

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS
SEPTEMBER 18, 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 7:04 P.M. on Tuesday, September 18, 2018.

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, Dr. Winfield, and Mr. Bernal. Those absent: Mr. Radliff.

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 discussed correspondence received a thank you letter from OPAA CEO and a letter from Jeff Dosier for free admission to Belleville High School events. The Illinois Attorney General sent a letter regarding an old freedom of information request and the file will be closed. Dawn Waller, IMSA representative, sent the District a thank you note for support and use of the facilities during the 2018 summer programs. The Illinois State Board of Education recognized the Belle Valley School's Preschool for All Program. Based on the most recent monitoring results, the District's Preschool for All Program, Belle Valley School has achieved the Gold Circle of Quality.

Anne Noble, Stifel Nicholas, Inc., presented to the Board of Education an outline and timeline to refinance the 2009A and 2009B bonds. She stated that interest rates have remained stable in the past year. The 2009A bonds are callable this coming April 2019. If the District refinances ten million in bonds in November / December of 2018 and then another ten million in the January of 2019, the District would receive a slightly better interest rate. The bond issue would be split into two bond issues. Anne discussed passing a bond resolution in November with financing completed in December 2018 and early part of 2019. If the District completes this refinancing, the bond payments would even out in future years with a slight growth in the tax rate.

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Mrs. McKay discussed the EIS Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report for school year 2018. The report includes base salary, sick days, bonuses, annuities, retirement enhancements, and other benefits.

President Kunz asked Mrs. McKay to present the audited Annual Financial Report for the 2017-2018 school year. Mrs. McKay discussed the Annual Financial Report and the annual audit for the 2017-2018 school year. Mrs. McKay discussed the major changes during the school year, which included the District received \$683,291 more in local real estate taxes in June 2018 compared to June 2017 for the District Funds. Corporate Personal Property taxes decreased \$21,126. Interest income increased \$49,597 with the change in banks and CD investments in the Education Fund. TIF revenue increased \$66,338. General State Aid increased \$917,731 with the Evidence Based Funding of \$458,857 included as additional State funding. The Pre K classrooms were held for a full year during the 2017-2018. The District received a financial profile designation of recognition of 3.7 due to more operating revenue received compared to more operating expenses for the fiscal year.

Mr. Kelly discussed the new food service program. He stated more students are eating lunch. Mr. Kelly stated RtI teachers and teacher aides have started baseline testing. The PBIS team has been planning and meeting regarding student behavior. The writing program is taking off and students are journaling about what they like. Mr. Kelly has interviewed and recommended some new employees for teacher aide positions. He was included in the special education and regular teacher interviews too. The new transportation bus route had been added and the buses are no longer crowded. On October 5th an intruder training is scheduled for the entire school.

Supt. Gale discussed updates, which included no parking painted in red in the circle drive and a stop sign added at the end of the circle drive. The administrators are developing two goals for the whole school for evaluations and curriculum. The teachers and administrators are looking for goals of operations for numeric values as a math goal and informational text in English language arts. Supt. Gale stated the bike trail group graded the hill in the rear of the property. Grass and straw was placed on the hill to prevent erosion. Supt. Gale responded to the Belleville News Democrat FOIA request regarding student discipline for the past ten years. The

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FOIA was withdrawn before the five day limit time frame. Supt. Gale stated a 750 gallon water tank was replaced last week due to a leak.

Supt. Gale discussed the dripping of moisture from the ceiling in the Wamser gym. The roof and ceiling are glued together and moisture is collecting between the layers. Water is dripping through the roof on the wood floor. He stated a possible lawsuit may be necessary to resolve the issue. Supt. Gale will contact the District's attorney.

President Kunz asked whether board members had any questions for the consent agenda items, which included: the minutes of the regular, special and executive meeting of the Board of Education on August 21, 2018; two freedom of information requests, enrollment report, tax 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 \$90,903.65; O & M Fund \$33,513.09; Debt Service Fund - \$1,035,321.88; Transportation Fund \$36,085.44; Tort Fund \$5,552.54; Fire & Safety \$21,340.00. Dr. Winfield moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, and Mr. Bernal. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale discussed the annual application for recognition of schools. Dr. Winfield moved to approve the application for recognition of schools for the 2018-2019 school year. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Supt. Gale discussed the annual EIS salary and benefits report for fiscal year 2018 presented previously by Mrs. McKay. Mrs. Miller moved to approve the annual EIS salary and benefits report for fiscal year 2018 as presented. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Mrs. McKay discussed the Risk Management Plan for fiscal year 2019 with updated percentage of salaries, insurance expenses, fire extinguisher inspection, unemployment benefits and attorney expenses. The Risk Management plan with estimated Tort Immunity expenses will be paid from the Tort Fund. The Risk Management plan should be approved each year. Dr. Winfield moved to approve the fiscal year 2019 Risk Management Plan as presented. Mrs.

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

President Kunz recommended approving the 2017-2018 audited Annual Financial Report. Mrs. Miller moved to approve the 2017-2018 audited Annual Financial Report. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mr. Bernal, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mrs. Collins moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 8:25 p.m. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1) for the discussion of personnel employment. Mr. Bernal seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mr. Bernal, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Miller. Nays none, motion carried.

At 8:52 p.m., board members exited executive session.

Mrs. Collins moved to employ Sharon Bennett as the chorus director for fiscal year 2019 at the union stipend of \$2,130. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mr. Bernal, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Warner. Nays none, motion carried.

Mrs. Collins moved to employ Kara Freimuth and Kourtne Boose as community relations representatives for fiscal year 2019 at the union stipend of \$1,179 to be split in half for each person. Mr. Bernal seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Bernal, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, and Dr. Winfield. Nays none, motion carried.

Mrs. Collins moved to employ Kori Petryshyn as a kindergarten teacher for fiscal year 2019 at BS step six prorated for the remaining days in the school year. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, and Mr. Bernal. Nays none, motion carried.

Mrs. Collins moved to employ Melissa Moran as a teacher aide for fiscal year 2019 at union rate of \$17.05 per hour. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mr. Bernal, and Mrs. Collins. Nays none, motion carried.

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Supt. Gale asked if any board members were interested in attending the Southwestern Illinois Division meeting held next month. No one expressed interest in attending the meeting.

Supt. Gale asked if any board members wanted to make any motions for the bond refinancing. No action was taken.

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

Karen L. Kunz, President
Board of Education
Belle Valley School District No. 119
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