

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BELLEVILLE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 201, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD SEPTEMBER 16, 2019, BELLEVILLE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL, 920 NORTH ILLINOIS ST, BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS.

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

Also present were: Superintendent Jeff Dosier, Assistant Superintendent Brian Mentzer, Coordinator of Administrative Services Marshaun Warren, Director of Alternative Education Andrea Gannon, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services Melissa Taylor, Principal Josh Lane, and Principal Rich Mertens.

See attached list for additional attendance.

Ms. Eckert announced that the next agenda item for the Board of Education was a public hearing to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds in the amount of \$1,538,945.88 for the purpose of conforming its existing facilities that house students to the building code promulgated by the State Board of Education of the State of Illinois, by altering, reconstructing and repairing said facilities and having equipment purchased and installed therein (the "*Life Safety Bonds*") and bonds in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District (the "*Working Cash Fund Bonds*") and explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect thereto.

Dr. Mentzer opened the discussion and explained the reasons for the proposed issuance of the Life Safety Bonds were as follows: The funds will be used to continue the roof repairs and/or restoration project on the campuses.

Ms. Eckert asked for additional comments from the members of the Board of Education.  
Hearing none.

Ms. Eckert asked if anyone wished to present oral or written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the Life Safety Funds Bonds.  
Hearing none.

Dr. Mentzer opened the discussion and explained the reasons for the proposed issuance of the Working Cash Fund Bonds were as follows: The funds will be used to protect the health life safety fund balances and increase the working cash fund of the district.

Ms. Eckert asked for additional comments from the members of the Board of Education.

Hearing none.

Ms. Eckert asked if anyone wished to present oral or written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the Working Cash Funds Bonds.

Hearing none.

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Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mr. Lampkin, that the Hearing be adjourned at 6:04 pm. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Yes: Barton, Eckert, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Lampkin moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, 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); student disciplinary cases; pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9); sale or purchase of securities, investment, or investment contracts, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(7); and purchase or lease of real property by the public body, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5). Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins  
Nays: None

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mia Smith, East student board representative, reported the word of the month is respect.

Mr. Lampkin moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the minutes from the special board meeting and closed session held August 6, 2019 and the regular board meeting and closed session held August 19, 2019. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the salaries in the amount of \$3,039,209.45, bills in the amount of \$1,025,919.18, and the treasurer's report for month ending August 31, 2019. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Lampkin moved, seconded by Mr. Todd, to approve the Belleville East Concert Choir field trip to Orlando, Florida February 22-27, 2020 to participate in the Disney Performing Arts Youth Program. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins  
Nays: None

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Mr. Lane recognized East students, Gracie LaBlance, Mark Lopinot, Lily Mentzer, and Hanna Crask and presented each student with a certificate of recognition for their accomplishments.

Zach Rogers, East teacher, and Ashley Short, West teacher, were recognized for their service to District 201.

Mr. Mertens and Mr. Lane along with student board representatives, Mia Smith and Nina Goodrich, reported on activities on their respective campuses.

Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. Watkins, to approve revising Curt Caswell's retirement date from the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year to the conclusion of the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. Lampkin, to accept the resignation of Brandy Rowe as a 3/5 Teacher Assistant effective September 11, 2019. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to accept the resignation of Aaron Skaer, East Boys Tennis Assistant Coach, and Jennifer Svehla, East Fall Play Technical Director, for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Lampkin moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the employment of Rebecca White as an English teacher effective August 13, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the employment of Miya Dorsey as a Teacher Assistant effective August 26, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Lampkin moved, seconded by Mr. Watkins, to approve the employment of Alec Bergman as a Teacher Assistant effective September 10, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. Sauerwein, to approve the employment of Taylor Suggs as a Food Service Office Occupations Worker for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Lampkin moved, seconded by Mr. Watkins, to approve the list of additional co-curricular coaches and volunteers for the 2019-2020 school year, **exhibit 1**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mr. Watkins, to approve the list of changes in transportation, at-will bus drivers and food service personnel for the 2019-2020 school year, **exhibit 2**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mrs. Gannon reported on Alternative School enrollment. Two local school districts have inquired about our alternative programs and are interested in touring our facilities.

Dr. Mentzer reviewed the district finances and compliance documents. He was pleased to report the district's financial profile score went up again this year. The S & P rating call for the bond sale is scheduled tomorrow. The audit will be presented at the October board meeting.

Ms. Taylor reviewed the district's SAT scores and answered questions from the board. She also reported on textbook priorities, mentoring program for new teachers, and legislative changes to special education procedures.

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

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Dr. Dosier reported an Educational Foundation meeting will be schedule in the near future to adopt new by-laws and seat new board members.

A public hearing on the proposed FY20 budget was held at 5:00 pm on Monday, September 16, 2019. The required notification was published in the Belleville News-Democrat, and the budget has been available for review since after the August board meeting. The district did not receive requests for copies of the budget prior to the hearing, and no public attendees were at the hearing.

Mr. Lampkin moved, seconded by Mr. Sauerwein, to approve the FY20 budget, **exhibit 3**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, that the Board affirm that the District has reviewed Board Policy 7:180, Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment, and that the policy complies with the requirements set forth in the Illinois School Code, 105 ILCS 5/27-23.7. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Lampkin moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the McKendree University School of Education Field Experience and Student Teaching Partnership Agreement, **exhibit 4**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Lampkin moved, seconded by Mr. Todd, to approve the Village of Swansea Reciprocal Reporting System Agreement, **exhibit 5**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the resolution authorizing interfund loans and permanent transfers, **exhibit 6**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins  
Nays: None

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Mr. Lampkin moved, seconded by Mr. Todd, to approve the first reading of Board Policy 5:50A. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Lampkin moved, seconded by Mr. Todd, 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. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Eckert, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins  
Nays: None

Mr. Lampkin moved, seconded by Mr. Watkins, 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 an agreement entered into on behalf of said student, the expulsion be held in abeyance if student completes the period of expulsion in the Regional Office of Education Safe School Program or another Alternative School program approved by the Superintendent. 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, Lampkin, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins  
Nays: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

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President

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Secretary