

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
AUGUST 21, 2007

The Board of Education of District No. 119, St. Clair County, Illinois, met in the Board Room, Belle Valley School-South, 1901 Mascoutah Road, Belleville, Illinois, in said District at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21, 2007.

President Karen Kunz called the meeting to order. The roll was called and the following members were present: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd and Mrs. Kunz. Those absent: none.

The Board of Education and others in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

President Kunz recommended adopting the board agenda. Mr. Smith moved to approve the board agenda. Mr. Baysinger seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

President Kunz called for citizen's non-agenda items. Dr. Hill stated that Belle Valley School District has fourteen new faculty members. He is very pleased with the new staff members. Mrs. Goetter introduced Mr. Jason Shea, a fourth grade teacher. Dr. Leib introduced Mrs. April Jungwaelter, technology teacher.

President Kunz announced that the Board of Education would hold a public hearing on the budget for the 2007-08 fiscal year, having posted it for more than 30 days. Mr. Smith moved to hold the open public hearing for the 2007-08 budget for Belle Valley School District #119. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried. Mrs. Kunz asked for public comments regarding the budget. There were no public comments for the budget. Mr. Smith moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried. The public hearing was closed.

Mr. Busch explained the administrative cost cap waiver for the two fiscal years 06-07 and 07-08. Mr. Busch and Dr. Hill stated that a public hearing is necessary to satisfy the legal requirement since the administrative expenses exceeded five percent. They explained that the District can waive the administrative cost limits because the District is within the lowest quartile for administrative expenditures per pupil. President Kunz announced that the Board of Education would hold a public hearing on the administrative cost cap waiver for the fiscal year 06-07 and 07-08. Mr. Smith moved to hold the open public hearing for the 2006-07 administrative cost cap waiver and the 2007-08 administrative cost cap waiver. Mr. Vaughn

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seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Mrs. Kunz asked for public comments regarding the 2006-07 and 2007-08 administrative cost cap waiver. There were no public comments. Mr. Smith moved to close the public hearing. Mrs. Baltz seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried. The public hearing was closed.

Mrs. Goetter explained the role of the school social worker. Students who have individual education program (IEP) plans stipulate how many minutes the student should see the social worker each week. The social worker is the HUG team leader, writes 504 accomodation plans, link with the community agencies, plans red ribbon week, conducts social skills training, leads character education programs, and supervises social worker interns. Mr. Hickman stated that the south social worker carries out the same responsibilities. Dr. Leib stated that the social skills for middle school students include student ambassadors for new students, the social worker introduces good students as leaders to new students. The social worker conducts home visits for poor attendance. Mr. Byrd asked about a crisis plan and how often they are trained. Mrs. Goetter responded that the District has a crisis prevention plan and the staff members are trained at the BASSC office for restraining techniques. Refresher courses are taken every few years.

Mr. Doug Sawyer reported on the proposed technology equipment expenditures planned for the 07-08 school year. The capital expenditure includes a lap top cart with wireless internet. Currently, the District has 2 – 24 lap top carts and 1 – 12 lap top cart. The lap tops are out of warranty and the labor on the lap tops cost \$250 an hour. An upgraded lap top computer cart will work faster and have fewer breakdowns. Also, routers for the network are included on the list. Mr. Sawyer plans to meet and network with other school tech employees from other school districts. Board members stated that they would like advance notice before major technology purchases are made.

Dr. Hill asked Mrs. Richter and Mrs. Looft to give their review of the drama workshop they attended. Mrs. Looft and Mrs. Richter stated that they learned a great deal in the 30 hours, 3-day workshop in New York. They attended workshops with directors and writers in a rehearsal stage. They networked with professionals in theatre. Each teacher attendant sent in a lesson plan. It was a team building experience. Mrs. Looft attended a section on stage

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management, and Mrs. Richter attended a dance workshop. Other seminars included musicals, make-up class, choreography class, and stage fighting. With new ideas the teachers plan on expanding the theatre arts program at Belle Valley South. A mini camp and fall program will help further the students self esteem, confidence and learn to how to audition.

The Board reviewed the budget, which establishes Educational Fund direct expenditures of \$6,626,854, and other financing sources of \$38,000; Building Fund direct expenditures of \$440,400 and other financing sources of \$20,000; Bond and Interest Fund direct expenditures of \$127,500 and other financing uses of \$20,000; Transportation Fund direct expenditures of \$455,950; IMRF Fund direct expenditures of \$221,877; Working Cash Fund other financing uses of \$38,000; and Fire Prevention and Safety Fund direct expenditures of \$49,160. The budget contains an estimate of amounts available in each fund, separately, and of expenditures from each fund. Mr. Smith moved to adopt the budget resolution for the 2007-08 fiscal year. Mrs. Baltz seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

Mrs. Kunz recommended adopting the resolution to waive the limitation on growth of administrative expenditures for the 2006-07 school year. Mr. Smith moved to adopt the resolution to waive the limitation on growth of administrative expenditures. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Mr. Smith moved the previous roll call. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried. Members voting aye on the previous roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

Mrs. Kunz recommended adopting the resolution to waive the limitation on growth of administrative expenditures for the 2007-08 school year. Mr. Smith moved to adopt the resolution to waive the limitation on growth of administrative expenditures. Mrs. Baltz seconded the motion. Mr. Smith moved the previous roll call. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried. Members voting aye on the previous roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

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Mr. Busch recommended the transfer of \$9,560.69 excess funds from the Bond & Interest Fund to the Building Fund to satisfy Belle Valley's annual payment of the BASSC facility. The \$9,560.69 transfer of excess funds was derived from a paid 1987 bond issue balance. Mr. Vaughn moved to adopt the resolution authorizing transfer of excess funds. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Mr. Smith moved the previous roll call. Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried. Members voting aye on the previous roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

The 2006 real estate tax report was discussed. The District has received to date \$1,511,929.44, which was 50.70% of the total extension.

