

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS
OCTOBER 16, 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 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16, 2007.

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 Board of Education and others in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

President Kunz called for public comments from the audience.

Mr. Bob Quandt, insurance agent for Steck Cooper & Company, reviewed the District's insurance coverage. The District has an .87 experience modification factor, which is very good for the worker's compensation insurance. The school board legal liability is \$1 million for each occurrence. The building and contents are insured for \$14 million based upon replacement costs with a \$1,000 deductible on each claim. Mine subsidence has a \$350,000 maximum limit for each building. The general liability coverage is \$1 million per occurrence with a \$2 million aggregate. The umbrella liability has a \$1 million limit. Mr. Quandt recommended a \$5 million umbrella limit. Board members and Supt. Busch asked several questions and inquired about the cost of increasing the umbrella limit.

Mr. Byrd arrived at 6:50 p.m.

Mr. Quandt responded that the cost would increase by an estimated one thousand for each additional million in coverage. Mr. Quandt left the board meeting.

Other citizen non-agenda items included Mrs. Rushing introduced her student teacher. Supt. Busch asked if there were any new staff members in attendance and there were none.

Supt. Busch discussed the school report card. Belle Valley District 119 attendance rate was 94.7%, but most elementary schools are 95% to 96%. He stated that it is good for students to attend regularly, and the increased attendance would provide more general state aid. The third grade English/Language Arts had 114 minutes instructional time per week compared to

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145 minutes within the State of Illinois. Overall performance was 80.4% for the 2005-06 school year compared to 79.2% for the 2006-07 school year. Supt. Busch stated that these rates are very good. The ISAT tests are a snap shot in time and bar is raised each year. Principal Leib and Principal Goetter presented charts for reading and math scores for grades three through eight. Mrs. Goetter discussed professional development for teachers to access data to improve scores. Dr. Leib discussed math, science, and reading and areas that need to be reviewed for math measurement, vocabulary and reading strategies. Resource students are attending regular reading and math classes. Mrs. Goetter explained social communication skills. At the junior high school, Mr. Hickman and Mrs. Goetter are targeting students to improve their communication skills. Supt. Busch discussed annual yearly progress (AYP) information. The District is not making AYP due to students with disabilities.

Supt. Busch recommended the appointment of the technology advisory committee. Mr. Smith moved to approve the appointment of the technology advisory committee as outlined. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Mr. Smith moved to amend the motion and include Mr. Doug Sawyer as chair of the technology committee. Mr. Byrd seconded the amended motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Supt. Busch discussed the activity accounts for Belle Valley North and South. He reviewed procedures with Mrs. Brandmeyer and Mrs. Rosborg. A voucher is being used to request payments and deposit receipts. Students who receive free lunches also receive free lunches on field trips, which are covered by the activity accounts. The procedures are proper and funds are managed appropriately. The student council checking account is managed by Barbara Hoercher and held in a separate checking account. The Booster Club account is not included within the District. The Booster Club's board oversees their funding and expenses. Mr. Byrd inquired about the Booster Club's liability for the school picnic. Mr. Vaughn feels that the District should provide liability insurance for the Booster Club activities because the Booster Club provides cash donation to the District for large purchases.

The following items were reported: real estate taxes received to date was \$2,630,352.00, which was 88.20% of the total extension, and the next payment will be received in December. The year-to-date income for the North Extended School Program was \$6,829 through 9/30/07

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compared to \$10,106 through 9/30/06. The year-to-date income for the South Extended School Program showed a loss of \$1,602 through 9/30/07 compared to a loss of \$855 through 9/30/06. Both school buildings showed a gain of \$1,545 after other expenses on the school lunch report.

President Kunz asked whether board members had any questions for the consent agenda items, which included: the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education on September 18, 2007, the executive minutes of regular meeting held on September 18, 2007, minutes of the special board meeting of the Board of Education on October 2, 2007, the executive minutes of the special meeting on October 2, 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 \$128,524.96; Bldg. Fund \$58,019.25; and Transportation Fund \$42,774.03. Board members discussed several board bills. Mr. Vaughn moved to approve the items listed on the consent agenda. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann and Mr. Vaughn. Nays none, motion carried.

President Kunz asked if any board members had any communications. There were none.

Mr. Vaughn left the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Mrs. Goetter and Dr. Leib gave enrollment reports. Belle Valley North has 487 students in Pre-K through grade four. Belle Valley South has 399 students. The special area classes are large in grades 6 & 8 due to the five sections in those grade levels. Supt. Busch asked if the board members wanted to continue the enrollment report. The board discussed having enrollment reports for September, October and then every other month.

Mrs. Goetter, North principal, gave a presentation to the first and second year teachers on mentoring and evaluation, good teaching practices, lesson planning and guided practice. Mr. Byrd asked about Bloom's Taxonomy. Supt. Busch responded that it is a higher order thinking which end up with large projects.

Dr. Leib, South principal, reported that Mr. Forness is one of the 35 participants in an American history grant with the St. Clair Regional Office of Education. History classes will be

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held throughout the school year and during the summer. Dr. Leib is very happy that Mr. Forness is participating in the history program.

Supt. Busch reviewed the log of activities associated with the building settlement at Belle Valley North mine subsidence. Bob Gibson believes the center point near the marquee and will spread 500-600 feet. He believes the mine subsidence will spread throughout the building based upon mine shafts on old maps. The geologist said a bowl would form and the shafts could drop two feet. Compression will follow later. The engineers are inspecting the roof for damage. Bob Gibson, geologist of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and Mr. Christmann, structural engineer of TWM, has told the superintendent that the building is safe for the damage incurred thus far. As the superintendent gains more knowledge on the building changes, he will relay the information to the board members.

Supt. Busch discussed a contingency plan if the Belle Valley North building is unusable. He stated that another area school has available space.

Supt. Busch discussed the November 5th planning meeting on the proposed new building to gather ideas. The dinner meeting will be held at Union United Methodist Church. Supt. Busch reported the Belleville Area Special Service Cooperative contract has not been settled.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mr. Smith moved that the Board of Education go into closed executive session at 9:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. Mrs. Baltz seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tiemann. Nays: none, motion carried.

At 10:23 p.m., Mr. Smith moved that the Board of Education reconvene in open session. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Smith moved to employ Kimberly Buckley, Laci Fiebig, and Kayla Trapf for the ESP program at North. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tiemann. Nays: none, motion carried.

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Mr. Smith moved to employ Aylcia Obernuefemann as the Science club sponsor for the 2007-08 school year. Mr. Tiemann seconded the motion. Mr. Baysinger moved to roll the previous roll and was seconded by Mrs. Kunz. Members voting aye on the previous roll call: Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tiemann. Nays: none, motion carried.

Mr. Smith moved to employ Constance Dwyer as a special education teacher for Belle Valley North for the remaining 2007-08 school year. Mr. Baysinger seconded the motion. Mr. Smith moved to roll the previous roll and was seconded by Mr. Baysinger. Members voting aye on the previous roll call: Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tiemann. Nays: none, motion carried.

Mr. Smith moved to accept the Deb Yarber's resignation as a part time custodian and noon supervisor. Mr. Baysinger seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Smith moved to employ Philip Gehrs as a part time custodian at Belle Valley South. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Baltz, Mr. Baysinger, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tiemann. Nays: none, 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. Smith seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Karen L. Kunz, President
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