

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS
OCTOBER 20, 2009

The Board of Education of District No. 119, St. Clair County, Illinois, met in a classroom library, Belle Valley School-South, 1901 Mascoutah Road, Belleville, Illinois, in said District at 7:03 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2009.

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

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

President Kunz welcomed visitors in attendance.

President Kunz recommended adopting the board agenda with the additional action items of two coaching positions and an additional board bill. Mr. Smith moved to adopt the board agenda with the additional action items and to move Mr. Rose to the top of the action items. Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

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

President Kunz called upon Mr. Rose to discuss the audited Annual Financial Report for the 2008-09 school year. Mr. Rose stated that several items were added to the audit this fiscal year. On page 8 of the Annual Financial Report it summarizes the revenue and expenditures. The Education Fund Balance increased by \$252,000. The numbers for the 2008-09 annual report are small compared to the coming year with the bond debt and construction of the new building. History has shown that the District taxpayers pay their real estate taxes in full, which is good for the District. Mr. Smith asked what revenue was paid to the District after June 30, 2009. Mr. Rose will forward the FRIS inquiry to the District. The activity funds were discussed and were included in the audit.

Mr. Byrd arrived at 7:22 p.m.

Mr. Rose stated that the District is in good financial condition with a 3.90 financial score on the Annual Financial Report. Mr. Smith asked what the financial score would be with the additional bond debt. Mr. Rose will check into the financial score including the bond debt for the new building. President Kunz recommended approving the 2008-2009 audited Annual

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Financial Report. Mr. Smith moved to approve the 2008-2009 audited Annual Financial Report. Mrs. Skillern seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Skillern. Nays none, motion carried.

President Kunz asked whether board members had any questions for the consent calendar items, which included: the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education on September 15, 2009, the minutes of the closed session minutes of the regular board meeting of the Board of Education on September 15, 2009, the financial report, the treasurer's report, minutes of the policy committee meeting on October 1, 2009, the minutes of the finance committee meeting on September 16, 2009, the minutes of the finance committee meeting on September 24, 2009, the minutes of the finance committee meeting on October 8, 2009, the ESP report, the cafeteria report, the enrollment report and the tax report. Mr. Smith noted a spelling correction on the September 15, 2009 minutes on page two. He noted two corrections on the finance committee meeting minutes on October 8, 2009 in the last paragraph on page one from "bank stock" to "capital and surplus"; and in the first paragraph on page two allowing 270 days for short term commercial paper. Mr. Smith moved to approve the consent calendar items with the corrected items. Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Skillern. Nays none, motion carried.

President Kunz asked whether board members had any questions on the board bills. Board members discussed several bills listed on the board report. The bills were presented for approval and payment in the following amounts, (see itemized lists attached): Ed. Fund \$85,778.56; O & M Fund \$17,692.79; Debt Service Fund \$9,720.70; Transportation Fund \$68,898.09; Tort Fund \$27,133.00; and Capital Project Fund \$524,340.13. Mr. Smith moved to approve the board bills. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Skillern. Nays none, motion carried.

President Kunz asked for any discussion on the resolution regarding administrative procedures. Supt. Freeman stated that the resolution regarding the administrative procedures correlate with the board policies and authorizing the use of the administrative procedures. Mr.

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Smith discussed section two of the resolution and recommended deleting the last section of the policy. Mr. Smith recommended not adopting the resolution for administrative procedure. The administrative procedure resolution was not approved.

President Kunz stated the policy committee reviewed and discussed the proposed changes to the policy manual and recommends that the committee meeting be accepted as the first public reading of said policies. Mr. Vaughn moved to approve the policy committee meeting as the first public reading of said policies. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Skillern. Nays none, motion carried.

President Kunz recommended approving changes to the following policies:

- 2:125 School Board – Board Member Expenses
- 2:220 School Board – School Board Meeting Procedure
- 2:260 School Board – Uniform Grievance Procedure
- 3:60 General School Administration – Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal
- 4:10 Operational Services – Fiscal and Business Management
- 4:60 Operational Services – Purchases and Contracts
- 4:80 Operational Services – Accounting and Audits
- 4:110 Operational Services - Transportation
- 4:140 Operational Services – Waiver of Student Fees
- 4:150 Operational Services – Facility Management and Building Programs
- 4:160 Operational Services – Hazardous and Infectious Materials
- 4:170 Operational Services - Safety
- 6:15 Instruction – School Accountability
- 6:60 Instruction – Curriculum Content
- 6:110 Instruction – Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program
- 6:140 Instruction – Education of Homeless Children
- 7:10 Students – Equal Educational Opportunities
- 7:50 Students – School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Students

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- 7:60 Students – Residence
- 7:100 Students – Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
- 7:180 Students – Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 7:190 Students – Student Discipline
- 7:270 Students – Administering Medicines to Students
- 7:340 Students – Student Records

Mr. Smith moved to approve the changes in the above named policies. Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Skillern. Nays none, motion carried.

