

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BELLEVILLE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 201, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD APRIL 10, 2017, BELLEVILLE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL, 920 NORTH ILLINOIS ST, BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS.

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

Members present: Bartle, Eckert, Schaefer, Schroeder

Members absent: Eiskant, Lampkin, Sauerwein

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

See attached list for additional attendance.

Mrs. Bartle announced that the next agenda item for the Board of Education was a public hearing to receive public comments on the proposal to sell \$2,500,000 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 or oral 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 provide additional cash flow as well as additional safety if there is a property tax freeze. The district paid off 3.5 million dollars in working cash April 1 and is requesting to reinstate 2.5 million dollars in working cash to be repaid over 3 years.

Mrs. Bartle asked for additional comments from the members of the Board of Education. Hearing none.

Mrs. Bartle asked if anyone wished to present oral or written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the Bonds.

Hearing none.

Mr. Schroeder moved, seconded by Mrs. Schaefer, that the Hearing be adjourned at 6:04 pm.

Mr. Schroeder moved, seconded by Mrs. Schaefer, 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); collective negotiating matters or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2); purchase or lease of real property by the public body, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5); sale or purchase of securities, investment, or investment contracts, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(7); student disciplinary cases; pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9); 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.

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mrs. Schaefer moved, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting and closed session held March 20, 2017. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Schroeder moved, seconded by Mrs. Schaefer, to approve the salaries in the amount of \$2,697,357.92, bills in the amount of \$354,237.93, and the treasurer's report for month ending March 31, 2017. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Schroeder moved, seconded by Mrs. Schaefer, to approve the agreement between St. Clair County ROE and District 201 for the 2017-2018 Safe School Program, **exhibit 1**; further,

To declare the list of welding supplies as surplus, **exhibit 2**; further,

To declare 12 Olympic Promaxima half racks with platforms and 6 adjustable weight benches as surplus; and,

To approve the Mentor/Mentee college field trip to University of Iowa on May 5, 2017. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Mertens recognized West students, Tiffani Volkman, Kaylee Foster, Bailee Schobert, and Megan Zaiz, and presented each student with a certificate of recognition for their accomplishments.

West teacher, John Lodle, and East teacher, Natalie Czyz, were recognized for their service to District 201.

Dr. Dosier presented a plaque to Shelly Schaefer in recognition for her service on the Board of

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Education.

Mr. Mertens and Mr. Karstens reported on activities on their respective campuses.

Mr. Schroeder moved, seconded by Ms. Eckert, to accept the resignation of Kristin Normansell, East Individualized Education Teacher, effective at the conclusion of the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Bartle, Eckert, Schaefer, Schroeder

Nays: None

Mrs. Schaefer moved, seconded by Mr. Schroeder, to accept the resignation of Joe Lombardi, West Science Teacher/Department Chair, effective at the conclusion of the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Bartle, Eckert, Schaefer, Schroeder

Nays: None

Mrs. Schaefer moved, seconded by Mr. Schroeder, to approve the employment of Amie Boente as Director of Student Services Administrative Assistant effective June 12, 2017. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Bartle, Eckert, Schaefer, Schroeder

Nays: None

Mrs. Schaefer moved, seconded by Ms. Eckert, to approve the employment of Jessica Voirin as a school psychologist for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Bartle, Eckert, Schaefer, Schroeder

Nays: None

Mr. Schroeder moved, seconded by Mrs. Schaefer, to approve the employment contract of Dr. Jeff Dosier, Superintendent, effective May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2022, **exhibit 3**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Bartle, Eckert, Schaefer, Schroeder

Nays: None

Mrs. Schaefer moved, seconded by Ms. Eckert, to approve the employment contract of Mr. Brian Mentzer, Assistant Superintendent, effective May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2022, **exhibit 4**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mrs. Schaefer moved, seconded by Mr. Schroeder, to approve the employment contract of Mrs. Andrea Gannon, Director of Alternative Programs, effective May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2022, **exhibit 5**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mrs. Schaefer moved, seconded by Mr. Schroeder, to approve the employment contract of Ms. Missy Taylor, Director of Student Services, effective May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2022, **exhibit 6**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mrs. Schaefer moved, seconded by Mr. Schroeder, to approve the employment contract of Mr. Richard Mertens, Principal, effective May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2022, **exhibit 7**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mrs. Gannon reported enrollment at night school increased by 40 students since last month. Currently, 120 night school students are on target to graduate this year.

Mr. Mentzer reviewed district finances reporting the State of Illinois currently owes the district \$4.47 million dollars. The district receives Title I, Title II, and General State Aid payments on a regular basis; however, we have not received a large sum of mandated categorical payments which are designed to be paid quarterly. This places a significant strain on cash flow.

Mr. Mentzer reported the district has a 1.82% growth in EAV. This is the first growth since 2008.

Mr. Schroeder moved, seconded by Mrs. Schaefer, to approve the amended and abated tax levy for tax year 2016 as presented, **exhibit 8**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Ms. Taylor reported the state ESSA plan has been finalized. Dr. Dosier was disappointed that school accountability will be calculated by 50% for graduation rate and only be calculated by

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6.25% for college and career readiness.

SAT testing was completed on April 5.

Dr. Dosier has been meeting with the BASIC Youth Board from each school. He will also be working with teachers from East and West to select a student board representative to attend board meetings next year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

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President

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Secretary