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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS
JANUARY 15, 2008

The Board of Education of District No. 119, St. Clair County, Illinois, met in a classroom, Belle Valley School-South, 1901 Mascoutah Road, Belleville, Illinois, in said District at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 15, 2008.

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

President Kunz recommended adopting the agenda. Mr. Smith moved to adopt the agenda. Mr. Baysinger seconded the motion. All members in favor, the agenda was adopted.

President Kunz called for public comments from the audience. A mother addressed the Board of Education regarding the release of her daughter from the extended school program. Dr. Leib will set up a meeting tomorrow to discuss the release with the mother and daughter.

Dr. Hill asked several teachers to discuss the Auto Skills Program. Mrs. Richter and Mrs. Yarber discussed and supported the Auto Skills Program, which helps students that are not meeting the standards on the ISAT tests. There are 11 to 22% struggling students in the math and reading categories. The subject area meetings are to help individual students. Belle Valley South teachers met with Mr. Tim Barth, prior curriculum development director at Belleville Township District #201, to discuss the program. Teachers were invited to see the program in operation at Belleville High School East. The program assesses the students and addresses the gaps where the students are needing help through the use of computers and headsets in a lab. After 25 hours of reading auto skills, students gained two grade levels, and after ten hours of math auto skills, students gained one to two grade levels. Board members asked if the District would need an additional teacher and computers. Dr. Leib stated the Auto Skills Program provides individual attention by assessing the students' needs and testing the student's comprehension. The superintendents will provide more information to the Board of Education in the near future.

Dr. Hill and Mr. Busch discussed the automated phone system. The data is never lost and security is very high. Mr. Sawyer prefers the Alert Now System. When a parent

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changes their phone number, they can change it in the Alert Now, but cannot do that in School Reach. Alert Now gives an easy to read pie chart of the information with no start up fees, no hardware needs and no training fees. Both companies software interface with STI student management software. Mr. Busch recommended purchasing the Alert Now and feels, it is an invaluable service. Announcements can be made through the system and are recommended to be thirty seconds or less in length. Safety announcements can be made longer. Board members asked about any other issues regarding parents on the national no call list. Phone numbers are very secure and names and phone numbers are not given to the public. Mr. Smith moved to purchase the Alert Now with a 3 year contract. Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, and Mr. Vaughn. Nays none, motion carried.

The Extended School Program and cafeteria reports were included in board packets. The superintendents asked board members if they had any questions regarding the reports. The year-to-date net income for the Belle Valley North Extended School Program was \$27,930 through 12/31/07 compared to \$19,541 through 12/31/06. The year-to-date net income for Belle Valley South Extended School Program was a loss of \$4,213 through 12/31/07 compared to a net loss of \$82 through 12/31/06. The cafeteria breakfast and lunch programs continue to show very high participation rates of 82.62% for lunch and 21.71% for breakfast. The year-to-date cafeteria net income before other expenses through December 2007 was \$5,856. Board members commented on the quality of the food service, recently.

The Certified Staff Seniority List was presented to the Board of Education for approval. Mr. Vaughn moved to approve the seniority list as presented. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

The Educational Support Personnel Seniority List was presented to the Board of Education for approval. Mr. Vaughn moved to adopt the seniority list for non-certified employees as presented. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Supt. Hill reported and recommended that the mileage reimbursement rate be increased to the IRS mileage rate of 50.5 cents per mile. Mr. Smith moved to increase the mileage

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reimbursement rate to 50.5 cents per mile. Mrs. Baltz seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, and Mr. Vaughn. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Hill recommended demolishing the portable building due to its deteriorating condition. The superintendent has asked for rough ideas on the cost to remove or demolish the building. Board members asked about possible asbestos within the building or roof. The contents within the building are covered in mold due to the leaking roof.

Supt. Hill discussed the owner representative and construction management ideas for the new building. Mr. Busch said that both have been used in the area and the board needs to trust one. Mr. Busch talked with Mr. Jim Rosborg and Mr. Matt Klosterman and they went with a general contractor for District #118 building projects and things went well. They placed a great amount of trust with their architect. There are four or five reputable general contractors, who could recommend architect. Mr. Smith moved to advertise quality based selection/request for proposals from architects. Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, and Mr. Vaughn. Nays none, motion carried.

The tax report showed a \$2,973,519 total taxed received to date, which was 99.71% of the total tax levy extension.

Mrs. Kunz asked if any board members had any questions for the consent agenda items, which included:

- Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education on December 18, 2007;
- Executive minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education on December 18, 2007;
- Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Education January 3, 2008;
- Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Education January 5, 2008;
- Executive minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Education on January 5, 2008

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- Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Education January 10, 2008;
- Executive minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Education on January 10, 2008
- Financial report, the treasurer's report, payment of bills on the board report in the following amounts (see itemized lists attached): Ed. Fund - \$44,849.15; Bldg. Fund - \$22,658.06; Bond & Interest Fund - \$105,705.00; Transportation Fund - \$35,442.89; plus the Belle Valley North Ameren bill to be paid upon receipt of invoice

Board members inquired about several vendor invoices. Mr. Vaughn moved to approve the items listed on the consent agenda plus the Belle Valley North Ameren invoice. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, and Mr. Vaughn. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Hill met with Ameren IP officials who stated that the welded pipe is stronger than the flexible pipe. Board members asked that Ameren's opinion be put in writing that the pipe is safe.

Board members reviewed closed executive session minutes from July 2007 through December 2007, along with remaining unopened executive sessions. Mr. Busch recommends keeping the executive minutes closed. He stated there is a reason to keep them closed. Mr. Smith moved to keep the executive minutes closed. Mr. Tiemann seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, and Mr. Vaughn. Nays none, motion carried.

Mrs. Goetter, Belle Valley North principal, reported that staff are attending workshops and training in the coming month. Dr. Leib, Belle Valley South principal, reported on the new health program instructed by the physical education teachers for South students. Mr. Hickman, Belle Valley South assistant principal, discussed the character education for students and parents.

Supt. Busch asked if any board members wanted to attend, the St. Clair County Administrator's meeting on February 13, 2008 to send an e-mail for their reservation. Supt. Hill

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has a meeting with the custodians for their union contract. The superintendents are working and developing major changes for the next school year for a plan for teacher evaluations. Staff development with a growth document is being developed.

Supt. Busch recommended accepting the resignation letter for retirement from Cheryl Smith at the end of the 2007-08 school year. Mrs. Baltz moved to accept the resignation letter for retirement from Cheryl Smith. Mr. Baysinger seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mr. Smith moved that the Board of Education go into closed executive session at 8:45 p. m. for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, and/or dismissal of an employee. Mr. Baysinger seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, and Mr. Vaughn. Nays none, motion carried.

At 10:03 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.

Mr. Smith moved to award Mr. Busch and Dr. Hill with a bonus as agreed upon in executive session for the 2007-08 school year and enter into a contract for the 2008-09 school year at the salary agreed upon in executive session and five days of vacation. Mr. Baysinger seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Baysinger, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Vaughn, and Mrs. Baltz. 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.

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