

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS
DECEMBER 19, 2006

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The Board of Education of District No. 119, St. Clair County, Illinois, met in the library, Belle Valley School-South, 1901 Mascoutah Road, Belleville, Illinois, in said District at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 19, 2006.

President Feder called the meeting to order. The roll was called and the following members were present: Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Mr. Vaughn, Dr. Feder Mrs. Baltz and Mr. Baysinger.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

President Feder recommended adoption of agenda. Mr. Baysinger moved to adopt the agenda. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. All members in favor, the agenda was adopted.

President Feder stated that purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing to receive public comments on a proposed waiver application to allow the District to attend school on Abraham Lincoln's Birthday, Casimir Pulaski Day and Columbus Day to improve continuity of instruction through flexibility in calendar development.

President Feder called for public comments from the audience on the waivers. There were no public comments as proponents or opponents on the waiver or modification.

President Feder asked if any written comments were received. Supt. Floit stated that no written comments were received.

President Feder indicated that the proposed waiver application has a duration of 5 years from the 2007-08 school year through 2011-12 school year.

Board members asked for an explanation of the holiday waiver. Supt. Floit stated that the waiver allows student attendance days on the stated holidays and more flexibility in scheduling.

President Feder called for public comments from the audience. Mr. Vaughn thanked the board members, Mr. Smith, Mr. Baysinger, and Dr. Feder, and the custodians for cleaning up the ice storm damage at Belle Valley North. Their efforts were very appreciated.

Supt. Floit asked Mrs. Goetter and Dr. Leib to present staff recognitions. Mrs. Goetter recognized Belle Valley North H.U.G. (Helping Us Grow) Team for their efforts to promote a positive, safe and healthy learning environment for all students. The team was organized to identify and help students who were having trouble in the areas of academics, behavior, attendance, and/or health. In addition crafting, implementing, and monitoring intervention

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plans, the H.U.G. team at North has also been involved in several character-building activities to take a more proactive approach to addressing student challenges. Dr. Leib recognized the CARE Team at Belle Valley South for the team's additional activities of intervention planning to help students and families in need, and implementing a pro-social skills intervention plan for bullying-type behavior. The team wants to help individuals gain compassion and understanding for others.

Supt. Floit received a letter of resignation from Susy Creighton as co-director of the musical. Mrs. Kunz moved to accept Mrs. Creighton's resignation as co-director of the musical. Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Supt. Floit recommended approving a family medical leave from Laura Yarber following the birth of her baby for six weeks. Mr. Baltz moved to approve Laura Yarber's family medical leave following the birth of her baby for six weeks. Mr. Baysinger seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

The Enrollment Report showed a total of 925 students with 494 students at North, 417 students at South, plus 14 special education students enrolled as tuition students in other districts. The enrollment increased by six students over the prior month. The year-to-date income for the Belle Valley North Extended School Program was \$12,461 through 11/30/06 compared to \$25,424 through 11/30/05. The year-to-date income for the Belle Valley South Extended School Program was a loss of \$351 through 11/30/06 compared to a gain of \$1,642 through 11/30/05. Board members discussed the cafeteria breakfast and lunch program reports, which included a utilization report of the number of breakfasts and lunches served per building for each month.

The proposed 2006 tax levy was discussed in detail at the regular meeting of the Board of Education held November 21, 2006. After consideration the following resolution was presented:

WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT WE REQUIRE the sum of \$1,914,500.00 dollars to be levied as a special tax for Educational purposes, and, the sum of \$336,519.00 dollars to be levied as a special tax for Operations and Maintenance purposes, and, the sum of \$115,378.00 dollars to be levied as a special tax for Transportation purposes, and the sum of \$48,074.00 dollars to be levied as a special tax for a Working Cash Fund, and, the sum of \$105,500.00 to be levied as a special tax for Illinois Municipal Retirement purposes, and, \$110,000.00 dollars to be levied as a special tax for Social Security purposes, the

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sum of \$97,500.00 dollars to be levied as a special tax for Tort Immunity purposes, \$19,750 dollars to be levied as a special tax for Special Education purposes, \$45,000 to be levied as a special tax for Lease Fund and \$48,000 to be levied for fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, disabled accessibility, school security and specified repair purposes on the taxable property of our school district for the year 2006.

