

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MAY 19, 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 7:03 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2020.

President Kunz called the meeting to order. The roll was called and the following members were present: Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, 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. Collins moved to adopt the board agenda. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

President Kunz asked for public comments. There were no public comments.

Supt. Gale stated Mr. John Conrath, a former board member of Belle Valley, passed away recently. The District sent a memorial plant to the family.

Mr. Musso and Mr. Gleadle discussed graphic wall art in the gym and multi-purpose rooms. Mr. Gleadle, athletic director, discussed replacing old banners from the previous school building due to stains and discolorations. Mr. Gleadle wants to create pride and recognition for the sports teams with pictures, which will cultivate and enhance sports. In the fitness room, he suggested a perforated window to see out with the Belle Valley bomber logo on the outside of the window. In the elementary section of the school, a teach peace wall wrap was recommended and an orange sunset for the kindergarten hall. President Kunz asked if anyone had any questions. Board members asked for a time frame for the wall wraps. Mr. Musso and Mr. Gleadle said the wall wrap could happen pretty quickly. President Kunz asked about the size of the decals, and if the cost is reflective of the size of the banner. Mr. Gleadle commented that the decals and banners are good size and the cost increases as the size increases.

Mrs. McKay discussed the amended budget changes for revenue and expense for the fiscal year 2020. The major revenue change for all funds is the decrease in real estate taxes due to the later due date of July for the taxes. Other revenue changes include decrease in lunch fees, extended school program fees, federal breakfast and lunch reimbursements due to school closing for the COVID-19 pandemic. The general state aid in the Education Fund was decreased due to

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more aid deposited into the Transportation Fund. Major expenditure changes included an increase in instructional salaries for two additional teacher aides and two elementary transition teachers, substitute teachers decreased due to school closing and less absences, special education teacher aide salaries, benefits, and supplies increased, and therapy services increased. The overall increase for the Education Fund increase in expenditures was 2.18% or \$216,707 over the original budget. President Kunz asked for questions or comments, none were made.

Principal Leib discussed eighth grade teachers delivered the graduation gowns, t-shirts and signs to the eighth grade student homes. The teachers took pictures of the students with gowns and t-shirts. Principal Leib stated a banner will go up in front of the school congratulating the eighth grade students. Principal Leib stated that the Mrs. Eells compiled a prerecorded ceremony for the eighth grade students with the administrators speaking and pictures of the students. The recording can be viewed on May 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via the Belle Valley website. The official last day of school is May 28, 2020. A parade of teachers are going to drive through the Belle Valley neighborhoods to see the students in the school's neighborhoods. Principal Leib discussed the retention of three to four students who are failing and may be retained. Several teachers are doing weekly meetings with students. One student completed only one assignment out of twenty five assignments. The track shed should be delivered within the next day or two. The administrators have been holding weekly meetings with the staff. Mr. Musso has done a great job with the zoom meetings. Weekly and daily communication has gone well with documentation in case it is needed in the future.

Supt. Gale discussed the cancellation of the summer stem camps and the on-site extended school year program for special education students. The special education summer school program will be held remotely in this difficult situation. Supt. Gale discussed the solar array update with the property annexation into the City of Belleville as a recommendation. Supt. Gale discussed a needed variance with the St. Clair County Board of Appeals for a fence and fifty feet from the fence for the solar panels. Supt. Gale discussed annexing the property into the City of Belleville and the variance would not be needed. President Kunz asked for questions and concerns.

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Supt. Gale discussed the safety of the students and staff in the fall and stated the air filters in the building are COVID compliant. Supt. Gale ordered 4,000 face masks to open the school in the fall. The District has received funding for the COVID expenses. Supt. Gale stated the Jarvis electric wall packs have been installed. Supt. Gale recognized the retiring teachers.

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 21, 2020; freedom of information request - none, enrollment report, lunch report, ESP 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 \$103,086.53; O & M Fund \$29,915.75; Debt Service \$265.00; Transportation Fund \$26,369.13; Tort Fund \$5,710.00. Mrs. Collins moved to approve the consent agenda items. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, and Dr. Winfield. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Gale discussed the Student Handbook updates, which include the 2020-2021 school calendar, change in page numbers, School Improvement and Teacher Institute days, and updated breakfast and lunch fees. Mr. Musso discussed other Student Handbook updates, which include Acts of Misconduct with Level I, II & III, computer misuse, cell phone violation or electronic device, lower grade cell phone violation with a step system, clothing violation changes, searches of school locker and property. Mr. Musso discussed video surveillance and making parents aware that the school has cameras, disciplinary measures, and access to student's social networking.

