

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
NOVEMBER 17, 2020

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The Board of Education of District No. 119, St. Clair County, Illinois, met in the library, Belle Valley School District, 2465 Amann Drive, Belleville, Illinois, in said District at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 17, 2020.

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

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

Mr. Radliff entered the meeting at 7:03 P.M.

The Board of Education received a thank you letter from Roberta Barth for the retirement plaque recognizing her years of service as a board member and Treasurer.

Supt. Gale discussed the annual Health-Life Safety inspection results and the letter received from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the U.S. Department of Education regarding the 2019-2020 School Survey on Crime and Safety (SSOCS).

Principal Callahan shared that due to Mrs. Winn submitting the school's name to a radio station, Chick-fil-A would be providing 175 box lunches on Thursday for teachers and staff. POP awards are being delivered to those students who are remote learning. Retention meetings have been held and more interventions are scheduled to get students caught up. The truancy lists are long due to remote students not logging in.

Assistant Principal Musso discussed teachers continue to evaluate the need for student interventions. The school now has hot spots available for students experiencing internet problems.

Supt. Gale noted the school received \$725 of "cash back" from the credit card. He gave an update on the solar array project; heavy machinery will be moved in this week and hopefully the project will be completed by Christmas. Supt. Gale, Assistant Principal Musso, and Special Education Coordinator Boose have received Title IX training. The District has been awarded a

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technology grant of \$85,784. Mayor Kern was contacted regarding a stop light at the intersection of Amann Drive and Green Mount Road. The Mayor is interested in doing this project with the District. The COVID-19 weekly update table for November 16, 2020 was given to board members.

Supt. Gale discussed information concerning the proposed 2020 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 2.63% increase including the Debt Service Fund. The IMRF and Social Security levies were decreased approximately \$100,000 each and the Tort levy was increased approximately \$200,000 for the 2020 tax levy. The tentative proposed tax levy was presented in the following amounts: Education Fund \$1,877,000; O & M Fund \$330,132; Transportation Fund \$113,188; Working Cash Fund \$47,161; Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund \$50,000; Social Security Fund \$80,000; Fire Prevention and Safety Fund \$47,161; Tort Immunity Fund \$420,000; Special Education Levy \$18,864; Lease Levy \$47,161; and Debt Service Fund \$2,059,771.24.

President Kunz asked whether board members had any questions for the consent agenda items, which included: (a) minutes of the regular and executive meeting of the Board of Education on October 20, 2020; (b) one freedom of information request; (c) enrollment report; (d) lunch report; (e) ESP report; (f) Treasurer report; (g) tax report; (h) financial report; and (i) payment of bills. The bills were presented for approval and payment in the following amounts, (see itemized lists attached): Education Fund-\$49,267.42; O & M Fund-\$26,363.29; Debt Service Fund-\$3,111.06; Transportation Fund-\$0; Tort Fund-\$0; Fire & Safety Fund \$0. Mrs. Winn moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Collins. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale recommended approving an inter-fund loan from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund up to \$125,000 as needed. The State of Illinois historically does not release the transportation reimbursement payments in a timely manner. Mrs. Collins 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. Miller,

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Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Winn. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale discussed fund balances for FY 2019, FY 2020, and current as of October 31, 2020. He also discussed the risk management plan for FY 2021. Supt. Gale recommended approving the updated risk management plan for FY 2021. Mr. Radliff moved to approve the updated risk management plan for FY 2021. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Winn, and Mrs. Miller. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale recommended approving the creation of an art club stipend position. Mr. Warner moved to approve creating an art club stipend position. Mr. Radliff seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Radliff. Nays none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mr. Warner moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 7:50 P.M. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1) (2) (8) for the discussion of personnel, employment, performance, negotiations, and school building safety and security. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, and Mr. Warner. Nays none, motion carried.

At 8:24 P.M., board members exited executive session.

Mr. Radliff moved to employ Erin Gordon as an elementary paraprofessional program aide for the remainder of the FY2021 at the rate of \$18.35 per hour. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Mrs. Winn moved to employ Karrie Ridder as the art club sponsor at the CBA rate of \$964 per year. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Collins. Nays none, motion carried.

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Mrs. Winn moved to approve the maternity leave for Santana Cole as requested. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Winn. 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 at 8:27 P.M. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Radliff, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Winn, and Mrs. Miller. Nays none, motion carried.

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Karen L. Kunz, President  
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