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BELLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS
APRIL 21, 2009

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, April 21, 2009.

President Pro Tem Busch called the meeting to order. The roll was called and the following members were present: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Skillern, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tiemann. Those absent: Mr. Byrd and Mr. Vaughn.

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

President Pro Tem Busch recommended adoption of the agenda. Mr. Smith moved to adopt the agenda. Mrs. Kunz seconded the motion. All members in favor, the agenda was adopted.

President Pro Tem Busch then announced that nominations were open for the office of President of the Board of Education to serve until the next election of April 2011. Mr. Smith nominated Mrs. Kunz as President of the Board of Education. President Pro Tem Busch asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing no other nomination, president's nomination was closed. Mr. Smith moved to elect Mrs. Kunz as Board President. Mr. Tiemann seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Skillern, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tiemann. Nays: none, motion carried.

President Kunz then announced that nominations were open for the office of Vice-President of the Board of Education to serve until the next election of April 2011. Mrs. Kunz nominated Mr. Smith as Vice-President of the Board of Education. President Kunz asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing no other nomination, the vice-president's nomination was closed. Mr. Tiemann moved to elect Mr. Smith as Board Vice-President. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Skillern, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tiemann. Nays: none, motion carried.

President Kunz and board members discussed and recommended the appointment of the Secretary to the Board of Education. Mr. Smith moved to appoint Mrs. McKay as Secretary to the Board of Education. Mr. Tiemann seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call:

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Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Skillern, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tiemann. Nays: none, motion carried.

President Kunz announced that nominations were open for treasurer to serve until the next election of April 2011. Mr. Smith nominated Mr. Tiemann. Mrs. Skillern seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, the nominations were closed. Mr. Smith moved to appoint Mr. Tiemann as Treasurer to the Board of Education. Mrs. Skillern seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Skillern, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tiemann. Nays: none, motion carried.

After a discussion, Mr. Smith moved that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of Belle Valley School District #119 be established on third Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00 P.M. through April 2011 in a classroom at Belle Valley South School in said District. Mr. Tiemann seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Supt. Hill stated that the Dennis Rose & Associates audit agreement was extended for an additional three years.

President Kunz recommended adopting the amended agenda with the addition reappointing the building committee members. Mr. Smith moved to adopt the amended agenda. Mr. Tiemann seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

President Kunz discussed the reauthorization of the standing Rules and Regulations: and Board of Education Policies. Mr. Smith moved to reauthorize the standing Rules and Regulations and Board of Education Policies. Mr. Tiemann seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Skillern, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tiemann. Nays: none, motion carried.

Board members discussed the need for a new check signer to replace Mr. Baysinger. The person would need to be available to sign two payrolls per month and the board checks each month. Mrs. Skillern volunteered to be a check signer. Mr. Smith moved to approve four check signatures with any two constituting a legal action which includes Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann and Mrs. Skillern. Mr. Tiemann seconded the motion. Members voting aye on

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roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Skillern, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tiemann. Nays: none, motion carried.

Mr. Smith moved to authorize the Superintendent, and Mrs. Joan E. McKay, Secretary, Board of Education as Board officials to gain access to the safety deposit vault at Regions Bank. Mr. Tiemann seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Skillern, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tiemann. Nays: none, motion carried.

President Kunz recommended approving the building committee members, which include Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Vaughn with an open invitation to all who want to attend. Mr. Tiemann moved to approve the building committee members. Mrs. Skillern seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

President Kunz asked for public comments. Mr. Dane Tippet from Southwestern Illinois Association of School Boards addressed the board of education. He thanked Mr. Tiemann for serving as a delegate on the board. He invited board members to quarterly meetings. The governing meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, which is an opportunity for board members to network with other school board members. He invited new board members to attend new board member workshops.

Mr. Ted Farmer addressed the board and inquired about the District's tax rates. Supt. Hill asked him to send in a request and the District would provide him with the information.

Mr. Bob Gibson of Illinois Department of Natural Resources described the pillars of coal below the surface, the surface ground level and mine subsidence that is occurring with the Belle Valley North building. The building has dropped 4", but the middle has dropped more than 12" or more. The mine subsidence was view at various profiles on the south wing of the North school building. The mine subsidence takes a long time to run its course. The Benald school dropped 29" on one portion of the building over a weekend. Various events arrest the mine subsidence for a period of time. The C, E & S graph profiles show continuing settlements. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources cannot predict how much the building with drop within a specific time-period.

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President Kunz asked for principal reports. Dr. Leib stated that the promotion ceremony will be held on May 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. and asked for all board members to attend. Mrs. Goetter discussed Earth week activities at North. The students are learning to take better care of the environment. The Water Company showed a presentation on the conservation of water. The Applebees Restaurant fundraiser earned \$600 from the Saturday morning breakfast. Two children were recognized for character education. Mrs. Goetter reported that kindergarten registration is scheduled for April 28 and 29, 2009.

President Kunz 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 March 17, 2009, the executive session minutes on March 17, 2009, the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Education on March 25, 2009, 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 \$54,495.46; Bldg. Fund \$181,335.52; Debt Service \$9,720.70 and Transportation Fund \$52,347.89. Mr. Smith moved to approve the items listed on the consent agenda. Mr. Tiemann seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mrs. Baltz and Mr. Baysinger. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Hill and the board members discussed, reviewed and presented for approval the updated policy, 4:60-AP1 - Operational Services – Administrative Procedure – Purchases. Mr. Smith moved to approve the updated policy 4:60-AP1 – Operational Services – Administrative Procedures – Purchases. Mr. Tiemann seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Skillern, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tiemann. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Hill discussed the Belle Valley North building concerns as a result of the mine subsidence. The cost to brace the walls was estimated at \$75,000 to \$100,000, which would be a temporary fix. Mr. Smith discussed the effect of the demolition of the wing on the rest of the building. Preliminary data indicates that it is less costly to demolish the wing than repairing the wing. The major concern is the safety of the students and staff. Supt. Hill suggested taking two weeks to discuss educational issues with the staff if the affected wing would be demolished this

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summer. Mrs. Kunz discussed giving the building committee parameters to progress on the new building.