Mr. Smith moved to approve the administrative procedures, which correlate to the above named policies. Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Skillern. Nays none, motion carried.

President Kunz recommended approving the change to board policy: 4:30 Operational Services – Revenue and Investments. Mr. Smith discussed the building bond proceeds and suitable bank investments for the bond proceeds with FDIC insurance of \$250,000 per bank. The Illinois statute states that investments may be collateralized with treasury or government securities. He commented that banks make money by lending a customer's money and interest on loans. The Illinois House bill allows investments of commercial paper with increased length of time to 270 days from 180 days. He stated that certificates of deposit should not have a maturity greater than 270 days without collateralization. Supt. Freeman stated that he is very conservative and recommends avoiding risks for investments. He realizes that the interest earned on uncollateralized investments would have a greater return. Mr. Smith would like to keep the funds in local banks for the bond investments. Mr. Byrd asked Supt. Freeman for his recommendation. Supt. Freeman said he prefers FDIC insurance and collateralization for the investments and as a result recommended not to amend policy 4:30. Mr. Tiemann moved to approve the revised board policy: 4:30 Operational Services – Revenue and Investments. Mrs. Skillern seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Skillern. Nays none, motion carried.

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Supt. Freeman discussed having a special board meeting on November 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to hold public hearings on the physical education and administrative cost cap waivers. Meeting notices and agendas will be mailed out for the special board meeting.

Supt. Freeman discussed the tree-trimming estimate from Meurer Bros. for Belle Valley North. He discussed trimming trees over the playground area and tree removal of a hollowed out tree. He sees no reason to pay to remove the tree stumps. Mr. Byrd recommended contacting AmerenIP to trim the trees over the power lines. Mr. Smith moved to approve the \$1,200 estimate for the tree trimming over the playground area. Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Skillern. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Freeman recommended employing Heather Lyerla for the 5th grade boys basketball coach position. Mr. Byrd moved to employ Heather Lyerla for the 5th grade boys basketball coach position. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Members voting aye on roll call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Skillern. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Freeman recommended employing Marge Belt for the 6th grade boys basketball coach position. Mr. Vaughn moved to employ Marge Belt for the 6th grade boys basketball coach position. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Mr. Smith moved the previous roll call. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried. Members voting aye on the previous rolled call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Skillern. Nays none, motion carried.

Supt. Freeman discussed the following informational items. He stated there is a possible apartment development called Blue Storm Village located between BASSC parking lot and the metro link tracks. The apartments are higher end rent for young professionals, Scott AFB and SWIC students. The renters need good credit scores with no more than one third of their income going towards rent. The discussion of the development was regarding the traffic on Green Mount Road with the City of Belleville's zoning meeting.

Supt. Freeman discussed that Title I funds could not be used for the portable classroom. Supt. Freeman received a letter from Bob Gibson, Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

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Mr. Gibson stated that the Belle Valley North building is moving or rolling towards the principal's office and under the concrete pad. The North building is still being monitored and the students and staff are safe.

Supt. Freeman stated that the principals are absent because they are attending the Illinois Principal Association conference. Their reports were included in the board packet.

Supt. Freeman discussed the board conference and the board policy, which will reimburse board members for travel at the air travel rate. The reimbursement forms were included in the board packets.

President Kunz asked for the building committee update report. Mr. Smith stated that rock is stockpiled and a rock driveway is started. SCI engineering has performed testing for settlement. The completion date is set for November 15, 2009 with weather permitting.

Supt. Freeman recommended approving a leave of absence for Mrs. Jennifer McCracken for the birth of her baby. Mr. Smith moved to approve Mrs. Jennifer McCracken's leave of absence. Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion. Mr. Smith moved the previous roll call. Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried. Members voting aye on the previous rolled call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kunz, and Mrs. Skillern. Nays none, 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. Vaughn seconded the motion. All members in favor, motion carried.

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