

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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Pre-meeting notes:

Prior to the meeting Mr. Sawyer discussed the three year technology plan, which was approved by the Illinois State Board of Education in April 2008. Web 2.0 and net standards for student's utilization, Microsoft Office, Internet, and blogs was discussed with the technology committee. The Belle Valley user policy for computers and the Internet will need to be revised to include the previous listed items. The technology budget for next year will include replacing all Windows 98 computers with XP computers. Smartboards, four elmos for South and two elmos for North, and software updates will be added if state funding is received. The Auto Skills program will be implemented for summer school and Information Now will be in place for the next school year.

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 7:27 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2008.

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

President Kunz called the meeting to order. The members of the Board of Education and others in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

Mrs. Kunz recommended adoption of the agenda. Mr. Byrd moved to adopt the agenda. Mr. Tiemann seconded the motion. All members in favor, the agenda was adopted.

President Kunz called for public comments from the audience. There were no public comments.

Dr. Tammy Leib introduced Trenese Dancy and gave a brief summary of her school experience. Ms. Dancy will be the assistant principal for the 2008-09 school year.

Mr. Busch recommended approving the final amended calendar for the 2007-08 school year. He noted that the change involved was the use of four emergency days, the removal of the one unused emergency day and the last day of school set for June 2. Mr. Smith moved that the amended calendar for the 2007-08 school-year be approved as presented. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried. A copy of said amended calendar is attached and made an official part of these minutes.

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Dr. Hill discussed the Belle Valley North and South Extended School Program financial reports. Dr. Hill recommended elimination of the Belle Valley South Extended School Program and combine it with the North program. The South students can be transported by bus to the North program. Mr. Smith moved to approve dismantling the Belle Valley South Extended School program. Mr. Tiemann seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Byrd, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

Dr. Hill discussed the arrival of the new tractor for grass mowing. Mr. Smith discussed trading in the old trailer for a larger trailer to haul the X-Mark mower back and forth between schools. Mr. Smith discussed renting a storage place for the tractor at a nominal cost per month. The tractor cab and gas caps can be locked as a deterrent for theft. Mr. Byrd asked about insurance for the tractor and the storage place. Mr. Busch asked for permission from the board of education to purchase the trailer or a small mower prior to the next board meeting. Mr. Smith authorized Dr. Hill to purchase a trailer or small mower. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Byrd, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

Dr. Hill discussed transportation for summer school and recommended not providing transportation for summer school students.

Mr. Busch discussed and recommended approval of the teacher evaluation plan, which was developed by teachers and administrators through six meetings over the course of the school year. The plan gives an overall description, which addresses the needed attention for nontenured teachers to grow and develop into a good teacher. After a teacher is tenured, the principal will review the teacher in a different viewpoint as an effective teacher and have a section of reflection for comments and recommendations. The teacher evaluation will require more writing, and the principal is responsible to provide recommendations and resources to support improvements. Mr. Byrd moved to approve the teacher evaluation plan. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Byrd, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

Mr. Busch discussed the new required Title I – E plan. Mrs. Dintelman, Title I teacher, inputted how the District assesses students and evaluates who will be served. The Title I – E plan is required to be submitted to Illinois State Board of Education by July 1. Title I funding is

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based upon the poverty level in the District. Mr. Busch stated that this is the first year for documenting what the District has been doing the Title I funding. Mr. Tiemann moved to approve the Title I – E plan. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Byrd, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

Mr. Busch discussed two remaining teacher openings and asked for the board's approval to offer a contract to the teachers prior to the next board meeting. Mr. Smith moved to approve the offer of employment to two teachers prior to the next board meeting. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion passed.

The cafeteria report was discussed. Board members discussed changing the food service program and other food service options. Dr. Hill will ask District #118 food service personnel to review school procedures and serving before the next board meeting.

Mrs. Kunz asked if anyone had any questions on consent agenda items, which include the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education on April 15, 2008, the special meeting minutes on May 7, 2008, the financial report, the treasurer's report, and payment of bills. Mr. Smith recommended removing the board minutes from the consent agenda and defer approval of the board minutes to the next scheduled board meeting. The bills were presented for approval and payment in the following amounts (see itemized lists attached): Ed. Fund \$64,259.68; Bldg. Fund \$25,501.48; and Transportation Fund \$50,291.90. Mr. Tiemann moved to approve the items listed on the consent agenda except the board minutes. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Byrd, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

President Kunz called for board member requests or reports. Mrs. Kunz commented that the Booster Club had a very, organized, and productive school picnic and wanted to thank the Booster Club members. The Booster Club had assistance from the Belle Valley staff and thirty members from Scott Air Force Base who helped with the picnic. Mr. Byrd ask about the architect packets. Mr. Sitton helped select the architects to be interviewed based upon the qualification's criteria.

