

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BELLEVILLE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 201, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD JANUARY 11, 2016, BELLEVILLE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL, 920 NORTH ILLINOIS ST, BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS.

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President Kurt Schroeder, at 6:00 pm.

Members present: Eckert, Kasper, Sauerwein, Schroeder

Members absent: Eiskant, Schaefer, Bartle

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 announced that the next agenda item for the Board of Education was a public hearing to receive public comments on the proposal to sell \$9,500,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District and explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to present written testimony with respect thereto.

Mr. Mentzer opened the discussion and explained the reasons for the proposed issuance of the bonds were as follows: The funds will be used to offset the current principal payments and increase the working cash fund of the district. The district will then use the 2015 tax levy and pay those bonds down at the board's discretion.

Mr. Schroeder asked for additional comments from the members of the Board of Education. Hearing none.

Mr. Schroeder asked if anyone wished to present oral or written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the Bonds. Hearing none.

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper, that the Hearing be adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Mrs. Schaefer arrived at 6:05 pm.

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Mr. Sauerwein, that a closed session be called at 6:05 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); 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, Kasper, Sauerwein, Schaefer, Schroeder

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Nays: None

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mrs. Schaefer moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting and closed session held December 14, 2015. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mrs. Schaefer moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper, to approve the salaries in the amount of \$2,612,616.32, bills in the amount of \$1,381,372.99, and the treasurer's report for month ending December 31, 2015. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Eckert, to authorize the Assistant Superintendent to cause a tentative budget for 2016-2017 to be developed. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Karstens recognized East students, Jacob Dorsey, Makayla Eason, and William Session, and presented each student with a certificate of recognition for their accomplishments.

East teacher, Carol Harms, and West teacher, Johnathan Thurston, were recognized for their service to District 201.

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. Sauerwein, to approve the employment of Malcolm Hill as Coordinator of Administrative Services effective July 1, 2016 pending licensure. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

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Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mrs. Schaefer, to approve the employment of Josh Lane as Coordinator of Administrative Services effective July 1, 2016. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mrs. Schaefer moved, seconded by Mr. Sauerwein, to approve the employment of Jason McGovern, Yolanda Harris, Teagan Ellis, and Zach Zellmer as night school teachers for 2nd semester of the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mrs. Schaefer moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper, to approve the employment of Corey Muendlein as West Assistant Baseball Coach for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mrs. Schaefer moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper, to approve the employment of Brad Pfeiffer as East head cross country coach for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mrs. Schaefer, to approve the employment of James Chambers as East boys head soccer coach for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mrs. Schaefer, to approve the employment of Brad Dietrich as West girls' assistant soccer coach for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

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Mrs. Gannon reported on the district's alternative programs. Current enrollment at the alternative day school is 61 students.

Mr. Mentzer reviewed the district's finance noting the State of Illinois currently owes the district a little under \$2 million dollars. The district received the first quarterly mandated payment from the state.

He reported on the public hearing that was held at 6:00 pm to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds of the district in the amount of \$9,500,000.00 for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District.

Mr. Mentzer discussed an article in the News-Democrat regarding tax rates and historical data on household incomes. It was reported the average income of households decreased; however, St. Clair County property taxes have increased by over 34% since 2009. Dr. Dosier and Mr. Mentzer felt that clarification was needed. District 201 received 33.95 million dollars in tax revenue in 2009; 30.59 million dollars in tax revenue in 2013; and 31.31 million dollars in tax revenue in 2014. This represents an 8.9% and 7.2% decrease respectively.

Ms. Taylor reported on special education services, state reporting, and state assessment. The special education departments met with our feeder schools on January 8 in preparation for next school year.

The next BASSC meeting is January 20, 2016.

Dr. Dosier reported on the school sales tax issue that is being discussed. He recommended the district and our feeder schools engage our community to provide information on the topic and obtain feedback prior to making a recommendation to the board. This may be a great opportunity to provide property tax relief to our taxpayers.

Ms. Eckert moved, seconded by Mrs. Schaefer, to approve the second reading and adopt the board policy updates. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mrs. Schaefer moved, seconded by Mr. Sauerwein, to approve the new club and activity account, Belleville West Spanish Honor Society. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

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The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

President

Secretary