

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
BELLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MARCH 20, 2007

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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, March 20, 2007.

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

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

President Feder recommended adoption of the agenda. Mrs. Baltz moved to adopt the agenda. Mrs. Kunz seconded the motion. All members in favor, the agenda was adopted.

Supt. Floit recognized Mrs. Barb Hoercher, student council sponsor and the members of the BVS Student Council with representation from all grade levels 5th – 8th. Along with Mrs. Hoercher, the students are responsible for many school/community services such as trivia night, BV t-shirt and sweatshirt orders, red ribbon week activities, concessions at home games and the musical. The student council organizes school spirit days, friendly competitions throughout the school year, helping families in need at Christmas, holiday grams to friends, holiday and black history speeches presented over the intercom, 7th and 8th grade dances, and a book trivia competition on the Ugly Duckling in honor of this year's musical – just to name a few. The District truly appreciates the leadership these fine students offer under the guidance of Mrs. Hoercher. Dr. Floit thanked the Student Council for their contribution to making Belle Valley South a great place for students to learn and teachers to teach. Dr. Feder thanked Mrs. Hoercher and the student council members for their work and for coming to the board meeting.

Mr. Byrd arrived at 7:04 p.m.

President Feder called for public comments from the audience. Mrs. Looft and Mrs. Richter invited board members to the musical, Honk, on March 23rd and 24th. She reported that the reserved seats were sold out for the Friday evening performance, which includes the first five rows. Several Booster Club parents asked board members if they could help with the school picnic on May 11 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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Supt. Floit recommended accepting a letter of resignation from Mike Conley, part time social studies teacher, effective at the end of the 2006-07 school year. Mrs. Kunz moved to accept the letter of resignation from Mike Conley at the end of the 2006-07 school year. Mrs. Baltz seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Supt. Floit recommended accepting a letter of resignation from Dawn Cron, noon supervisor, effective February 2007. Mr. Baysinger moved to accept the letter of resignation from Dawn Cron effective February 2007. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Supt. Floit recommended accepting a letter of resignation from Michelle Garris, speech teacher, effective at the end of the 2006-07 school year. Mrs. Baltz moved to accept the letter of resignation from Michelle Garris at the end of the 2006-07 school year. Mr. Baysinger seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

A resolution to re-employ the certified staff of Belle Valley School District #119 for the 2007-2008 school-year was presented and discussed. Mr. Smith noted that Michelle Garris' name was included on the list. Mr. Smith moved to adopt the resolution with the removal of Michelle Garris from the list. Mr. Baysinger seconded the motion. Members voting aye on the roll call: Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Dr. Feder and Mrs. Baltz. Nays none, motion carried. A copy of the resolution is attached as corrected and made an official part of these minutes.

Supt. Floit discussed the consideration of posting an assistant principal position at Belle Valley North for the 2007-08 school year. Supt. Floit stated that teachers need more support for discipline. Chronic discipline problems continue to be an issue along with truancy problems. The assistant principal could increase interventions and counseling in prevention of truancy. Board members discussed the discipline and truancy issues and asked for more information to be presented at next month's meeting.

President Feder recommended approving the extension of Mrs. Goetter's contract for one year until June 30, 2008. Mr. Baysinger moved to approve the extension of Mrs. Goetter's contract until June 30, 2008. Mrs. Kunz seconded the motion. Mr. Smith moved to table the motion for further discussion in an executive session. Mrs. Kunz seconded the motion.

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Upon the recommendation of President Feder, Mr. Smith moved that the Board of Education enter executive session at 7:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing employment, compensation and/or dismissal of personnel. Mrs. Kunz seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Dr. Feder, and Mrs. Baltz. Nays none, motion carried.

At 7:41 p.m., Mr. Smith moved that the Board of Education reconvene in open session. Mr. Baysinger seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

President Feder recommended approving the extension of Mrs. Goetter's contract for one year until June 30, 2008. Mr. Smith moved to approve the extension of Mrs. Goetter's contract until June 30, 2008. Mr. Baysinger seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Dr. Feder, and Mrs. Baltz. Nays none, motion carried.

