Members present: Barton, Eiskant, Todd, Watkins, Eckert  
Members attending remotely: None  
Members absent: Lampkin, Sauerwein  

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

The meeting link was provided to individuals who requested to attend the meeting remotely.  

Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, that a closed session be called at 6:31 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); purchase or lease of real property by the public body, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2/(c)(5); pending or probable litigation against, affecting or on behalf of the public body, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11); collective negotiating matters or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2); and student disciplinary cases; pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9). Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.  

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

Mr. Lampkin joined the meeting remotely at 6:31 pm.  

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting and closed session held December 14, 2020. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.  

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

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton to approve the salaries in the amount of $4,471,370.18, bills in the amount of $2,768,892.76, and the treasurer’s report for month ending December 31, 2020. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.  

Ayes: Barton, Eiskant, Lampkin, Todd, Watkins, Eckert  
Nays: None
Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to authorize the Assistant Superintendent to cause a tentative budget for 2021-2022 to be developed. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Angela Walker and Matt Stirrup addressed the board during public participation regarding remote learning and students returning to in-person instruction.

Dr. Mentzer discussed the spring plan and academic interventions being implemented to improve student outcomes and increase student support. Learning labs, facilitated by certified staff, will be available during lunch periods and two evenings each week from 4 – 7 pm. Academic intervention days will be utilized to meet with students in small groups, individually, and virtually. Belleville East and Belleville West graduation ceremonies are scheduled for Saturday, May 15. Ceremony details will be provided to seniors and their families in the near future.

The district received and responded to two Freedom of Information Act requests this month.

Mr. Watkins moved, seconded by Mr. Todd, to approve the list of 6th assignments for second semester of the 2020-2021 school year, exhibit 1. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the employment of Edgar Ellis as a Security Officer effective January 11, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the list of changes in transportation personnel, at-will bus drivers and food service personnel for the 2020-2021 school year, exhibit 2. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Mr. Eiskant moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve the second reading and adopt the board policy updates. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.
Ayes: Barton, Eiskant, Lampkin, Todd, Watkins, Eckert
Nays: None

Mr. Watkins moved, seconded by Mr. Todd, to approve Lunchtime Learning Labs. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.