Mrs. Kelley, curriculum coordinator, discussed chapter four of the Student Handbook changes, which included Curriculum Educational Programs Handbook updated to ISBE guidelines, advance placement for students was updated, special education was retitled, and previously, honor roll was calculated with four subject matters. Parents felt other subjects should be included in the honor roll. Principal Leib stated other classes are not considered core curriculum subjects, such as band and physical education. Supt. Gale discussed and supported having a higher weight for core courses compared to the other courses. Board members liked the weighted core course average. Supt. Gale recommended 75% for core courses and 25% for remaining courses for honor roll. Supt. Gale discussed a hybrid of GPA averages. Mrs. Kunz

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discussed a situation when a student may not attend the promotion ceremony due to low grade point average. Mr. Warner moved to approve the student/parent handbook for fiscal year 2020-2021 as presented. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

President Kunz recommended approving the IASB Board Policies and District updates to policies as presented during the April board meeting. Mrs. Miller moved to approve the IASB Board Policies and District updates to policies as presented during the April board meeting. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Dr. Winfield moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 8:30 p.m. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1) (2) for the discussion of personnel employment, employees, and negotiations. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Winn. Nays none, motion carried.

At 8:56 p.m., board members exited executive session.

Mr. Warner moved to employ Yvonne Barker as the co-mentor coordinator for fiscal year 2020-2021 at the CBA annual stipend amount of \$1,208. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, and Mrs. Collins. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Warner moved to employ Allisan Whitt as a special education teacher for fiscal year 2021 school year at BS, step one, \$38,432. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion and moved the previous roll call. Members voting aye on previous roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, and Mrs. Collins. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Warner moved to employ Yvonne Larosa as a general education teacher for the fiscal year 2021 school year at MS, step fifteen, \$51,382. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion and moved the previous roll call. Members voting aye on previous roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, and Mrs. Collins. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Warner moved to employ Lauren Elliott as a general education teacher for the fiscal year 2021 school year at MS, step thirteen, \$48,552. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion and moved

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

Mr. Warner moved to employ Alicia Smith as a general education teacher for the fiscal year 2021 school year at MS, step seven, \$44,505. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion and moved the previous roll call. Members voting aye on previous roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, and Mrs. Collins. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Warner moved to employ Tanner Brumgard as a special education teacher for the fiscal year 2021 school year at BS, step one, \$38,432. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion and moved the previous roll call. Members voting aye on previous roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, and Mrs. Collins. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Warner moved to employ Brittany Breckner as a general education teacher for the fiscal year 2021 school year at MS + 24, step five, \$43,984. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion and moved the previous roll call. Members voting aye on previous roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, and Mrs. Collins. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Warner moved to employ Diane Wicker as a general education teacher for the fiscal year 2021 school year at BS + 8, step six, \$42,911. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion and moved the previous roll call. Members voting aye on previous roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, and Mrs. Collins. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Warner moved to employ Paula Semko as a special education teacher aide for the fiscal year 2021 school year at CBA amount of \$18.35 per hour. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion and moved the previous roll call. Members voting aye on previous roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, and Mrs. Collins. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Warner moved to employ Marisa Albers as a Pre-K teacher aide for the fiscal year 2021 school year at CBA amount of \$18.35 per hour. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion and moved the previous roll call. Members voting aye on previous roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Warner, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Winn, and Mrs. Collins. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Warner moved to employ Marisela Luna as a special education teacher aide for the fiscal year 2021 school year at CBA amount of \$18.35 per hour. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion

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

Supt. Gale discussed other items for consideration. He congratulated Mrs. Winn for completing her Specialist Degree for Special Education School Psychologist. Board members congratulated her too.

Mr. Warner moved to approve the quote for the wall wraps up to \$9,110. Mrs. Winn seconded the motion. Mrs. Miller commented that she would like to have more discussion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Warner, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: Mrs. Miller and Dr. Winfield, 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.

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