

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
APRIL 16, 2024

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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, April 16, 2024.

President Kunz called the meeting to order. The roll was called and the following members were present: Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, and Mrs. Stover. Those absent: Mr. Cole and Mr. Kraus.

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

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

President Kunz recognized the visitors present for the meeting. There were no public comments.

The Board of Education acknowledged OPAA's monthly food service report.

Principal Ms. Kramper discussed the following: Author visit by Matt de la Pena which included a student assembly and parent event; solar eclipse viewing; IAR kick off assembly, testing, dress up days, and incentive party; and Althoff student volunteers.

Asst. Supt. for Student Services Mrs. Chambers discussed her transition update.

Supt. Gale informed the Board of the following: a RFP has been given to ISBE to review for food services; the end of year retirement party will be on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>; and BASSC is considering a rate increase for services.

President Kunz asked whether board members had any questions for the consent agenda items, which included: (a) minutes of the special, regular and executive meetings of the Board of Education on March 19, 2024, and minutes of the special and executive meetings of the Board of Education on April 1, 2024, (b) freedom of information request - SmartProcure, (c) enrollment report, (d) lunch report, (e) ESP report, (f) tax report – none, (g) Treasurer report, (h) financial report, and (i) payment of bills, and any upcoming bills that would incur a late fee. The bills were presented for approval and payment in the following amounts, (see itemized lists attached): Education Fund - \$160,521.49; O & M Fund - \$36,085.88; Debt Service Fund - \$2,541.32; Transportation Fund - \$64,955.21; IMRF/Social Security Fund - \$0; Working Cash Fund - \$0; Tort Fund - \$17,717.47; Fire & Safety Fund - \$15,000.00. Dr. Winfield moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, and Mrs. Stover. Nays none, motion carried.

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President Kunz recommended approving the special education director job description. Mrs. Miller moved to approve the special education director job description as presented. Mrs. Stover seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

President Kunz recommended approving the adequate public transportation resolution. Mrs. Miller moved to approve the adequate public transportation resolution for the 2024-2025 (FY2025) school year as presented. Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Supt. Gale discussed the first reading of IASB board policy changes from Issue 114 dated March 2024, those policies were read into the minutes.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Dr. Winfield moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 7:42 P.M. under 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) (1) (9) for the discussion of personnel employment, performance, and student discipline. Mrs. Stover seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Stover, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mrs. Stover moved that the Board of Education exit executive session at 8:20 P.M. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Mrs. Miller moved to approve Resolution #04162024 to hire necessary faculty and staff for FY2025. Mrs. Stover seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Stover, Mrs. Kunz, and Dr. Winfield. Nays none, motion carried.

Dr. Winfield moved to approve a three percent (3%) increase in the salaries for administrators, business manager, tech director, cafeteria coordinator, and all other non-union employee salaries for FY2025 including part-time and itinerant personnel except for the superintendent's secretary, assistant superintendent, and special education coordinator (due to their being recently hired or promoted with a higher salary). Mr. Whipple seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Whipple, Mrs. Stover, Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, and Mrs. Miller. Nays none, motion carried.

Mrs. Stover moved to expel student 04262024a and student 04262024b through 2023-2024 school year and hold the expulsion in abeyance according to the signed parent waivers. Dr. Winfield seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Stover, Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Whipple. Nays none, motion carried.

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The Board tabled the reclassification of special education coordinator to special education director with appropriate salary increase and contract extension.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, Mrs. Miller moved that the meeting adjourn at 8:26 P.M. Mrs. Stover seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Dr. Winfield, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Whipple, and Mrs. Stover. Nays none, motion carried.

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Karen L. Kunz, President  
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