

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BELLEVILLE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 201, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD JANUARY 13, 2020, BELLEVILLE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL, 920 NORTH ILLINOIS ST, BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS.

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

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

See attached list for additional attendance.

Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that a closed session be called at 6:30 pm. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee or officer of the public body, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(1); student disciplinary cases; pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9); 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, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins, Eckert
Nays: None

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Nina Goodrich, West student board representative, reported on the word of the month, integrity.

Mr. Sauerwein moved, seconded by Mr. Todd, to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting and closed session held December 18, 2019. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. Watkins, to approve the salaries in the amount of \$3,378,807.93, bills in the amount of \$912,316.25 and the treasurer's report for month ending December 31, 2019. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. Todd, to authorize the Assistant Superintendent to cause a tentative budget for 2020-2021 to be developed; and,

To approve the amended 2019-2020 District Calendar, **exhibit 1**.

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Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins, Eckert

Nays: None

Mr. Mertens recognized West student, Izhail Hoffman, and presented him with a certificate of recognition for his accomplishment.

Caleb Romoser, West teacher, was recognized for his service to District 201.

Jessica Templin and John Lodle, Belleville East and Belleville West Language Arts Department Chairpersons, gave a presentation on reading proficiency levels and how to close the literacy gap. Incoming freshman reading proficiency is the lowest since data started being collected. Literacy Strategies is a new course that will be offered to help those students who have been identified as reading between a 6th and 7th grade level.

Mr. Mertens and Mr. Lane along with student board representatives, Mia Smith and Nina Goodrich, reported on activities on their respective campuses including preparations for the upcoming school year.

Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. Sauerwein, to accept the following resignations:

Pam Gates, West Administrative Assistant, effective January 17, 2020

Joshua Peebels, East Sign Language Interpreter, and

Dwayne Sager, Mechanic, effective January 10, 2020

Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins, Eckert

Nays: None

Mr. Watkins moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the employment of Ignacio Jones as a mechanic effective December 23, 2019. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

Ayes: Barton, Sauerwein, Todd, Watkins, Eckert

Nays: None

Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. Watkins, to approve the employment of Amanda Ramsey as a Licensed Practical Nurse effective January 27, 2020 pending background check. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. Watkins, to approve the employment of Deidra Griffin as an Administrative Assistant pending background check. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Sauerwein moved seconded by Mr. Watkins, to approve the updated list of AVID tutors for the 2019-2020 school year, **exhibit 2**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. Watkins, to approve the employment of Kayla Creek as East Girls Assistant Track Coach for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. Sauerwein, to approve the list of changes in transportation and at-will bus drivers for the 2019-2020 school year, **exhibit 3**. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. Watkins, to approve the leave of absence request of Ryan Pruett, Teacher Assistant, for first semester for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mrs. Gannon reported there is a Running Start meeting on January 26 at 7:00 pm. She anticipates approximately 400 parents will attend.

Dr. Mentzer reported on district finances noting the district's financial score has improved to 3.25. The State of Illinois currently owes the district \$2.5 million dollars. The district is in the process of implementing a new financial and HR software system with the first payroll scheduled

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on Wednesday.

Ms. Taylor reported on special education enrollment, annual review meetings for incoming freshmen, and state testing.

Dr. Dosier reported the district received and responded to one Freedom of Information Act request this month. The district is working with the grade schools, City of Fairview Heights, Belleville, and Swansea to comply with the census.

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

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

Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. Sauerwein, to approve the new course, Literacy Strategies. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Watkins 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 the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year and the entire 2020-2021 school year. Pursuant to the School Code, the student will be eligible to enroll in the Regional Office of Education Alternative Safe School Program if space is available; further, summer school will not be offered to student "A". Student "A" is unable to participate in any school activities including graduation ceremonies. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

President

Secretary