Mr. Smith moved that the IMRF and Special Education tax levy resolutions be adopted and the above remaining tax levy resolution be adopted. Mrs. Kunz seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Mr. Vaughn, Dr. Feder, Mrs. Baltz and Mr. Baysinger. Nays none, motion carried. Copies of the special tax levy resolutions and official levy are attached and made an official part of these minutes.

Supt. Floit and the board members discussed, reviewed and presented for approval the following new policy:

- 6:50 – School Wellness

Supt. Floit stated that the school administration focuses on student wellness by offering breakfast and lunches and physical education everyday. Mr. Byrd discussed reaching out to students to encourage them to eat breakfast. Board members suggested the Dr. Floit should include community input for the wellness policy through a survey on the Belle Valley website. Paper survey forms could be used for parental suggestions for improvement for the lunch program. Mr. Smith moved to approve the School Wellness policy. Mrs. Kunz seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Mr. Vaughn, Dr. Feder, Mrs. Baltz and Mr. Baysinger. Nays none, motion carried.

Mrs. Kunz moved to approve the application for the waiver of the school code regarding Abraham Lincoln's Birthday, Casimir Pulaski Day and Columbus Day. Mr. Baysinger seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Mr. Vaughn, Dr. Feder, Mrs. Baltz and Mr. Baysinger. Nays none, motion carried.

Dr. Feder stated that the new IRS mileage rate is 48.5 cents as of January 1, 2007. Mr. Byrd moved to approve the new mileage rate of 48.5 cents as of January 1, 2007. Mrs. Baltz seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Mr. Vaughn, Dr. Feder, Mrs. Baltz and Mr. Baysinger. Nays none, motion carried.

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The building committee summarized the long-term building plans of establishing and forming committees by next board meeting. The building committee will meet again at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular board meeting.

Dr. Feder 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 November 21, 2006, the executive minutes of the regular meeting on November 21, 2006, the financial report, the treasurer's report, and payment of bills. Board members discussed several expenses listed on the board report. The bills were presented for approval and payment in the following amounts (see itemized lists attached): Ed. Fund \$59,909.75; Bldg. Fund \$17,665.32; and Transportation Fund \$45,276.66. Mr. Byrd moved to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. Baltz seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Mr. Vaughn, Dr. Feder, Mrs. Baltz and Mr. Baysinger. Nays none, motion carried.

Mrs. Kathy Goetter, North principal, reported character education has improved student behavior. The Crisis Management has flip charts with phone numbers. The staff was trained in crisis training for safe restraint. CPI training is held at BASSC and refresher courses are offered every two years with a two-hour training period. The staff will be trained for CPR too. Board members asked, how staff are selected for training. Mrs. Goetter responded that staff volunteer for training. Mrs. Goetter stated that the music festival was held over two evenings at Belle Valley North.

Supt. Floit stated a pre-bid meeting for transportation bids with specifications was held on December 15th and will be mailed to First Student, Durham and Laidlaw bus companies.

Supt. Floit and board members discussed a date, time and place for a Board/Administrator/Spouse dinner. Board members suggested Washington Street Grill on January 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Upon the recommendation of President Feder, Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board of Education go into closed executive session at 8:12 p. m. to discuss the appointment, employment, and/or dismissal of an employee. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Mr. Vaughn, Dr. Feder, Mrs. Baltz and Mr. Baysinger. Nays none, motion carried.

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At 8:46 p.m. Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board of Education reconvene in open session. Mrs. Kunz seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

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

Thomas J. Feder, President
Board of Education
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Joan E. McKay, Secretary
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