

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BELLEVILLE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 201, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD FEBRUARY 8, 2016, BELLEVILLE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL, 920 NORTH ILLINOIS ST, BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Allison Bartle, at 6:00 pm.

Members present: Eckert, Eiskant, Kasper, Sauerwein, Schaefer, Schroeder, Bartle
Members absent: None

Also present were: Superintendent Jeff Dosier, Assistant Superintendent Brian Mentzer, Director of Special Services Melissa Taylor, Director of Alternative Education Andrea Gannon, Principal Rich Mertens, and Principal Jason Karstens.

See attached list for additional attendance.

Mr. Schroeder moved, seconded by Mrs. Schaefer, that a closed session be called at 6:06 pm. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee or office of the public body, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(1); sale or purchase of securities, investments, or investment contracts; pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(7); collective negotiating matters or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2); student disciplinary cases; pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9); discussion of the minutes of a meeting that was lawfully closed under OMA, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21); and pending or probable litigation against, affecting or on behalf of the public body, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11). Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Kasper, Sauerwein, Schaefer, Schroeder, Bartle
Nays: None

Mr. Sauerwein left the meeting at 6:55 pm.

The board returned to open session at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Schroeder moved, seconded by Mrs. Schaefer, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting and closed session held January 11, 2016. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Kasper, Schaefer, Schroeder, Bartle
Nays: None

Mrs. Schaefer moved, seconded by Ms. Eckert, to approve the salaries in the amount of \$2,536,525.76, bills in the amount of \$1,238,190.27, and the treasurer's report for month ending January 29, 2016. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Kasper, Schaefer, Schroeder, Bartle
Nays: None

Mrs. Schaefer moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the amended 2015-2016 district calendar, **exhibit 1**; and

To approve the 2016-2017 district calendar, **exhibit 2**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Kasper, Schaefer, Schroeder, Bartle
Nays: None

Mr. Mertens recognized West students, Abby Mast, Madison Grimmer, Alexis Parks, and Kamryn Martin, and presented each student with a certificate of recognition for their accomplishments.

West teacher, Al Sears, and East teacher, Linda Deboer, and were recognized for their service to District 201.

Mrs. Cyndi Oberle-Dahm presented information on House Bill 4983 that would allow Illinois high schools to award a certificate to students who demonstrate global competencies. She asked individuals to pledge their support on the Illinois Global Scholar web site.

Mr. Karstens and Mr. Mertens reported on activities on their respective campuses and preparation for the 2016-2017 school year.

Mrs. Schaefer moved, seconded by Mr. Schroeder, to approve the employment of Phillip Constantine as a night school teacher for second semester of the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Kasper, Schaefer, Schroeder, Bartle
Nays: None

Mr. Schroeder moved, seconded by Mrs. Schaefer, to approve the employment of Anthony Jones as East assistant baseball coach for the 2015-2016 school year pending successful completion of IHSA coaching certification. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Kasper, Schaefer, Schroeder, Bartle
Nays: None

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Mrs. Schaefer moved, seconded by Ms. Eckert, to approve Rob Beatty as an adjunct West baseball coach for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Kasper, Schaefer, Schroeder, Bartle
Nays: None

Mr. Schaefer moved, seconded by Mr. Schroeder, to approve Richie Donald as a West volunteer baseball coach for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Kasper, Schaefer, Schroeder, Bartle
Nays: None

Mr. Schroeder moved, seconded by Mrs. Schaefer, to approve the retirement of Chyriell Drain-Hill, East Counseling Department Chair, at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Kasper, Schaefer, Schroeder, Bartle
Nays: None

Mrs. Gannon gave an update on the district's alternative education programs reporting enrollment at the Alternative School is 60 students.

Mr. Mentzer reported on the district finances. The State of Illinois owes the district just under 2.1 million dollars this year, and a total of 3.74 million dollars from previous years. This continues to put a strain on our cash balances.

Mr. Mentzer explained two resolutions, the disclosure procedure resolution and parameters resolution, which are part of the debt restructure process and will require board action this evening. He was pleased to report the district's bond rating from S & P remained an "A".

Ms. Taylor reviewed items in her report including the mentoring program developed in partnership with the Teachers' Union.

The district received and responded to one Freedom of Information Act request.

Mrs. Schaefer moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the resolution adopting a disclosure compliance policy of Township High School District No. 201, **exhibit 3**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Kasper, Schaefer, Schroeder, Bartle
Nays: None

Mr. Schroeder moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper, to approve the resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$9,000,000 Taxable General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2016, of Township High School District Number 201, St. Clair County, Illinois, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of said School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof, **exhibit 4**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Kasper, Schaefer, Schroeder, Bartle
Nays: None

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the board's semi-annual review of unreleased closed session minutes and to keep the minutes of closed meetings from, and including, the closed meeting of July 9, 2015 through the closed meeting of December 14, 2015 confidential, based upon a finding that the need for confidentiality still exists with regard to all of the minutes, **exhibit 5**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Kasper, Schaefer, Schroeder, Bartle
Nays: None

The Dress Code Committee met on February 1, 2016. Dr. Dosier and Mr. Karstens met with students last week to get their perspective on dress code.

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Mrs. Schaefer, that based upon the evidence presented to the Board of Education during closed session to expel student "A" from Belleville Township High School District #201 for a period of two calendar years. Pursuant to an agreement entered into on behalf of said student, the expulsion will be held in abeyance if student completes a district approved online course necessary to fulfill graduation requirements. Student "A" is unable to participate in any school activities including graduation ceremonies. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Eckert, Eiskant, Kasper, Schaefer, Schroeder, Bartle
Nays: None

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The meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

President

Secretary