Dr. Hill discussed Belle Valley North's participation in a project ASPIRE. It is an early intervention reading program, which targets struggling students. Students are tested three times a year. Teachers would give strategic testing and respond to students with response to intervention. Mrs. Goetter felt that her staff was ready and Mrs. Dintelman would pilot this program this year with a team of teachers. District teachers would attend training and the program would be implemented full force next school year. The program testing would cost \$4-\$5 per student. Teachers would attend five workshops for ASPIRE training. The program is geared to teach reading to struggling students and give tools to teachers to evaluate, assess and implement the program. ASPIRE starts with kindergarten, grade 1 and 2 students for the reading program. A model could be moved on up to other grades up to the fifth and sixth grades. Training for the teachers will be held at the shrine. Other participating school districts include Whiteside, Waterloo, Olney and Metropolis elementary school districts.

Mrs. Kunz asked if any board members had any questions for the consent agenda items which included: the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education on July 17, 2007, the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Education on July 30, 2007, the special meeting on August 6, 2007, the special meeting on August 14, 2007; the executive session minutes of the Board of Education on July 17, 2007, July 30, 2007, August 6, 2007, and August 14, 2007; the financial report, the treasurer's report, and payment of bills. The bills were presented for approval and payment in the following amounts (see itemized lists attached): Ed.

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Fund \$92,596.84; Bldg. Fund \$47,673.75; and Transportation Fund \$803.92. Mr. Byrd moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd and Mrs. Kunz. Nays none, motion carried.

President Kunz called for board members requests or reports. Board members discussed the student mix in one eighth-grade class, articles on the website and open house. Dr. Hill responded that he would look into those items.

Dr. Leib, Belle Valley South principal, discussed the following: 396 students are enrolled at Belle Valley South, 4 out of district students and one safe school student. Special area classroom for sixth and eighth classes have 32 to 34 students per class. The mentor/mentee program at the regional office of education starts next week and is a two year program with twenty participants. The orientation was directed by Mrs. Herzog and Mrs. Zeiter. Mrs. Goetter and Dr. Leib will present to the mentees at a October meeting.

Mrs. Goetter, Belle Valley North principal, reported 485 students enrolled at North with 11 out of district students. At open house 361 students attended on Monday evening.

Dr. Leib and Mr. Hickman discussed student discipline and working with the social worker, teacher, and truancy. The administrators want to develop communication with the community on the website with principal pages and messages about the new school. Mr. Hickman is overseeing student discipline with hallway rules, classroom rules and universal rules. There is a self- reflection sheet for discipline and punishment, which includes what went wrong, what could have been done differently to track things, and where discipline problems arise. Attendance and prizes for students who attend regularly are planned. Community and businesses could donate prizes to the school.

Mr. Busch stated that consistency in punishment will be emphasized and recognize that consequences happen in stages with expectations of good behaviors. He asked that board members, teachers and students should talk with the administrators about any problems and model good communications.

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Mr. Busch and Dr. Hill shared their work matrix and shared responsibilities for oversight, primary responsibilities. If an issue arises the superintendent will deal with it as it occurs. The two interim superintendents are working together with a lot of dialogue, communication and have collaborated on the matrix. Mrs. Kunz noted that she appreciates the weekly memos.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mrs. Baltz moved that the Board of Education go into closed executive session at 9:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

At 10:00 p.m. Mr. Smith moved that the Board of Education reconvene in open session. Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Supt. Hill received a letter of resignation from Pam Dauphin, a teacher aide at Belle Valley South. Mr. Smith moved to accept Pam Dauphin's resignation. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Supt. Hill recommended Margaret Belt as the school social worker. Mr. Smith moved to employ Margaret Belt for the 2007-08 school year and be placed on step 4, MS of the salary schedule. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

Supt. Hill recommended Rebecca Cusumano as a part time 60% FTE teacher. Mr. Smith moved to employ Rebecca Cusumano as a part time 60% FTE teacher for the 2007-08 school year and be prorated 60% and placed on step 1, BS of the salary schedule. Mr. Baysinger seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

Supt. Hill recommended April Jungewaelter as a technology teacher. Mr. Smith moved to employ April Jungewaelter as a technology teacher for the 2007-08 school year and be placed on step 7, MS plus 16 of the salary schedule. Mr. Baysinger seconded the motion. Members

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voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

Supt. Hill recommended Rebecca Cusumano and Edgar Poole as noon supervisors at Belle Valley South. Mr. Smith moved to employ Rebecca Cusumano and Edgar Poole as noon supervisors at Belle Valley South. Mr. Baysinger seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

Supt. Hill recommended Tim Huller as a part time teacher aide. Mr. Smith moved to employ Tim Huller as a part time teacher aide. Mr. Baysinger seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

Supt. Hill recommended 2007-08 salaries for those personnel not included within either of the collective bargaining agreements. Mr. Smith moved to approve 2007-08 salaries for those personnel not included within either of the collective bargaining agreements. Mr. Baysinger seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

Supt. Hill recommended Ashley Schrand as an ESP employee. Mr. Smith moved to employ Ashley Schrand as an ESP employee. Mr. Baysinger seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

Supt. Hill recommended to appoint Barbara Brandmeyer as the authorized agent for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund program. Mr. Smith moved to appoint Barbara Brandmeyer as the authorized agent for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund program. Mr. Baysinger seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

Supt. Hill recommended the one year July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 contract with Local #116 Building Service Employees International Union of AF of L. Mr. Smith moved to approve the one year July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 contract with Local #116 Building Service

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Employees International Union of AF of L Mr. Baysinger seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

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

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Karen L. Kunz, President  
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