

MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
AUGUST 10, 2020

The Board of Education of District No. 119, St. Clair County, Illinois, met via video conference, Belle Valley School District, 2465 Amann Drive, Belleville, Illinois, in said District at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2020.

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

President Kunz stated the emergency meeting was needed to discuss the start date with the remote learning due to the COVID-19 infection rates above 8%.

Supt. Gale attended a virtual meeting last Friday afternoon with the St. Clair Regional Office of Education Superintendent, Barb Holt from the Illinois Department of Public Health, and other superintendents from the area. They strongly encouraged remote learning due to the rise in the COVID-19 infections. The area superintendents had a discussion for remote learning with the use of chromebooks. The superintendents discussed pushing the start of school back to have more time to teach students in person in the spring. The remote planning days could be used at the beginning of the school year.

Mr. Warner asked, how will the remote planning days effect the start date next year, and how will the delayed start affect the IEP students? Supt. Gale responded that at times like this summer break would be shorter next year. He stated the IEP special education students will be reached by the teachers and may be brought in individually. Ms. Boose discussed having small groups of students brought to school to help the special education students with remote technology and in person learning.

Dr. Leib stated the delayed start of school will give teachers more time for remote planning, distributing technology to students and training teachers with the technology. Supt. Gale stated that the teachers were hoping to teach students how to use chromebooks and IPADs in person before the school was in remote learning. Mr. Musso stated that half the teachers were going to be in person and half the teachers were going to be remote. Half of the teachers are prepared for remote learning and the others are learning to be remote.

Dr. Winfield joined the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

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Mrs. Steven stated the teachers thought they would be ready for remote learning by August 24 or 25<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Augustine stated the student's start date for high school is August 18. She thinks starting on August 24 or 25 would work for the teachers. Mrs. Winn discussed starting on August 25 to give parents more time to plan. Dr. Winfield asked about synchronized recorded learning or live teaching. Supt. Gale responded that some teachers will be teaching live. Mrs. Kelley discussed working out a schedule for students to get online and meet in small groups. Dr. Winfield discussed the issue of working parents and having live learning. Supt. Gale discussed the google platform for recording the teacher's lesson plans. Dr. Winfield discussed student's signing on and how the teacher would monitor the logging on. Supt. Gale stated the google software may not be able to record the teacher and that we would order software to do that.

President Kunz wants teachers to be prepared as much as possible and for students to be prepared. Dr. Winfield suggested student come in small groups with their parents to learn how to use the technology. Dr. Leib discussed tutorials for chromebooks for parents to help their students. Supt. Gale suggested discussing these concerns in person at next Tuesday's board meeting with everyone in masks and social distancing. Mrs. Miller asked about parents who do not support their children with technology. Dr. Winfield suggested involving the social workers to ensure all students are getting instructed. Mrs. Callahan stated teachers are reaching out to parents by phone and see what the students need for technology for students to be successful. Paraprofessionals will contact smaller groups of students for learning and will be included in the process of teaching the students.

President Kunz asked if there were any other questions or comments.

Mr. Warner moved to approve the amended fiscal year 2021 calendar to start the school year on August 25 for students with virtual learning for the first day school. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. The roll was called and the following members voting aye on roll call were: Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Miller. 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. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

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