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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
OCTOBER 21, 2008

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, October 21, 2008.

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

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

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

President Kunz called for public comments from the audience. There were no public comments. Supt. Hill noted that the District received a thank you note from Becky Skillern for her interview for the board member vacancy.

Dr. Leib announced that Mrs. Judi Herzog was the selected as the recipient of the Emerson Outstanding Educator of Belle Valley School District for the 2008-09 school year. Dr. Leib stated that Mrs. Herzog was very deserving of this award for her dedication in teaching, director of the mentor program and sponsor of extra curricular activities. Dr. Hill, Mr. Busch and board members congratulated Mrs. Herzog as the recipient of the Emerson Outstanding Educator award.

Mr. Tiemann arrived at 7:14 p.m.

Mr. Christmann of TWM, Inc. discussed the Structural Adequacy Report. He discussed the viability of the Belle Valley North school building. Rehabilitation of the building and remediation of the building for sustained use of five years was discussed by the building committee. New buildings are designed to withstand an earthquake with a 2% variance. TWM, Inc. structural engineers discovered that the roof decks of the 1987 classrooms and cafeteria are not fastened to the central walls. The roof deck of the cafeteria has a discontinuity along the bar joist nearest the east wall. Mr. Christmann estimated a temporary repair at \$240,000 with a 30% contingency. The engineers cannot guarantee that the building would hold up to an event such as an earthquake. The east classroom walls are 60% diminished for stability. The "X"

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braces would be added to the exterior walls to strengthen the walls. Supt. Hill summarized the Belle Valley North building: mine subsidence affected areas, plus structural problems, interventions for the building to withstand certain weather conditions and supporting braces to fix the building temporarily. SCI engineers could look into the walls to check for rod bracing in the walls for reinforcement to the floor and roof. The SCI rebar testing would cost \$2,500. Mr. Christmann stressed that the cafeteria west walls are not fastened to the roof deck and recommended reinforcing and strapping the roof deck down. He estimated that the repair work could be done by March or April with starting in the cafeteria over the Christmas break.

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 16, 2008, minutes of the special board meeting of the Board of Education on October 1, 2008, minutes of the special board meeting of the Board of Education on October 14, 2008, 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 \$98,989.88; Bldg. Fund \$75,761.97; Debt Service Fund \$9,720.70; Transportation Fund \$52,096.23; and Tort Fund \$39,635.30. Mr. Smith moved to approve the September 16, 2008 regular board meeting minutes. Mr. Tiemann seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, and Mr. Vaughn. Abstained: Mr. Byrd. Majority in favor, motion carried. Mr. Smith moved to approve the October 1, 2008 special board meeting minutes. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Mr. Vaughn, and Mr. Byrd. Abstained: Mr. Tiemann. Majority in favor, motion carried. Mr. Smith moved to approve the October 14, 2008 special board meeting minutes. Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, and Mr. Byrd. Nays none, motion carried. Board members discussed several board bills. Mr. Smith moved to approve the treasurer's report, the financial statements, the ESP report and cafeteria report. Mr. Tiemann seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn and Mr. Byrd. Nays none, motion carried.

Mrs. Goetter and Dr. Leib reviewed the School Report Cards for Belle Valley North and South schools. Belle Valley North showed an overall increase in ISAT scores and Belle Valley South showed a slight decrease in ISAT scores. The principals are making recommendations

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for reading improvements. They are in the process of implementing RtI, in which teachers work in small groups of students on a daily basis. Students will engage in a wide variety of activities while focusing on reading extended responses. At Belle Valley North the special education students are receiving reinforcement through the Auto Skills program.

Dr. Leib discussed the supervisors at recent sporting events. The supervisors attended a training session after school and a schedule is being confirmed to spread out the sporting event calendar.

Mrs. McKay reviewed the Belle Valley School District Annual Financial Report for the 2007-08 school year. She reviewed the local, state and federal sources of revenue and types of disbursements. The district earned an overall financial profile of recognition of 3.90. Mr. Smith moved to approve the Belle Valley Annual Financial Report for the 2007-08 school year. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn and Mr. Byrd. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Busch discussed the Employee Assistance Report. The District has an eleven percent utilization rate, which is higher than average. Mr. Busch stated that the program's benefits are well worth the cost.

At the end of the 2007-08 fiscal year, the Tort Fund within the Education Fund had a fund balance of \$1,465. Since the Tort Fund is now a separate fund, Supt. Hill recommended transferring \$1,465 from the Education Fund to the Tort Fund. Mr. Smith moved to approve the transfer of \$1,465 from the Education Fund to the Tort Fund. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn and Mr. Byrd. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Hill and Mrs. McKay discussed the requirement of disbursing all debt payments from the Debt Service Fund and recommended transferring \$9,720.70 to the Debt Service Fund from the Operation & Maintenance Fund to cover the debt certificate payments each month during the 2008-09 school year. Mr. Smith moved to approve transferring \$9,720.70 to the Debt Service Fund from the Operation & Maintenance Fund to cover the debt certificate payments each month. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn and Mr. Byrd. Nays none, motion carried.

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Supt. Hill discussed the Belle Valley North mine subsidence issues and reviewed the short term contingency plans. He reviewed short-term solutions for facilities to rent, stay with the current buildings, rent portable classrooms, and/or fix Belle Valley North temporarily.

Mr. Smith discussed meetings with bond underwriting companies of Stifel, Nicholas & Co., PMA and Morgan, Keegan & Co. Each bond counsel representative explained the tax rates and structuring the debt during the committee meetings. Mr. Smith recommended Stifel, Nicholas & Co. as the bond counsel. Mr. Byrd moved to approve Stifel, Nicholas & Co. as the bond counsel for financing the new school building. Mr. Tiemann seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn and Mr. Byrd. Nays none, motion carried.

Board members discussed the recommendation from Dennis Young of Ittner Architect to contact another forensic structural engineering firm for a second opinion. The KPFF engineering firm would inspect the remaining sections, perform data collection and report on the structural integrity of the Belle Valley North school building. Mr. Vaughn moved to approve a Phase I contract with KPFF Engineering to perform the structural engineering study for \$3,500. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn and Mr. Byrd. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Hill discussed nominations for community representatives for the meetings with the architect.

Mr. Smith discussed the building committee meeting times and schedule.

Supt. Busch discussed selecting the building options and what plans are proposed for the community representative meetings. Mr. Smith will discuss the building options with Dennis Young of Ittner Architects. Mr. Young will facilitate the community meetings.

Supt. Hill discussed the superintendent search. He recommended the sooner the better for the new superintendent to be involved in the building program. Supt. Busch stated that the new superintendent would be very energetic for the new building. Both superintendents have enjoyed working with the staff and board members.

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Upon the recommendation of President Kunz, Mr. Smith moved that the Board of Education go into closed executive session at 9:52 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of the negotiations and personnel. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, and Mr. Byrd. Nays none, motion carried.

At 11:22 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.

Mr. Smith moved to terminate negotiations with Holland Construction and enter preliminary discussions with S.M. Wilson for construction management services. Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, and Mr. Byrd. Nays none, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, Mr. Byrd moved that the meeting adjourn. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

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Joan E. McKay, Secretary  
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