Ms. Dancy discussed and reviewed the Emergency Services Network recommendation report. The report assessed the District's vulnerability for safety, security and organization issues. The group will meet in the summer to develop recommended procedures. The plan also discussed discontinuing elections held in the school buildings due to safety issues and access to children. An emergency supply package was recommended for each classroom.

Board members discussed contracting with SCI Engineering, Inc. for additional geotechnical services, which includes reflection seismic survey, deep exploratory borings, and engineering analysis and report for a total cost of \$26,000. The upside to the deep borings may affect the classification of the category type of soil from a "D" to a "C". The SCI Engineering company will not guarantee that the study will improve the soil grading. Supt. Hill and board members discussed the additional engineering services. Mr. Ted Farmer asked about bids from other engineering companies. Mr. Smith moved to approve the contract with SCI Engineering, Inc for additional geotechnical services. Mr. Tiemann seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Skillern, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tiemann. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Hill discussed and recommended that the Board of Education approve interfund loans up to \$125,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the O & M Fund and \$180,000 from the Working Cash Fund to Transportation Fund. The O & M Fund interfund loan will be reimbursed from the new building expenses with the bond proceeds within the next fiscal year. The Transportation Fund interfund loan will be repaid with transportation payments from the State of Illinois. Mr. Smith moved to approve interfund loans up to \$125,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the O & M Fund and \$180,000 from the Working Cash Fund to Transportation Fund. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Skillern, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tiemann. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Hill asked Mr. Sawyer for the technology report. Mr. Sawyer recently met with the technology advisory committee and discussed the SOCS website. He reported that the website has been updated with new features. The SOCS contract automatically renews for one more year

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from March 2009. The website has another upgrade planned for August 2009 for teachers to post homework. The Information Now student management software has had some ups and downs throughout this school year. The parent portal has not been opened this school year. The summer update should make this available for next school year. A technology meeting is planned for May 12, 2009 for parents and students. Mr. Sawyer will demonstrate an interactive white board with a remote like a *Wii* remote. Students will learn infra-technology, art programs, and use of globster – a social network with etiquette on what they should do and not do on the Internet. He discussed recycling computers and technology improvements by Linux, an operating system. He plans to have a lottery to give old computers to students who do not have a computer at home. Mr. Sawyer researched and recommended several software programs subscriptions for the Title I program, which teaches skills in different subject areas. He will demonstrated the software programs during the technology night. For next year, Mr. Sawyer has planned on purchasing new computers for all the teachers at \$400 per computer, color printers for the computer cart, a replacement MAC laptop, two Promethean boards for special education classrooms. His plans include purchases of projectors without smartboards. Next year he would like for students to use podcasting.

Supt. Hill and board members discussed the timing for the bond sale, which is on hold until the State of Illinois legislators approve the debt limit waiver for the District. Supt. Hill visited the Capital Development Board, and was told the District qualifies for 70% funding from the State of Illinois.

Mr. Smith reported on the building committee. The governor sent a representative to see the Belle Valley North building. Silver LEED certification is required in order for the District to receive state funding. Vertegy, a LEED company, has a proposal of services for the new school building in order to qualify the District for state funding. The Silver LEED level is cost efficient for design. If concepts are included early in design, costs would be reduced. Supt. Hill recommended approving the Vertegy proposal for LEED services. Board members discussed and postponed approving the Vertegy proposal.

Supt. Hill and the board members discussed the following policies, which will be presented for approval at the May board meeting:

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- 4:110 – AP2 – Operational Services – Administrative Procedure – Post-Trip Inspection and Erratic Driving Reports
- 4:150 – Operational Services – Facility Management and Building Programs
- 6:230 – Instruction – Library Media Program
- 7:100 – Students – Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusions of Students

Board members suggested inserting “The Superintendent will communicate regularly with the school bus owner to ensure erratic driving reports are accepted and investigated in accordance with State law” at the end of the third paragraph for policy 4:110-AP2. Board members suggested changing the amount of \$5,000 to \$25,000 in the second paragraph for policy 4:150 for all renovations or permanent alterations to buildings or grounds when the total cost will exceed \$5,000 (replace with \$25,000), including the cost equivalent of staff time. Board members suggested adding footnote number 7 to the last paragraph for policy 4:150. Mr. Smith moved to approve the first reading of the above listed policies as amended. Mr. Tiemann seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Skillern, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tiemann. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Hill reminded all board members to submit their Economic Interest Statements to Mrs. McKay or file it with the County Clerk’s Office by May 1, 2009.

Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mr. Smith moved that the Board of Education enter executive session at 9:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing employment, compensation and/or dismissal of personnel. Mr. Tiemann seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, Mrs. Skillern, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tiemann. Nays none, motion carried.

At 10:00 p.m., Mr. Smith moved that the Board of Education reconvene in open session. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

Supt. Hill recommended to accept Mrs. Looft resignation as a teacher and drama director effective June 3, 2009. Mr. Smith moved to accept Mrs. Looft’s resignation as a teacher and drama director. Mrs. Skillern seconded the motion. All members in favor, except Mr. Tiemann, nays: none, motion carried.

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Supt. Hill recommended to accept Mrs. Richter resignation as drama director. Mr. Smith moved to accept Mrs. Richter's resignation as drama director. Mrs. Skillern 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. Tiemann seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

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