt Service Fund. The IMRF and Social Security levies were increased for the 2019 tax levy. Mrs. McKay presented the historical tax rates, tax extensions and equal assessed valuation (EAV) of real estate in the Belle Valley School District. As the EAV goes down, the tax rate increases. The tentative proposed tax levy was presented in the following amounts: Education Fund \$1,891,858.00; O & M Fund \$332,739.00; Transportation Fund \$114,082.00; Working Cash Fund \$47,534.00; Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund \$148,000.00; Social Security Fund \$188,000.00; Tort Immunity Fund \$210,000.00; Special Education Fund \$19,014.00; Lease Levy

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\$47,534.00; Fire Prevention and Safety Fund \$47,534 and the estimated amount needed in the Debt Service Fund \$2,005,421.00.

Mrs. McKay discussed the five copier bids for the two teacher workrooms. Watts had the lowest bid of \$585.12 for a forty eight month lease.

President Kunz asked whether board members had any questions for the consent agenda items, which included: the minutes of the regular, student hearing and executive meeting of the Board of Education on October 15, 2019; three freedom of information requests, enrollment report, lunch report, ESP report, the treasurer's report, tax 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 \$104,015.06; O & M Fund \$64,856.66; Debt Service \$0; Transportation Fund \$55,832.72; Tort Fund \$75.00; Fire & Safety \$0. Mr. Radliff moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Winn. Nays none, motion carried.

Mrs. McKay recommended an inter-fund loan from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund up to \$125,000 as needed. The State of Illinois has not released the transportation reimbursement payments. Mr. Warner moved to approve the inter-fund loan up to \$125,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund as needed. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, and Mrs. Collins. Nays none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Dr. Winfield moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 8:33 p.m. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1) (9) (11) (34) for the discussion of personnel employment, student discipline, litigation, and TIF. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

At 9:16 p.m., board members exited executive session.

Dr. Winfield moved to employ Matthew Hampel as an elementary paraprofessional program aide for the remainder of the FY2020 at the rate of \$17.69 per hour. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, and Mr. Radliff. Nays none, motion carried.

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Mr. Radliff moved to approve Chelsey Johnson, Jenee Brown and Nicole Hendrix's leave of absence. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Radliff moved to dismiss Donna Brooks as a bus monitor for Belle Valley School effective immediately. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Radliff and Mr. Warner. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale discussed the first reading of IASB board policy changes.

Supt. Gale discussed the needed employment to start in January 2020. The principals suggested two elementary and one middle school teachers and one teacher aide to help general education classrooms. Supt. Gale discussed the additional teachers to be employed in the coming months. Mr. Radliff moved to approve the employment of three teachers and one teacher aide. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, and Dr. Winfield. Nays none, motion carried.

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

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