Mrs. Goetter, North principal, reported total year enrollment of 471 students. Field trips are planned and field day is scheduled for Friday. The end of year luncheon is planned for June

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2. On June 4, a two hour inservice is scheduled for grade 3 and 4 teachers. On June 10, 11, and 12, RTI components workshops are scheduled for 07-08 assessment and 08-09 implementation of plan. Dr. Lieb reported total enrollment of 407 students at Belle Valley South. Field day was held on Monday, and every student received a free t-shirt and each team was comprised of a variety of different grade students. The 7th grade student field trip is a visit to the Bird Sanctuary. Honors day is scheduled for May 27th, the 8th grade field trip to Six Flags is planned on May 28th, and the promotion ceremony at Belleville East is scheduled for May 29th. Registration is scheduled for July 30 and 31 at Belle Valley North. Curriculum and student data workshops are scheduled for June 3 and 4.

Mr. Byrd asked the principals if parents seemed concerned about combining the two schools. Mrs. Goetter responded that parents have not made many comments. Mrs. Goetter said she has three retention students and 60 students have expressed interest in the summer school program. Dr. Lieb reported that Belle Valley South has 1 – grade 8 student and 1 grade 6 student who will be retained.

Dr. Hill asked a delegate to represent Belle Valley School District at the IASB Chicago conference. Mr. Byrd and Mr. Tiemann indicated they will attend the fall conference.

Dr. Hill discussed the parking lot bid advertisement, which was developed by Mr. Sitton for the Belle Valley South parking lot specifications. Mr. Smith moved to approve the parking lot bid specifications. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Byrd, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

Mr. Busch discussed the superintendent selection process. Mrs. McKay discussed the reduced reassessed equal assessed valuations for two business properties and the TIF payment from the City of Belleville.

Dr. Hill recommended accepting the resignations from Adam Garrett and Tim Huller. Mr. Byrd moved to accept their resignations. Mr. Tiemann seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Dr. Hill and board members discussed the IMRF Early Retirement Incentive Program for a one year window beginning June 1, 2008. Mr. Smith moved to approve the resolution to adopt the IMRF Early Retirement Incentive effective June 1, 2008. Mr. Tiemann seconded the motion.

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

Dr. Hill recommended approving Mr. Kenneth Oliver Jr. retirement resignation under the IMRF Early Retirement Incentive to add five years of service to his years of service. Mr. Smith moved to approve Mr. Kenneth Oliver Jr. retirement resignation under the IMRF Early Retirement Incentive. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Byrd, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

Dr. Hill recommended the dismissal of the Belle Valley South Extended School Program directors, Erin Jbour and Elizabeth David. Mr. Smith moved to approve the dismissal of Erin Jbour and Elizabeth David as the Belle Valley South Extended School Program directors. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Byrd, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

Dr. Hill recommended approving the addendums to the principals and business manager's contract, which increases the sick days from 12 to 15 sick days. Mr. Smith moved to approve the addendums to the principals and business manager's contracts for the three additional sick days. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Byrd, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

Dr. Hill recommended employing the following staff for the summer school program: Joni Dalechek - director and kindergarten teacher, Nicole Walker - grade 1 teacher, Gary Miller - grade 2 & 3 teacher, John Brueggemann - grade 4 teacher, Lisa Kowalski - grade 5 teacher, Beckie Brombolich - grade 6 & 7 teacher, Mary Lu Arterburn-Haas - AutoSkills Teacher, Barb Hoercher - AutoSkills Teacher, Marsha Lauko - special education teacher, and Dana Grohmann - special education aide. Mr. Smith moved to employ the above named individuals for summer school. Mr. Tiemann seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Byrd, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

Dr. Hill recommended employing Amy Evans as softball coach for the 2008-09 school year. Mr. Smith moved to employ Amy Evans as softball coach for the 2008-09 school year. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

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Dr. Hill recommended employing Tricia Meissner as a special education teacher for grade 5 and 6 and the 5th grade boys basketball coach. Mr. Smith moved to employ Tricia Meissner as a special education teacher and the 5th grade boys basketball coach. Mr. Tiemann seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Byrd, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

Dr. Hill recommended employing Marge Schaefer as the part time technology teacher at Belle Valley North and Anne Naylor as the part time AutoSkills and math remediation teacher at Belle Valley North. Mr. Smith moved to employ Marge Schaefer as the part time technology teacher and Anne Naylor as the part time AutoSkills and math remediation teacher. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Byrd, and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mr. Byrd moved that the Board of Education go into closed executive session at 9:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Byrd and Mrs. Kunz. Nays: none, motion carried.

At 10:07 p.m. Mr. Smith moved that the Board of Education reconvene in open session. Mr. Tiemann seconded the motion. All members in favor, 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. Byrd seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

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