President Feder recommended approving the extension of Mr. Toebe's contract for one year until June 30, 2008. Mr. Smith moved to approve the extension of Mr. Toebe's contract until June 30, 2008. Mrs. Baltz seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Dr. Feder, and Mrs. Baltz. Nays none, motion carried.

The enrollment, ESP and cafeteria reports were presented without discussion. The enrollment figures for both Belle Valley North and South Schools showed a total of 930 students, which was an increase of 9 students over the prior month. The North Extended School Program net income for February reported a net gain of \$3,817 and a year to date net income of \$32,013 compared to \$44,861 for last year. The South Extended School Program reported a net loss for February was \$861, and year to date net loss of \$516 compared to a net income of \$504 for last year. The lunch program report showed net income before other expenses for February was a loss of \$631 with a year to date net income before other expenses was \$14,201.

Supt. Floit presented the 2007-2008 School Year calendar, the applications for institute workshops and in-service training program, and full or half-day parent/teacher conferences and full or half day teacher in-service days were presented for discussion and approval. The 2007-2008 School Year starting date is August 20, 2007. Mrs. Baltz moved to adopt the 2007-2008

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school calendar, institute workshop days, in-service training program days, and full or half-day parent/teacher conference and full or half-day teacher in-service days. Mrs. Kunz seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Supt. Floit and the board members discussed and reviewed the residency policy.

- 7:60 – Residence (revised)

Mr. Smith recommended adopting Version A, 7:60 residency policy without items 1, 2, and 3 on page 2 and present for approval at next month's board meeting. Board members agreed.

President Feder asked Mr. Smith to discuss the building committee meeting. Mr. Smith reported that Mr. Toebe, assistant principal, would compile a list of schools to visit in the coming months. The teachers will submit a list of questions for the visits. Mr. Toebe will notify the committee members the schools, dates and time for the scheduled visits.

President Feder asked if any board members had any questions for the consent agenda items. The consent agenda included the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education on February 20, 2007, the executive session minutes on February 20, 2007, the special meetings of the Board of Education on February 8, 2007 and February 12, 2007, the executive session special meeting minutes on February 8, 2007 and February 12, 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. Fund \$46,845.80; Bldg. Fund \$35,011.37; Bond & Interest Fund \$495.00; and Transportation Fund \$41,362.96. Board members discussed several board bills. Mr. Smith moved to approve the items listed on the consent agenda. Mrs. Kunz seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Dr. Feder, and Mrs. Baltz. Nays none, motion carried.

President Feder asked if any board members had any reports or discussion items. Board members discussed the school report card. Supt. Floit suggested reviewing two Internet sites: Just4Kids.org and Illinois Interactive Report Card website. She reported that similar schools can be compared. The supt. and board members discussed the school report card and the various sections at length.

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Dr. Tammy Leib, South principal, presented the principal's report. There was a student recognition breakfast on March 1. The 7th grade girl's basketball was first in the Belleville conference. The chess team was ranked fifth in the conference. The bowling team placed first and the scholar bowl team won 1st place as conference champions. ISAT testing is ending this week. The "Honk" musical will be performed this coming Friday and Saturday evenings. A pro-social skills group has formed for students to share training on bullying and character education for students. Students took an on-line survey about bullying in technology class. The Belle Valley South School will host three track meets this spring, and the Fine Arts Festival is scheduled for April 26.

Mr. Toebe has scheduled a meeting to review the student/parent handbook with Board of Education members, students, parents and teachers on April 2 from 3:30 to 5:30 at Belle Valley North.

President Feder recommended rescheduling the next board meeting to April 24 due to the election on the regular scheduled meeting on April 17. Mr. Smith moved to reschedule the regular board meeting to April 24 at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Kunz seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Dr. Feder, and Mrs. Baltz. Nays none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Feder, Mrs. Baltz moved that the Board of Education enter executive session at 9:04 p.m. for the purpose of discussing employment, compensation and/or dismissal of personnel. Mrs. Kunz seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Dr. Feder, and Mrs. Baltz. Nays none, motion carried.

At 9:48 p.m., Mrs. Kunz moved that the Board of Education reconvene in open session. Mr. Baysinger 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. Mr. Baysinger seconded the motion. All members in favor motion carried.

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