

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BELLEVILLE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 201, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD FEBRUARY 26, 2018, BELLEVILLE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL, 920 NORTH ILLINOIS ST, BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS.

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Members present: Barton, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Schroeder, Watkins  
Members absent: Lampkin

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

See attached list for additional attendance.

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, that a closed session be called at 6:03 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 schedule 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, investments, or investment contracts, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(7); security procedures, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(8); student disciplinary cases; pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9); placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students; pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(10); pending or probable litigation against, affecting or on behalf of the public body, pursuant to 5 ILS 120/2 (c)(11); and discussion of the minutes of a meeting that was lawfully closed under OMA, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21). Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Schroeder, Watkins  
Nays: None

The board returned to open session at 7:10 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Mertens gave a brief report on the word of the month, trustworthiness.

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Watkins, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting and closed session held January 22, 2018. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Schroeder, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the salaries in the amount of \$2,917,933.14, bills in the amount of \$1,043,474.77, and the treasurer's report for month ending January 30, 2018. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Schroeder, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the 2018 Belleville East and Belleville West summer sports campus, **exhibit 1**, further;

To approve the American Studies field trip to Gettysburg and Harpers Ferry November 11-14, 2018; further,

To approve the option for easement with Ameren Illinois Company and to authorize Brian Mentzer to sign corresponding documents; and

To approve the 2018 Summer School dates and fees, **exhibit 2**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Schroeder, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Mertens recognized West students, Miles Wadlington, Justin Koderhandt, Garrett Bass, Logan Johnson, and Josh Koderhandt, and presented each student with a certificate of recognition for their accomplishments.

West teacher, Austin Betz, and East Assistant Principal, Brett Whipple, were recognized for their service to District 201.

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

Teachers, Scott Bergmann and Jaime Mannino, along with a group of students from their AVID classes gave a presentation on AVID. AVID is a college readiness system used to increase student achievement.

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to accept the resignation of Emily Riester, French teacher, effective at the conclusion of the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Schroeder, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to accept the resignation of Ashley Zweigart, Belleville East girls soccer assistant coach, effective February 5, 2018. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Schroeder, Watkins  
Nays: None

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Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mr. Watkins, to employ Natalie Czyz as Career and Technical Education Department Chair for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Schroeder, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to employ Regina King as campus patrol for the 2017-2018 school year pending completion of the application process. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Schroeder, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to employ Sammy Harris Jr., and Shane May as custodians effective March 1, 2018. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Schroeder, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Watkins moved, seconded by Mr. Sauerwein, to approve the additional co-curricular coaches at Belleville East for the 2017-2018 school year:

James Loyet, Boys track assistant coach  
Randy Flach, Girls soccer assistant coach  
Courtney Cook, Football cheer head coach

Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Schroeder, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Watkins moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the list of additional volunteers for the 2017-2018 school year, **exhibit 3**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Schroeder, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Watkins moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the list of changes in transportation and food service personnel for the 2017-2018 school year, **exhibit 4**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Schroeder, Watkins  
Nays: None

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Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Watkins, to approve the retirement of Penny True, teacher assistant, effective January 31, 2018. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Schroeder, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mrs. Gannon reported on enrollment in the Alternative Programs, SAT testing, and Running Start.

Mr. Mentzer reported on district finances noting the district received the first quarterly mandated payment. The State of Illinois owes the district 2.5 million dollars for this fiscal year and approximately 1.7 million dollars from previous fiscal years. With the addition of FY2018 Evidence Based Funding model funds allocated to the district, the total increases to 5.4 million dollars owed to the district. He reported it is very difficult to plan and implement programs with these outstanding balances.

Ms. Taylor provided an update on special education enrollment, the science assessment, and textbook review efforts. She reported our staff will present 28 different sessions at the next professional development day on March 23.

Dr. Dosier reported the district received and responded to 3 Freedom of Information Act requests.

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Ms. Eckert, to approve the Chromebook Rental Pilot Program. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Schroeder, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Watkins, to approve a two year labor contract, for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, with UNITE HERE, Union Local #74, representing Food Service Employees, **exhibit 5**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Schroeder, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. Eiskant, to approve the Board's semi-annual review of unreleased closed session minutes from July 17, 2017 through December 18, 2017, and to release for public inspection those minutes or portions thereof, that the Board identified as no longer needing confidential treatment on December 18, 2017, **exhibit 6 and exhibit 7**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Schroeder, Watkins  
Nays: None

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Ms. Eckert moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the Belleville West Photography Club, **exhibit 8**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Schroeder, Watkins

Nays: None

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Ms. Eckert, to adopt the resolution providing for the issue of approximately \$4,360,000 Taxable General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2018A, and approximately \$6,979,311 General Obligation Capital Appreciation School Bonds, Series 2018B, of the District, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, altering and reconstructing school buildings and purchasing and installing equipment therein for fire prevention and safety, energy conservation and school security purposes and refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchasers thereof, **exhibit 9**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Schroeder, Watkins

Nays: None

There is a Policy Committee meeting scheduled on Wednesday, March 7, at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Ms. Eckert, that based on 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. The Board of Education finds that the transfer of student "A" to the Regional Office of Education Alternative Safe School Program or District 201 Alternative Placement Program would cause a threat to the safety of its students or staff, and that such transfer therefore be denied. Student "A" is unable to participate in any school activities including graduation ceremonies. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Schroeder, Watkins

Nays: None

Mr. Watkins moved, seconded by Ms. Eckert, that based on the evidence presented to the Board of Education during closed session, to expel student "B" from Belleville Township High School District #201 for a period of two calendar years. Pursuant to the School Code, the student will be eligible to enroll in the Regional Office of Education Safe School Program if space is available; further, Alternative Program summer school will be offered to student "B". Student "B" is unable to participate in any school activities including graduation ceremonies. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Eiskant, Sauerwein, Schroeder, Watkins

Nays: None

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The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

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President

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Secretary

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